

# OUR LADY OF SORROWS – ST. ANTHONY

## ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY



December, 2018, January and February, 2019

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Our Lady of Sorrow-St. Anthony Rosary Altar Society is a parish confraternity whose members seek to enhance the spiritual, social and cultural life of our parish through liturgical service, prayer and devotion to the gospel teaching, while honoring the desire of our Lord to better know, love and venerate His Mother. Members of the Rosary Confraternity pledge to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and to secure her patronage by recitation of the Rosary for the mutual spiritual benefits of all members throughout the world.

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Dear Rosary Altar Members and People of the Parish,

Another year is quickly drawing to a close. Let us look back on this year and realize the blessings we had and God's guidance even in our times of troubles. How often our Blessed Mother told us to trust in her Son and do whatever He tells you. As hard as it is at times when we are struggling as soon as we do our difficulties seem a little less burdensome.

As we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child this Advent Season, let us remember our salvation would not be possible without Mary saying, Yes.

As we begin a new year, keep Jesus and Mary close to your heart and you will not be lead astray.

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year.

Sincerely yours in Our Lady  
Natalie Baranowski, President



**GENERAL INFORMATION** – Our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and our Lord is expressed in a variety of ways, including: private recitation of the rosary, monthly group recitation of the rosary, attendance together at mass on the first Sunday of each month, prayer services throughout the year, an annual Day of Recollection and a trip sponsored by the Society. We imitate Mary's willingness to help and serve others by laundering/ironing the altar linens, cleaning/refilling the holy water fonts, making rosaries for the missions, hospitals, schools and our military, making prayer shawls and distributing them to local nursing homes and those who desire a shawl and making donations to the needy. In addition, we conduct a Palm Cross Sale, a Christmas Wreath Sale and participate in the Annual May Crowning and participate in the celebration of St. Joseph Day. These activities keep the Rosarians involved in our Parish and the Community.

**CORPORATE SUNDAY** is held on the first Sunday of every month. The Rosary is recited following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at the OLS Campus from July to December. From January to June, Corporate Sunday is held at the St. Anthony Campus with recitation of the Rosary at 9:00 a.m. followed by the 9:30 a.m. Mass. All parishioners are invited to recite the Rosary for our parish community, world peace, an end to abortion and terrorism; for the intentions of the Pope, our Bishop and for the special intentions of all those in attendance.

**MONTHLY MEETING** are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Meeting Room at OLS. Because of Labor Day, the September meeting is held on the second Monday. Meetings are not held in January, July or August. New members are always welcome.

**ROSARY MAKERS GROUP** – Anyone interested in learning to make rosaries, please contact Betty Adamczyk at (609) 586-6771. Rosaries are sent to the missions, soldiers and given to the First Communicants of our parish. We will send rosaries to those in need as supplies allow.

**PRAYER SHAWLS** – The Prayer Shawl Group meets at 1:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month in the Church Meeting Room at OLS. Prayer shawls are made for patients in area hospitals, assisted living facilities and nursing homes. If you or anyone you know is interested in making prayer shawls, please contact Joyce Farina at (609) 888-0437. If you have any completed prayer shawls or if you wish to donate yarn, call Joyce and she will make arrangements to meet with you. We also ask that you refrain from dropping off any completed prayer shawls or yarn at the parish office; be sure to call Joyce instead.

NEW MEMBERS – New members are always welcome to attend any of our meetings and will be greeted warmly and friendly. Being a Rosarian honors Mary as the Mother in whose care Jesus has placed us, and our Lady's blessings will be without measure. Once you are inducted into the Confraternity, you are a lifetime member. The Confraternity is a National Confraternity so once inducted, you are a lifetime member. If you are considering joining the Rosary Altar Society and have questions, please feel free to contact Melissa Demko at (609) 502-3670, or any Board Member.

### **ARCHANGELS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

The Church knows that God has angels known as messengers. The Catholic Church knows three of them by name. These three are Archangels, the word archangel comes from the Greek word archangelos meaning "high-ranking angel". They are known as "saint" from the Greek word hagios meaning "holy one".

