



Monthly Newsletter

APRIL 2024 | Maria Santissima Lauretana Society – Arizona Chapter

Buona Pasqua! Happy Easter!



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“Mother that Came from the Sea”...Article Series

Article 6: The Artworks of the Shrine in Altavilla Milicia, Sicily

In 1812, the shrine underwent a large renovation and restoration. During that time, the church took on the traditional shape of the Latin cross with the main entry facing the Tyrrhenian Sea and multiple artworks were gifted to the shrine as well. In 2000, in honor of Jubilee year, the shrine was gifted a bronze entry door by artist Vincenzo Gennaro. The solid, double bronze door was hand finished by the artist. Standing approximately 13' high by 7' wide it is the first artwork that visitors see as they approach the church. The artwork portrays the annunciation to the birth of Jesus to the escape of the holy family to Egypt at the time of the massacre of the innocents.



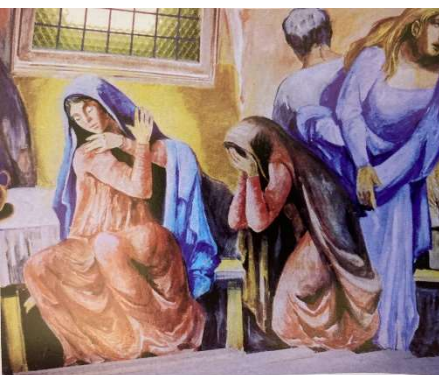
Inside the church you'll find numerous artworks; ranging from sculptures to paintings. Among some of the most beautiful are Mary's Assumption into Heaven; painted on the ceiling of the main aisle of the Church (by Guerrero).



In 1990, contemporary artist, Salvatore Bonanno was commissioned to paint the cupola above the altar. He called it “Cupola of Light.” With the four apostles, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John painted on the outside of the cupola, the inside of the cupola commemorates Pentecost; the day in which the Holy Spirit descended upon Mary



and the disciples; gifting them with the ability to speak in other tongues; which prompted the evangelization of the faith.



The shrine of our Lady of Altavilla Milicia, although small, is enriched with many artworks that ultimately lead to feeling as if you are in the presence of the divine.

In “The Sacred Liturgy” section of Chapter VII of Vatican II Council:
“Among the noblest activity of men are that of fine art, especially of religious art. By nature, they relate to the infinite divine beauty and by that beauty, direct mens’ minds to the Lord” (SC n. 122)

**NEXT GET-TOGETHER
WILL NOT BE UNTIL
MAY 11TH 2024**

Next Event is the Annual Picnic

On

APRIL 28th

Annual Picnic & Bocce Tournament

12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

See page 4 for details

MEETING

April 17th 2024

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

Easter Message – Messaggio di Pasqua

May the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ bring new life and hope to each and everyone of us and may His message live and thrive within each of us so as to illuminate our minds and hearts to his Gospel. Christ is Risen! Viva Jesus!



Che la celebrazione della Risurrezione di nostro Signore Gesù Christo da nuova vita e speranza a ciascuno di noi e che il Vangelo del Signore vivi dentro di noi e illumini la nostra mente e il nostro cuore. Cristo e Risorto! Viva Gesù

ANNUAL PICNIC > Sunday, APRIL 28th 2024 at 12 PM

Come join us for Food and Bocce!

As every year, if you are a paid member, the food is free. Food includes Sausage and/or Beef Sandwich, potato chips and water. This year we are adding baked beans. If you would like to bring other food or desserts, you are most welcome!



The picnic will be at **McCormick Stillman Railroad Park at 7301 E. Indian Bend Road, Scottsdale, AZ. 85250**. It will be from **12pm to 4pm**. If you are an unpaid member or are family/friends, sausage sandwich with chips and water is \$10.00 while combo sandwich is \$15.00. There will also be free hot dogs and potato chips for children under 12.

Bocce Tournament will begin around 3:00PM. There is a gazebo with picnic tables and benches but for your own comfort, bring your own lounge chair.



Please RSVP to Apollonia Scianna at 623-695-5254 or Rosaria Ippolito at 602-410-0397.

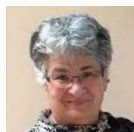
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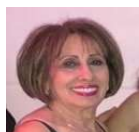
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St. Joseph Table Re Cap

Our Society had another successful year. Thanks to all that participated in cooking, baking, setting up, taking down, cleaning, washing dishes etc.!

The Society expenses were \$687. However, much was donated by members. The total proceeds were \$2,303; all of which is being donated. \$1727.25 is being donated to St. Vincent DePaul Society and \$575.75 is being donated to St. Joseph Church. Below are some pictures of the day:



Toiletry Drive for St. Vincent DePaul We Need Your Help!

Our Society is joining the Knights of Columbus in a toiletry drive for St. Vincent DePaul. We had a first collection during St. Joseph Table. However, not much was collected. We hope that the next collection in April will be more fruitful. To donate, please purchase any toiletries that you are willing to donate and drop them off at the deposit box inside the vestibule at St. Joseph Catholic Church. St Vincent DePaul is an organization that provides food to those in need. However, toiletries, which are often forgotten are also needed. Thank you in advance for your support.

La nostra Società si unisce con il Cavalieri di Colombo in una raccolta di toilette per la Società di San Vincenzo DePaula. Abbiamo fatto una prima colletta durante la Tavola di San Giuseppe pero non abbiamo raccolto molto. Ci speriamo che la prossima raccolta, che sarà in Aprile sia più fruttuosa. Per donare, acquista tutti gli articoli da toilette che desideri donare e lasciali alla cassetta di sicurezza all'interno del vestibolo della chiesa cattolica di San Giuseppe. La Società di San Vincenzo DePaula è un'organizzazione che fornisce cibo a chi ne ha bisogno. Ma anche gli articoli da toilette sono necessari, che spesso vengono dimenticati. Grazie in anticipo per vostro sostegno.



TOILETRY DRIVE

The Society of Maria SS Lauretana is partnering with the Knights of Columbus to gather toiletries to donate to St. Vincent DePaul Society

Items needed:

- Facial wipes
- Deodorant
- Liquid hand soap
- Face cloths/towels
- Masks
- Feminine hygiene products
- Body wash



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