



FLAME OF LOVE

FLAME OF LOVE 2018 EVENTS

Presentation of Jesus -Flame of Love Feast Day – February 2, 2018

Place: St. Charles Seminary Time: 600 – 9:00 PM
100 E. Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096

Homilist/Speaker: Rev. James Blount, SOLT

Registration: Not necessary – free of charge – JUST COME!

7:00 PM: Rebecca Perez and Guadalupe Painting

Lenten Retreat – Saturday – March 24, 2018

Place: Annunciation Parish, 410 Sagamore Rd. Havertown, PA 19083

Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH

Homilist/Speaker: Msgr. John Esseff

Fatima Easter Retreat – Saturday, May 5, 2018

Theme: Fatima-Fulfilling the Request and Receiving the Promises

Place: St. Anthony of Padua, 259 Forrest Avenue, Ambler, PA 19002

Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH

Homilist/Speaker: Rev. William McCarthy:

Registration: None – Free of charge

OUTSIDE OF DIOCESE

Pocono Flame of Love Event, Saturday, April 21, 2018

Place: Our Lady Queen of Peace, 1402 Rte. 209, Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Time: 9:00AM –to 2:30 PM BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH

Homilist/Speaker: Rev. James Blount, SOLT

Registration: None – Free of charge.

Emmitsburg, MD – Saturday, May 12, 2018

Theme: Blessed Mother, Share with us your Immaculate Conception

Place: National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Time: 10:00AM to 5:00 PM

330 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Details later

2018 EVENTS (Winter/Spring)

Archdiocesan Events:

Our Lady so blessed the 2017 events that the leadership felt that we should follow the same pattern. We, therefore, will be repeating the successful February 2nd mass at St. Charles Seminary and the Lenten Retreat at Annunciation Parish, Havertown (Monsignor Esseff).

Our Easter retreat will be held at St. Anthony, Ambler (a very modern, spacious facility which is the Montgomery County, FOL center) on Saturday, May 5th. The speaker and homilist is the well-known, Rev. Bill McCarthy, founder of My Father's House.

Outside the Archdiocese (But near enough)

Two wonderful FOL leaders, Diane Salem (Maryland) and Cathy Bagley (Scranton) attend our weekly meetings. We will, therefore, sponsor two Saturday retreats with their help.

Many Outreaches

As you can see from all the above, Flame of Life leadership is trying to offer many helps. The modern world presents challenges and dangers to a Catholic spiritual life and we must be creative in attracting people to daily prayer, weekly groups and monthly gatherings.

SUMMER/FALL - 2018

The successful events of 2017 will happen again.

1. Summer School of Spirituality

The effects of these 12 classes, given over four days touched everyone deeply. These 12 teachings will be given during lent in parishes.

2. The Fourth National Conference

The first three conferences sold out. Our biggest problem is to find a place which can provide the facilities and meals for these two days. This will be in the Fall.

REGIONAL EVENTS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Reginal Holy Hour and Benediction. Held in the Chapel 2130 Franklin Avenue, Morton, PA 19070, second Thursday of the month from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Dates: January 11th, February 8th, March 8th.

MALVERN RETREAT – (December, 2017)

During the summer, we thought of hosting a Malvern Retreat but, because only the weekend of December 15 to 17th was available, we set aside this project. However, two months later, so many were enthused with the charismatic retreat given by Father Blount, that we decided to move ahead.

What a great success! To everyone's surprise (including Malvern's) over 240 people came for the weekend. Father Blount will return on Friday, February 2nd, 2018 as celebrant and homilist at St. Charles Seminary.

Welcome to the Flame of Love

NEW DEVOTION

In recent decades, the Catholic Church has received many new devotions. Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina and established the new Divine Mercy Devotion, which revealed new gifts of mercy coming from Jesus' heart.

The Flame of Love Devotion is very similar, making Catholics aware of a new fire coming from Mary's heart. No one has to believe these private revelations (of Divine mercy or of Flame of Love) but accepting these revelations provides the capacity to receive God's gifts. Divine Mercy comes from the diary of St. Faustina. Flame of Love comes from the diary of Elizabeth Kindelmann. Let's begin our story with her.

Elizabeth Szanto Kindelmann (1913-1985)

Elizabeth's mother had 13 children, six sets of twins and, finally, Elizabeth, who alone lived to adulthood. She had an extremely difficult childhood and at 11, was going to be adopted by a Swiss family. Fortunately, she missed the train, stayed in Budapest, tried to enter two religious orders, and joined the parish choir. There, she met Karoly Kindelmann, whom she married in 1930 at age 16.

