



Monthly Newsletter

November 2023 | Maria Santissima Lauretana Society – Arizona Chapter

Happy Thanksgiving!



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Mother That Came from the Sea

Several of our board members made pilgrimage to the home of our patron this year in Altavilla Milicia, Sicily. This year marked the 400th anniversary of the foundation of the Sanctuary dedicated to our Lady. In addition, on October 19th the Vatican officially elevated the sanctuary as a Basilica Minor with affiliation to Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome. That said, due to these important and historical events, we wanted to begin providing you the history of our ancestral sanctuary via this monthly newsletter. To start off, we would like to provide you some quotes and starting next month, we will have a monthly article.

“This place so dear and so very present in the life of Christian people of Palermo and most of Sicily has all the requirements to be recognized as the first and the most notable place of Marian cult in Palermo” (Decree of Cardinal Salvatore De Giorgi on May 31st 2004)

“Sanctuaries have been built in places where prodigious events have occurred (apparitions, miracles), where Saints of appeared and in all instances, there exists a large faithful number. All Sanctuaries have a mission: to promote the faith and bring people closer to God through prayer, repentance, and conversion. The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Altavilla Milicia, placed on a hill in front of the Tyrrhenian sea, is visible with its brightening cross, from the Palermo-Messina motorway and from the boats that sail in the gulf among Cape Zafferano and Cefalu. It catches the eyes of travelers and gives birth to the desire of visiting it. Tens of thousands of pilgrims visit each year; especially in September during the Feast of the Nativity of Mary. Our Lady is certainly only one and everywhere. She is a merciful Mother who welcomes us and gives us the graces we need; inviting us to listen to the voice of her Son. Every devotee finds a reason to be linked to a particular Sanctuary. With this guide, created by the editorial office of “Here is Your Mother,” in Altavilla Milicia, we hope to educate everyone on the history of our Lady of Altavilla Milicia; which is the pearl of our Sanctuary.” (Pastor Liborio Scordato-Altavilla Milicia)

As mentioned, each monthly newsletter will contain an article providing history of our Madonna. Below are some articles that you can look forward to:

- History of the Sanctuary
- The damage made to the icon in the 1500's by invading Pirates
- The Devotion to Our Lady
- The Festival
- The Artworks of the Sanctuary
- The Restoration of the Painting
- The Sanctuary Museum
- The Brotherhood of Maria SS Lauretana

Upcoming Events at St. Joseph Church

Bake Sale Items Needed!



Fall Festival

Pre-Carved Pumpkin Contest!

Register for the Pre-Carved Pumpkin Contest at the FF table in the vestibule. Bring a carved, painted, or creatively decorated pumpkin to win prizes.



TICKETS GOOD FOR:

- Italian Food
- Filipino Food
- Hamburgers
- Hot Dogs
- Pierogis
- Alate
- Cotton Candy
- Root Beer
- Floats
- Lemonade
- Beer
- Wine
- Crafts
- Baked goods
- Games...

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS EARLY & SAVE

Fall Festival Ticket Pre-Sale
After all Masses in October
\$20.00 for 25 Tickets
during pre-sale events only
1 Ticket equals \$1.00
Free Admission

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

FALL Festival

October 29th 11:30-5:00PM

Please Join Us
for an Afternoon of
Food, Beer, Games, Raffles
Music, Crafts & Bake Sale.
Costume Contest!
Pre-Carved Pumpkin Contest
DJ Hollister

WE NEED...

Fall Fest is in need of Eco-Up tents. If you have one that you could lend the church for the festival please contact the Parish office. Thank You!



Halloween Costume Contest!

Come dressed in your best costume! There will be an Adult and Children's Costume Contest at the Fall Fest.



Fall Festival Raffle Basket Donations Needed!

If you would like to make a basket or donate to baskets that will be put together here please contact the Parish Office.
Or contact Erin Sawar
602-996-5130

Please support our Society and St. Joseph Church by joining at the Fall Festival. Our Society will be donating pasta, meatballs, sausage and pepper sandwiches.

**NEXT GET-TOGETHER
IS OUR CELEBRATION DINNER**

November 11 , 2023

6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

at

St. Joseph Church – St. Joseph Hall

MENU

Pasta

Baked Turkey Breast with Gravy

Stuffing

Sweet Corn

Salad

Cranberry Sauce

Bread & Butter

Water, Coffee & Dessert

PRICE

\$25.00

Board Meeting

November 15th 2023

7:00 PM

St. Joseph Catholic Church

St. Joseph Hall

11001 N. 40th Street

Phoenix, AZ. 85028

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any board member. Contact information is just below. Also, if you wish to email our general email, you may send it to

mariasslauretanaaz@gmail.com



To the left is a picture of the rosaries that our Society received from St. Joseph Catholic Church for the donation we made. (see highlights to July 19th meeting on page 2)

If you are a member and have not yet received a rosary, please contact Lina Davi.

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