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BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Dogs ruled the day! Saturday October 13 was a beautiful morning with bright blue skies. Fr. Kevin presided over the Blessing of Animals, a tradition that has its origins from St. Francis of Assisi. Our Lord loves all animals because they are part of His creation.

Even though it was not a Rosary Society event, there were many Rosarians who came with their beloved pets.



Excerpt from St. Francis' Canticle of the Sun

Most High, All Powerful, All Good Lord!
All praise is Yours, all glory, all honor,
and all blessing.

Be praised, my Lord, through all Your creatures,
especially through Brother Sun,
who brings the day; and You give light through him.
And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor!



OUR NEWEST SAINT!

Our meeting on October 22 opened with the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. During Mass, Fr. Kevin gave a beautiful talk on the life and canonization of Blessed Kateri. It was a great opportunity to learn about our new saint as Kateri was canonized on Sunday October 21, 2012.

Linda O'Connell, Angela Scafidi, Edvie Canavan and Cyndy Sisco volunteered as hostesses for the meeting and brought lots of homemade treats and goodies! Our thanks to you for a lovely evening.

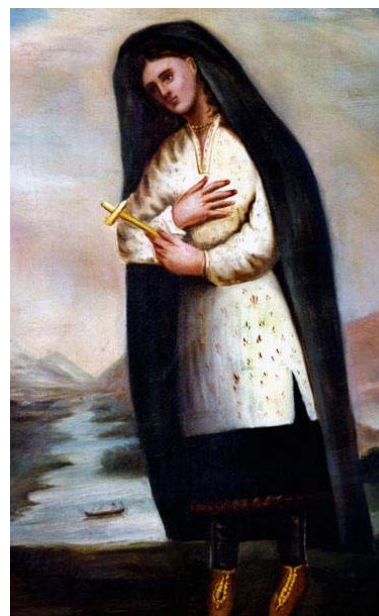


St. Kateri Tekakwitha

October 21, 2012

Her final words:

"Jesus – Mary – I love You!"



The only known portrait of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. The scars on her face disappeared immediately after her death.

The Rosarian



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THE ROSARY SOCIETY HOSTS THEIR 68th ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST!



(Left to right: Allan Wright, Fr. Paul Manning, Fr. Kevin Flanagan and Fr. Brian Quinn enjoying Edvie's jokes!)

Close to 80 people gathered on Sunday, October 7 for the Rosary Society's **68th Annual Communion Breakfast** in Marian Hall.

The Communion Breakfast is a regular fixture at St. Philip's and has always been scheduled for the first Sunday in October. This year was particularly meaningful as the date coincided with the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Our speaker and noted author, Allan Wright from St. Paul Inside the Walls gave a wonderful presentation about how we can invite Jesus into our homes on a daily basis. Father Paul who was speaking at all the Masses also stopped by to say "hello".

We were fortunate to have so many young people behind the scenes serving tables and assisting guests.

"I am amazed at the number of young people helping out!", Allan commented. Students represented many different schools including our own confirmation candidates and students from Our Lady Help of Christians Academy.



Esther Benard and Mary Newman

As you know, there is a great deal of work that goes into preparing for the Breakfast. We usually start planning a year before the event to make sure we can keep costs down while not sacrificing any traditions.

As always, Arlene Pompeo did an amazing job planning the table settings. If you left the Breakfast with a few extra pounds, you can blame Elena Cimino and Arlene who also coordinated and prepared the dessert table!

Paul Doviak was "heads-down" in the back kitchen (or I should say "hands-down" in soapsuds) washing plates, pots and anything else thrown his way.

St. Philip the Apostle Rosary Society Leadership Team

- ELIZABETH CROCKER
- ARLENE POMPEO
- DIANE VAN BLARCOM
- ELAINE VIGILANTE

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68th ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST (Continued)

Edvie Canavan took over the helm as Mistress of Ceremonies (well-trained by Antoinette Cortese and Diane Van Blarcom)! Edvie brought humor to the event by telling a few jokes that made everyone laugh.

Special thanks go to our leadership team, Beth Crocker, Arlene Pompeo, Diane VanBlarcom, Elaine Vigilante and Edvie Canavan along with Rosarians Elaine Gleason, Addy Pennella, Marlene Holzli, Francesca Anthony, Chris Scott, Betsy Klos and Eileen Laverty.

Thank you all for making this year's Communion Breakfast a great success!



Francesca Anthony both created and printed the keep-sake booklets which included special prayers for the upcoming election



Mother/Daughter Corner!



Marlane Payne with her mother, Mary Saltalamachia



Marlene Holzli with her mother, Millie Scrosia



Daughters Sara Canfield and Daralyn Paleski (Mom's not pictured)



Dot and Francesca Anthony

"Stressed" spelled backwards is "Desserts"! (Author Unknown)



Above: Preparations for the dessert table including chocolate mousse cups, apple walnut cakes and chocolate coated cream puffs

ROSARIANS KICK-OFF THE NEW YEAR WITH ICE CREAM!

September 17 was the Rosary-Society's kick-off meeting for the 2012-2013 season. For the first time, Fr. Kevin offered Mass in Marian Hall to accommodate our larger group.

Linda O'Connell blessed us with her harp and beautiful voice while Grace Insigna, Addy Pennella and Elaine Gleason arranged the ice cream party!

We welcomed new members—Betsy Kloss, Cheryl Culligan, Cyndy Sisco, Barbara DiDonna, Marlane Payne, Sheryl Allen and our youngest members Yvonne and Tiana Marie Allen.



(above) Rosarians Rose Oliva and Anne Russo



(above) Our youngest members, Yvonne and Tiana Marie Allen work on Friendly's puzzles!