Karoly was a hardworking, wonderful husband and they had a happy marriage. However, he died in 1946, leaving her with 6 children when she was 32. She lived as a widow for the remaining 39 years under a Communist regime. Her diary details her many jobs, her poverty and her economic insecurities. She was an excellent mother and welcomed her married children and their grandchildren back into her home. Beginning in 1962, she herself lived in a little shed in their garden the rest of her life.

The Revelations

Elizabeth was deeply devout but for a number of years, God tested her by mystical trials. Finally, after the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, (July 16, 1961) the darkness broke and she again experienced Jesus' presence.

In February, 1962, her lifestyle changed completely and she took up residence in that little dwelling in the garden. Once settled, Our Lord and Our Lady spoke with her for the rest of her life, revealing the mystery of the Flame of Love. She recorded all her experiences in her diary.

The Flame of Love

The full diary is about 300 pages (an excellent simplified version has 121 pages). From either version, the reader easily grasps the central messages given to Elizabeth by Jesus and Mary about the Flame of Love.

1. The Flame of Love is Jesus Himself.
2. This Flame of Love lives in Mary's Immaculate Heart.
3. This Flame is God's gift to us.
4. Mary wants to pour out the Flame into every heart. That is why she reveals the mystery.
5. The Flame of Love is the greatest gift which God has given to the world since He sent His only Son.
6. Mary suffers until she can find souls who want to receive the Flame.
7. This Flame blinds Satan, causing him to lose his power over persons and situations. This allows people to respond to God's graces.
8. The primary goal of this Flame is to save souls. Its secondary goal is to release souls from purgatory.

Flame of Love Prayers

Our Lady also taught Elizabeth to say this short ejaculation:

“Spread the effect of the grace of the Flame of Love over all humanity.”

Our Lord revealed the following prayer for Elizabeth. (Note “Our” means Jesus and you).

May our feet journey together.

May our hands gather in unity.

May our hearts beat in unison.

May our souls be in harmony.

May our thoughts be as one.

May our ears listen to the silence together.

May our glances profoundly penetrate each other.

May our lips pray together to gain mercy from the Eternal Father.

What a beautiful prayer between Jesus and you.

The Requests

Our Lady also had certain expectations for Elizabeth (and for us). Our Lady expects:

1. goodness of life
2. generous amounts of time given to prayer
3. frequent reception of Holy Communion and Confession
4. simplicity of life
5. fasting on Mondays until 6:00 PM on bread and water
6. Eucharistic Adoration
7. Some withdrawal from worldly entertainments

Church Approval

Even during her lifetime in Budapest, many priests accepted her revelations because they saw her goodness. In June 2009, after a few years of investigation, Cardinal Erdo, the Primate of Hungary, said that her writings were free from any error and gave his approval to the Flame of Love Movement. Many other diocesan bishops have also given approval.

The Spread of the Devotion

Fortunately, Elizabeth's spiritual director, Fr. Rona, S.J., was a missionary to Latin America and translated her Hungarian diary into Spanish. The Movement started early in Latin America and came to some areas in the United States from Mexico, and from a Canadian center. Now, the center for the Flame of Love Movement in the United States is Philadelphia.

The Flame of Love Movement

The National Director – Early 2013

Because Anthony Mullen of Philadelphia had the diary translated, simplified and distributed in large numbers, he was asked to assume the duties of the National Director in 2013. We began immediately and since then have established many parish cenacles, held large spiritual gatherings, begun a Newsletter, and have ignited the fire throughout the United States. Hopefully, many Catholics are experiencing a deeper spiritual life and a unity with others within the Flame of Love Movement.

How Do You Enter?

There are many possible doors:

1. Get acquainted with the Movement by attending one of the many large events scheduled throughout the year.
2. As Our Lady leads you, join a cenacle in your area.
3. Later, you will want to begin your own home cenacle or participate with some friends in their home cenacle.
4. Read the Diary, both in the simplified and the full version.
5. For more reading to help your spiritual life, go to www.devoutlifelibrary.org and you will find all the Catholic classics in easy to read, simplified versions.

Five Effects of the Flame

Our Lady promises many blessings.

