

St. Joseph Women's Society

Mary & Martha News

May 2016

Columbia, SC



Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady Of Fatima

Many of our parishioners have been preparing for the visit of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. This International Pilgrim Statue has traveled the world many times, visiting more than 100 countries. The statue will be at St. Joseph's Church on Friday, May 13.

Special activities are listed below:

- 3:00 PM: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 4:45 Benediction
- 5:00 Rosary
- 6:00 Mass
- 7:00 Talk by the Custodian
- 7:30 Statue Departs

A Note from Janet

A Memory of Fatima

The news of the special visit of the International Pilgrim Statue of our Lady of Fatima reminded me of my pilgrimage to Fatima on the 70th Anniversary of the appearance of Mary to the children of Fatima.

Our group was scheduled for lunch at a restaurant operated by a Portuguese family. There I met a woman of about 19. In the course of our conversation she spoke of an event involving her grandparents. She told me that they had witnessed the moment of the darkening of the sun in October 1917. The memory of the story of that miracle brought a look, like that of a beatific vision, to her face.

I still remember that look.

Imagine being witness to such an event!

Janet O' Keefe

Summer Calendar

May 15

SJWS Monthly Meeting, 1:30 Ursuline Hall (MAB). Light lunch served. Sister Maria Lovett will speak on her faith journey in the religious life.

May 31

33 Days to Morning Glory Consecration at 5:30 PM Mass. (Anyone wishing to re-consecrate themselves to the Blessed Mother is welcome.)

June 4

Women's Society Summer Social at the home of Pat Wegrzynowski

July 23-31

Birtright Baby Shower- Place items in the Church Narthex

July 27

Birtright Tea Room Lunch- Donor Hall

The Saint Joseph Women's Society are friends in faith who share the Gospel; serve the parish, community, and world; and mold strong Catholic women leaders.