The Archangel that is named in the Books of Daniel, Jude and Revelation is Michael. St. Michael is considered the guardian of Israel and is often depicted as a warrior as noted in the Book of Daniel. He also had to fight the devil over Moses and quoted in Jude 9. In Revelations, it is Michael who is leading the angels in casting out the devil from Heaven as well as binding him in the bottomless pit of hell.

The angel Gabriel is mentioned in the Book of Daniel and the Gospel of Luke. The name Gabriel means "God is my warrior" or "God is my defender". St. Gabriel seems to be God's primary messenger of things to come. He appeared to Daniel to prophecize Israel's future, he appeared to Zechariah to announce the conception of John the Baptist and he appeared to the Virgin Mary to announce the conception of Jesus Christ.

The other Archangel that we know by name is from the Book of Tobit, this is the angel Raphael. Raphael means "God heals". St. Raphael was sent in response to prayer of Tobit and Sarah:

"The prayer of both was heard in the presence of the glory of the great God. And Raphael was sent to heal the two of them: to scale away the white films of Tobit's eyes; to give Sarah the daughter of Raguel in marriage to Tobias the son of Tobit, and to bind Asmodeus the evil demon, because Tobias was entitled to possess her. (Tob. 3:16-17)"

After Raphael became the traveling companion of Tobias so Tobias can marry Sarah he revealed himself to them:

“I am Raphael, one of the seven holy angels who present the prayers of the saints and enter into the presence of the glory of the Holy One (Tob. 12:15)”

This statement made by St. Raphael is how we know there are actually seven Archangels. Again we see the number seven, the most significant number in the Bible as it means spiritual perfection.

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### **Why Did Jesus Of Nazareth Conduct The Majority of His Ministry in Galilee And Base It Out Of The Village of Capernaum ? (Part 2)**



**Village of Capernaum (House of Peter)**

This is the second installment of a 2 part series looking at the significance of the region of the Galilee in northern Israel to the ministry of Christ. Last time we saw how based on prophecy it was imperative that the Lord's ministry occur in the geographical region of the Galilee. This time we will look at why Jesus based his ministry out of the village of Capernaum.

We know from our last article that Peter and Andrew long before becoming apostles of Jesus moved from their home town of Bethsaida to Capernaum for basically economic reasons. Capernaum due to its location along the Sea of Galilee was a major hub for the fishing industry in the north of Israel. Peter and Andrew were as we know fishermen by trade. The Gospels also suggest that Jesus based his ministry out of Capernaum and quite possibly that after Jesus had called Peter to be an apostle Peter showed exceptional hospitality to Jesus by letting him stay frequently in his house in Capernaum.

In Capernaum Jesus also worked many miracles. The primary ones being the famous healing of the Roman Centurion's servant which we remember at every Mass:

### **Matthew 8:5-8:**

**5 When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him 6 and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, in terrible distress." 7 And he said to him, "I will come and cure him." 8 The centurion answered, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed.**

A second notable miracle taking place in Capernaum was the healing of a paralytic that occurred possibly in the house of Peter:

### **Mark 2:2-5:**

**2 A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. 2 They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. 3 Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. 4 Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."**

Why is Capernaum so important that Jesus lived there and performed many miracles in that village? To answer that question we must first look at what the name Capernaum means. In Hebrew *Caper* means "village" and *Nahum* means "consolation or comfort" hence the full meaning of the name means "Village of Consolation/Comfort".

In the Old Testament we read that many prophets warned Israel that due to their failure to repent of their sins they would be punished by YHWH and indeed they were when they were conquered by the Assyrian Empire first in 722 BC and the Babylonian Empire second in 586 BC. They were taken into exile as we have previously seen. However the great prophet Isaiah said that

after a time in exile God would forgive their sins and make things better for them and he used the word *Nahum* (*Comfort*) to say it.

