

# Flame Of Love Newsletter



October 2018

## Cancellation of Philadelphia Conference November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

The leadership team did its best to find an adequate place for the Philadelphia Conference but, after many attempts, all agreed that we should cancel the event for this year. All the checks are being returned. We will have more time next year to find a large enough facility to hold the expected numbers. This year, our early registration showed that the facilities would have been very inadequate for a two-day conference which included meals. Thank you for your understanding.

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SHRINE - DECEMBER 8, 2018

In a previous mailing, we had mentioned preliminary plans to host a special Marian pilgrimage to the Miraculous Medal Shrine on Saturday, December 8th. Unfortunately, the plans did not come together in time to have the pilgrimage.

## DECEMBER 14 TO DECEMBER 16, 2018

**MALVERN RETREAT - Reverend James Blount, SOLT**  
Malvern Retreat House if sponsoring this as their weekend retreat.

**DATE:** Friday Evening - December 14 to Sunday December 16

**COST:** \$265. Includes everything

To register by credit card, call 610-644-0400 or send registration to:

Malvern Retreat House

P.O. Box 315

Malvern, PA 19355

**Theme:** Ancestral Healing

**Also:** Kathleen McCarthy

## 2019 EVENTS

### Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### (Presentation of the Lord and Candlemas Day)

Our Lady asked the FOL to consider this as our feast day. In prior years, we held an evening mass at the Seminary. This year, because the feast falls on a Saturday, we will host a full day retreat.

<b>Place:</b>	St. Mary Magdalen	<b>Schedule:</b>
	2400 Providence Road	Mass: 8:30 AM
	Media, PA 19063	Ends: 2:30 PM

### Lenten Retreat

#### Saturday, March 23, 2019

<b>Speaker:</b>	Reverend James Blount	
<b>Place:</b>	Annunciation Parish	<b>Schedule:</b>
	401 Brookline Blvd.	Mass: 8:30 AM
	Havertown, PA 19083	Ends: 2:30 PM

More details on both events in next newsletter.

### Our Lady's Challenge - The First Saturday Devotion

On July 13, 1917, in her apparition at Fatima, Our Lady made two very, very important requests. She said that, at some moment she would want the Holy Father to consecrate Russia to her Immaculate Heart and she would want the faithful to begin a new devotion called the Five First Saturdays.

Later, (December 10, 1925) Our Lord and Our Lady appeared to Lucy and asked this devotion to begin. Our Lord spoke of the need for reparation to remove the five thorns covering His mother's heart.

On May 29, 1940 Our Lady explained the Five First Saturdays would be for reparation of blasphemies against:

1. Our Lady's Immaculate Conception
2. Her virginity
3. Her Divine Maternity
4. For those who place scorn or hatred in children's hearts against our Immaculate Mother
5. Those who outrage Mary directly in her holy images

Almost fifty years later, Our Lady spoke to Elizabeth (as recorded in the Diary) concerning her disappointments that even faithful Catholics have ignored her request for the First Saturday Devotion

### Lucy's Example

In her writings, Lucy has described her own fidelity to the First Saturday, keeping all the requests and meditating each month on a decade. What an honor to follow her example!

### OUR RESPONSE

Being dedicated to the Diary and trying to fulfill all that Our Lady wants, FOL leadership will launch an aggressive initiative to comply with Our Lady's desires by preparing you to lead First Saturday Devotions.

### TRAINING FOR FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

**Date:** Saturday, December 1, 2018

**Place:** St. Mary Magdalen  
2400 Providence Road  
Media, PA 19063

**Schedule:** 8:30 AM mass-followed immediately by the First Saturday devotions  
9:00 First Saturday Devotion  
10:00 AM - Training and equipping you  
11:30 AM - Conclusion

**Training:** We will present, for the first time, a compendium to be used for monthly teachings and will train you in a new meditation booklet on the Rosary mysteries.

**Equipping:** We will answer questions and help you to see where you can serve.

**Your Commitment:** Just come to the morning session and you will see how to serve Our Lady once a month on the morning of each First Saturday. You will be a member of a group and not be asked to assume total responsibility.

Maybe you are ready to begin hosting a First Saturday Group before the workshop in December. If so, just call FOL at 610-622-4257 and someone will help you.

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### Other Initiatives

In just 4 years, FOL has begun many initiatives to provide spiritual and physical help.

Read the following list and if you sense Our Lady calling you, just let us know.

1. First Saturday devotion - Explained above.
2. Home Cenacles - inviting people to pray with you on a weekly or monthly basis.
3. Flame of Love Seminars - a seven week course with study guide, usually held in the home with family/friends.
4. School of Spirituality - a 44 page course that opens up the Church's spirituality formed by the great saints.
5. FOL Pilgrim Statue - This program is in full swing at St. Anastasia parish, Newtown Square. If you want to learn about it, let us know.
6. Pro-Life Activities - FOL leaders regularly visit abortion clinics and have been blessed with a number of mothers deciding to give birth.
7. Men's Group - meets every Saturday at St. Mary Magdalen Parish, 2400 N. Providence Rd., Media, Pa. Time 7:00 to 8:15 AM followed by 8:30 AM mass.
8. Divine Mercy Banners - These are hung publicly in the worst drug sections of Kensington.
9. Pilgrim Statue in Homes - An outreach of the Chester County FOL.
10. Compendium for Group Study - This book puts the Diary into 53 themes and is excellent material for a Book Club study.

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