

TAGASTE NEWSLETTER
PROVINCE OF ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE
OAR
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Late summer greetings to all of our brothers in the Province of St. Nicholas and the Order, the Augustinian Recollect Sisters, our Secular Augustinian Recollects, Guild members, and the Hispanic Committee, as well as our parishioners at Sacred Heart Church!

Jubilee at St. Mary's Villa. Five of the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate, including Sr. Michele Yakymovitch, local superior at St. Joseph Home in Sloatsburg, New York, celebrated anniversaries of religious profession at a concelebrated Mass on August 7 in the outdoor grotto. Many of our Recollect friars who have resided at Tagaste Monastery will remember the Sisters from community days of recollection, meetings, and dinners held at the Villa over the years. In addition, Fr. John Oldfield, OAR, was cared for by the Sisters at St. Joseph Home (an assisted living facility) from January, 2016 until the time of his death in January, 2021. Fr. John Gruben represented the Suffern community at the liturgy, which was celebrated in the Ukrainian Rite and presided over by Metropolitan-Archbishop Borys Gudziak of Philadelphia.



Jubilee Mass: Fr. John Gruben (3rd from left) joins Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate and clergy for anniversary celebration of five of the Sisters in the grotto at St. Mary's Villa, Sloatsburg, New York.

Tagaste yard sale. The Tagaste Guild and the Hispanic Community of Sacred Heart sponsored a sale on Saturday, August 14, to help dispose of excess furniture from the building in preparation for fulfilling the Province plan for Tagaste. In spite of heat reaching nearly 100 degrees, many people came to check out dressers, chairs, beds, and other available items. Other sales are planned for the near future to continue the process of emptying out rooms in unused parts of the house.



Sale's team (l to r): Fr. John, Joe Nappo, Connie Montanye (Guild president), Fredy Morales (Hispanic Committee president), Aura Ramirez, Mercedes Gabella, Nancy Camilleri, and Miriam Montano on August 14 on the Tagaste grounds.



Anointing of Sick on Feast of Ezekiel Moreno (l to r): Frs. John Gruben, Michael Rafferty and Eric Crelencia in Sacred Heart School gymnasium on August 19.

The Feast of St. Ezekiel Moreno was celebrated with an evening Mass on August 19. Due to the high heat and humidity as well as the failure of the air conditioning in the church, the liturgy was conducted in the parish gymnasium. Fr. Michael Rafferty was main celebrant and homilist at the bilingual liturgy, assisted by Frs. John and Eric. Fr. Michael spoke about St. Ezekiel as a special intercessor for those with cancer and other illnesses. Many of our parishioners received Anointing of the Sick, which was given at the conclusion of the Mass.



St. Ezekiel Moreno, pray for us!



Feast of St. Augustine and St. Monica. Frs. Michael, John, and Eric join SAR members in the parish gymnasium on August 27 for evening Mass and reception.

Feasts of Sts. Monica and Augustine. The community combined the feasts of our founder St. Augustine and his mother Monica on Friday, August 27. Fr. John was celebrant and homilist for the evening Mass along with concelebrants Frs. Michael and Eric. A number of the Sisters of Charity from St. Patrick's Villa in Nanuet and the Sisters Servants of Mary from St. Mary's Villa in Sloatsburg joined parishioners from Sacred Heart, SAR member, and the Hispanic community for the bilingual liturgy accompanied by members of the Sacred Heart choir and the Coro Emanuel of Tagaste. Following the Mass light refreshments were provided by the parish and our local SARs. Due to the continuing heat and humidity affecting the New York area, the original outdoor gathering was brought indoors to the relief of all who attended.



Singing for St. Augustine (l to r): Justino and Lucero Ruiz, Fr. Eric, Victor Fanini with daughter Ashley, and Fr. John, August 27 in parish gym.

*For all parish news, upcoming events, and Mass schedules see www.sacredheartparish.org

*For latest news on Venerable Bishop Alphonse Gallegos, OAR, see www.bishopgallegos.org

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