Let's look at the following passage Isaiah 40:1-3:

**1 Comfort, give comfort to my people,  
says your God.**

**2 Speak to the heart of Jerusalem, and proclaim to her**

**that her service has ended,**

**that her guilt is expiated,**

**That she has received from the hand of the Lord**

**double for all her sins.**

**3**

**A voice proclaims: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord!**

**Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!**

Upon closer inspection of these verses we learn the following:

Isaiah 40:1 tells us what will be the turning point for God's people: they will receive comfort/consolation.

Isaiah 40:2 gives the reason, the why, for this sudden message of comfort: because their sins are forgiven. Jerusalem, the capital city and heart of Israel, must be told tenderly the news of relief and compassion.

And Isaiah 40:3 then tells us when God's comfort and forgiveness will be given for the world: when a voice cries in the wilderness to prepare the way of the Lord who is coming. The Messiah would come bringing the consolation of forgiveness, and a voice would announce his arrival. That voice of course will be John the Baptist.

After considering what was written about consolation/comfort in Isaiah, perhaps the most striking example of why the village Capernaum and Jesus are so linked together comes from a passage of scripture we usually see at some time during Advent or the Christmas Season during the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. The passage of scripture I am referring to comes in the early pages of Saint Luke's Gospel. The familiar setting of the passage is when Mary and Joseph bring the baby Jesus to the Temple for presentation to the Lord as was required by the Mosaic Law. An old man Simeon is there and we read the following in Luke 2:25-33:

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Messiah of the Lord. 27 He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, 28 he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

29 “Now, Master, you may let your servant go

in peace, according to your word,

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for my eyes have seen your salvation,

31

which you prepared in sight of all the peoples,

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a light for revelation to the Gentiles,

and glory for your people Israel.”

33 The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; 34 and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted 35 (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

Jesus is the consolation/comfort of Israel and indeed the entire world that was promised to come in Isaiah and he was the person the old man Simeon had been told to expect. Since Jesus was the consolation/comfort who was foretold it was all the more natural that the Son of God would base his ministry out of the Village of Comfort/Consolation (Capernaum).

**Simeon, Mary, Baby Jesus, and Joseph (Presentation in the Temple);**



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***BIRTHDAYS ARE SPECIAL***, it celebrates another year of achievements, and a year to look forward to new goals and accomplishments. Let us celebrate the following Rosarians as they march on to a new year of wonder.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS – 4 – Patti Fort, 6 – Emily Herrera, 11 – Deacon Joseph Jaruszewski, 12 – Cecelia Jones, 15 – Helen D’Zurilla, 19 – Marcia Adams, 21 – Libia Cramer, 29 – Natalie Baranowski

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS – 2 – Ann Conti-Salvatore, 11 – Marie Pastore, 14 – Lisa DeRosa, 20 – Grace Price, 25 – Toni Levandowski, 29 – Myra Marie Rozario

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS – 2 – Amanda Baranowski, 3 – Peggy Marshall, 18 – Phyllis Braconi, 20 – Melissa Demko, 24 – Pat Chorba and Leslie Lefler

## DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday, December 2 – Corporate Sunday – Rosary following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at OLS

Monday, December 3 – Advent Prayer Service/Monthly Meeting

Saturday, December 8 & Sunday, December 9 – Distribution of Christmas Wreaths

Monday, December 10 – Prayer Shawl Meeting

December Holidays and Feast Days

December 8 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother

December 25 – Christmas

December 31 – New Year's Eve

## JANUARY CALENDAR

NO MONTHLY MEETING

Sunday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, January 6 - Corporate Sunday at St. Anthony – Rosary at 9:00 a.m. followed by 9:30 a.m. Mass

Monday, January 14 – Prayer Shawl Meeting – 1:30 p.m. in OLS Meeting Room

January Holidays and Feast Days

January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 1 – New Year's Day

January 4 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

January 6 – Epiphany of Our Lord

January 13 – Baptism of Our Lord

January 25 – Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 3 – Corporate Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Rosary followed by 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony

Monday, February 4 – Monthly Meeting with Activity

Monday, February 14 – Prayer Shawl Group at 1:30 p.m. in OLS Church Meeting Room

February Holidays and Feast Days

February 3 – St. Blaise

February 14 – St. Valentine Day

February 18 – President's Day