1. To blind Satan. The diary highlights and actually describes this gift as Elizabeth was able to blind Satan, making him powerless and freeing those who felt his oppression.
2. To save souls (especially family members). The diary contains many promises concerning the family. Elizabeth was a mother of six children, all of whom had their own struggles. She worried about their eternal salvation. Our Lady told her that she was chosen specifically because she was a mother and that from heaven she would be with her children at their death beds.
4. To save the family. The Flame of Love is family focused. Our Lady wants parents to gather their children for prayer and devotion. She will come to every home which invites her.
5. To free souls from purgatory. Our Lady makes great promises, especially for those who keep the Monday fast (bread and water until 6:00 PM). So often, we forget our deceased relatives and friends.
6. To convert the world. The flame is meant for the whole world. Our Lady promised many miracles which all would realize took place, without any elaborate investigation.

These are the basic blessings for all who receive and spread the flame. *Time now for you to read the diary.*

A Guadalupe Story

By Rebecca Perez

(Rebecca works at St. Anthony parish in Ambler. For many years, she has hosted a Friday night Hispanic group and is the FOL Hispanic coordinator for Montgomery County.)

For many months, I felt a burning desire to go to Our Lady of Guadalupe shrine in Mexico for two reasons, to make a personal retreat and to bring back an image. My desire came true, November 9–19, 2017. My days were filled with God’s love and Mary’s tenderness.

I began to search for the right image. At the Basilica store, I saw a life-size painting (5 feet high), but it was too costly. I went to some smaller shops. In one, I saw the same painting. A very gentle young woman came up to me. She was five feet tall, about 17 years old, wore no make-up and was very gentle. “How much is that painting” I asked. “How much do you want to give me?”, she asked. I had only 300 pesos (20 dollars), and I offered the \$20 to her. I took out all I had, 300 pesos. She said “Okay”. “I am only playing”, I said. She responded “It’s fine, I will give you two images”. She also gave me 20 small prayer cards showing Juan Diego. “What is your name?” I asked. “My name is Reina” (meaning queen). “What is your name?” “Rebecca”. She said, “I will not forget your name. It is very familiar to me”.

Returning to the hotel, I resolved to return to speak again with Reina and to give her more money. When I went back the next day, I met the owner, an older lady. “Excuse me madam. I was here yesterday and bought an original size image of the Virgin from a young girl named Reina.” She said, “No one works here whose name is Reina.” I explained again. This time she was more serious. “We do not sell that image size. No one named Reina works here or in any nearby store. I am the owner and I know all the workers”.

There is much more to the story, but this is enough for now. (Please note: Rebecca will bring the painting and tell the full story at St. Charles Seminary on Friday, February 2, 2018).

Some Questions?

1. Who is Reina.
2. How was she present in the store as a sales person when she did not work there?
3. Where was the owner or some employee at that time?
4. How did Reina have the two paintings when the store never sold them”?
5. Where did the prayer cards come from?

Although these questions need not be answered. some truths are certain.

1. The two paintings are heavenly gifts.
2. Heaven sends it gifts to increase people’s faith.
3. By hearing this story, people experience what they already believe, namely, that Our Blessed Mother loves all her children.
4. Rebecca (and others) now have the important task of preaching the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
5. As the message is preached, Our Lady will stir devotion and give many blessings.

Home Cenacles

Please begin now as an unofficial home cenacle with yourself and a few friends agreeing to a weekly time and place to have a holy hour. Be faithful. Encourage and love one another. These are “tiny beginnings” which can bring forth the harvest in a year or so.

If you do not gather with others, valuable time is lost.

How to Locate, Begin or List a Prayer Cenacle on our Website

If you would like to find a prayer cenacle in your area or add a new cenacle to our website list, click the *Find a Prayer Group* button on the lower part of our home page. Only cenacles that have received their pastor’s approval should be listed on our website.

For information on how to start a new cenacle, please read “Instructions to Spread the Grace” under the Resources Tab and the Information under the Prayers Tab. These tabs are located on the brown bar on our homepage.

Phone Prayer Partners

Whether the person is home-bound or active, all can use the phone to pray with someone.

The prayer can even be daily – a pre-arranged time to call each other. The prayer can be short (like saying the Divine Mercy Chaplet) or a little longer (like a rosary).

This “praying together” is extremely important and powerful. Jesus said, “Where two or three gather in my name, I am in your midst”. He also promised, “Where two or three agree on anything, the Heavenly Father hears that prayer”.

In reality, we are all lazy when it comes to prayer, always distracted by the present attraction. Having a prayer partner calls you to prayer (quite literally). You become each other’s guardian angel, waking one another up and walking the road to heaven together. Everyone reading this newsletter can easily begin. Just think of a few people who might become your phone prayer partner and invite them to pray regularly.

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