

THE ROSARY PILGRIM



MONASTERY OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THE MONASTERY OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Dear Family and Friends of Rosary Shrine,
This summer has been unusually hot, rainy and full of many visitors study sessions and changes! The biggest change is that our chaplain of ten years, Fr. Kieran Fergus, OP, was transferred. Usually, a new chaplain would come immediately but dire repairs and renovations were needed in the chaplain's apartment before Fr. Gregory Salomone, OP, could move in!

Meanwhile, we were blest with so many bishops and priests who provided us daily with the gift of Holy Mass. Dominican Fathers, archdiocesan priests, Benedictines, Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, and even two bishops—Bishop Chris Cardone, OP of the Solomon Islands (but originally from Long Island, NY) and our retired regional bishop, Bishop Dominic Marconi, also assisted us in our need! Thank you, Fathers, each and every one of you for your goodness to us in providing the inestimable blessing of Holy Mass!



We are so happy to welcome Fr. Gregory to our monastery. We especially enjoy his wonderful homilies! They are challenging and always give us much food for thought!

GOD BLESS YOU, FATHERS!

Bishop Chris Cardone, OP, Bishop Dominic Marconi, Fr. Gabriel Coless, OSB, Fr. Bill Mahon, Fr. Rolando Yadao, Fr. Austin Litke, OP, Fr. Isaiah Mary Molano, OP, Fr. Martin Farrell, OP, Fr. John Vidmar, OP, Fr. Thomas McCreech, OP, Fr. Samuel Matarazzo, OP, Fr. Ralph Frisch, ST, Fr. Brian K. Muzas, Fr. Francis Maione, Fr. Philip Sanders, Fr. Anthony Ciorra, Fr. Anthony Baetzold, CFR, Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR, Fr. Paul Murray, OP, Fr. Walter Wagner, OP

Top Right: Fr. Kieran visits with Sr. Maria before his departure.
Left: Fr. Gregory Salomone, OP, our new chaplain



Novitiate, September, 2011

NOVITIATE NEWS



Miss Margaret Scheitz entered our monastery as a postulant on September 14, 2011, feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Originally from Barrington, IL, Sr. Margaret has been living in Manhattan, NY, working as an Orthopedic Specialist at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City.

Sr. Margaret is also a talented Irish Step Dancer. The young, and not-so-young Sisters are looking forward to learning!

Sr. Margaret's entrance brings the total of Sisters in our Novitiate to seven!



Sr. Mary Catharine flew to Texas in May to attend the annual Novice Mistress Meeting which was held at the Monastery of the Infant Jesus in Lufkin, TX. She came back with many tall tales of the big state of Texas which is home to the big hearts of the Lufkin Nuns.

Our "student sisters", Sr. Mary Amata, Sr. Joseph Maria and Sr. Maria Teresa flew there in July to attend the second year of the Monastic Theological Studies program for our newly professed sisters. As much as they loved their classes on the Psalms and Thomism, it seems that the birds, bugs and snakes held equal charm!

Left: Sr. Margaret Scheitz and Fr. Bruno Shah, OP

Above: Sr. Mary Dominic (Lufkin) show off their tortoise to Sr. Joseph Maria and Sr. Mary Amata

SISTER MARY ELLEN TIMOTHY OF THE ASSUMPTION—1924-2011

Sr. Mary Ellen Timothy, nee Cecilia Lydon, was the third of eleven children of Timothy and Ellen Lydon of Trenton, New Jersey. Sister had the Irish touch for telling stories and would regale us with the antics of her and her siblings.

Cecilia worked in an insurance company after graduating from high school and taking some courses at Seton Hall College. During World War II she was employed as a Navy plane inspector. As a hobby she learned how to fly and even got her pilot's license! Sister also learned the violin and studied voice, performing in a production of Verdi's Aida. She never lost her love of opera. She loved to listen to the live performances on the radio in her later years.

On January 5, 1960 Cecilia crossed the enclosure threshold and entered the monastery as a postulant joining her friend, Sr. Mary Elizabeth, in the novitiate. That year she received the habit and the name Sr. Mary Ellen Timothy of the Assumption, honoring her parents by taking their names. Although we don't encourage nicknames, Sister's long name was often shortened to Sr. MET! Sr. Mary Ellen Timothy made her First Profession as a Nun of the Order of Preachers on October 2, 1961 and her Solemn Profession on June 25, 1965.

Sr. Mary Ellen Timothy served the community in many varied ways including seamstress, cook and orchard keeper. Toward the end of her life she maintained the database and recorded donations. For many years Sister wielded the waxing machine, making our wood floors, especially that of the Choir, shine for the big feasts of Christmas and Easter. Her meticulous care of the orchard meant that she would be up in the trees in January pruning, spraying in the spring and summer and picking during harvest. Her blueberry bushes produced massive amounts of large, succulent fruit which we enjoyed fresh and froze to make pies and jam in the winter.

At the beginning of the year, Sr. Mary Ellen Timothy was diagnosed with pre-leukemia. She entered Eternal Life peacefully surrounded by many of her Sisters on June 26, 2011, having been fortified with the Sacraments just hours previously.



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