

TAGASTE NEWSLETTER
PROVINCE OF ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE
OAR
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Fall greetings to all of our brothers in the Province of St. Nicholas, 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!



***Together again!** The friars from Suffern, New York, and Union City, New Jersey, met at Long Horn Steak House in Rochelle Park, NJ, to belatedly celebrate the birthday of Fr. Michael Rafferty on October 3. (l to r): Frs. Miguel Echeverria, John Docherty, Charles Huse, Eric Crelencia, Michael Rafferty, Fidel Hernández, John Gruben, and José María Martínez.*

SAR patroness. Fr. John Gruben, OAR, was main celebrant and homilist, assisted by Frs. Michael and Eric, for the Feast of St. Magdalene of Nagasaki (October 20), patroness of the Secular Augustinian Recollects. Following the morning Mass there was a meeting of the SAR fraternity in the rectory. Fr. John, spiritual director for the Tagaste/Sacred Heart fraternity, led the meeting. Results of the Regional Assembly at Tagaste (September 24) were discussed including the election of Millie Villareal, SAR, as new regional president. Copies of the first volume of *Pilgrims* were distributed to those who had not yet received it, and a plan to begin a new series of meetings was approved with the next meeting to take place on Sunday, November 13 following the 11:30 a.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Rectory.



SAR members and parishioners join Frs. Michael, John, and Eric in celebrating the feast of St. Magdalene of Nagasaki, patroness of our Secular Augustinian Recollects, October 20.

“American needs Fatima” Parishioners of Sacred Heart joined Catholics nationwide in offering the Rosary on October 15 in honor of Our Lady of Fatima at the Virginia Menschner Gazebo in Suffern. The parish has a permanent display of the Fatima apparition in front of the church on Lafayette Avenue.



Parishioners gather to offer rosary honoring Our Lady of Fatima on October 15.

The Sons of Italy, Vincent Linguanti Lodge, have been meeting at the parish for several months now. On Saturday, October 15, the Lodge held its traditional “Afternoon at the Races” fund raiser.



Get your bets in! “Horses” are lined up for an afternoon of fun and food sponsored by the Sons of Italy in the parish cafeteria. The SOI have supported Tagaste and Sacred Heart for many years.

“Holy Wins” The parish continued the tradition begun at Tagaste Monastery a number of years ago in having a celebration for All Saints as an alternative to Halloween. Children in the parish were invited along with their families to dress as their favorite saint (no villains or spooky characters allowed!) There was a parade with prizes for those who guessed the saints being impersonated, along with music and snacks on Sunday, October 30. It is always a good opportunity for the children (and their parents) to learn more about the saints.



Holy Wins, 2022. Pedro Cruz directs children in forming the parade of the saints in the school cafeteria on October 30.



Calling all saints! Frs. John and Eric join with parents and children for Holy Wins.



Frs. John (St. Joseph) and Eric (himself) with Adolfo and Yolanda Degante and daughters Kateri (St. Veronica) and Vivian (St. Lucy).



*Glorious colors of Fall in New York State
Tagaste Monastery, Fall 2022*

SAR Monthly Meeting. The next regular meeting of our SAR fraternity will be on Sunday, December 11 following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Meeting will be held in the classroom of the rectory on the lower level. We will be holding elections for a new president in the near future.

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

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

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