



Order of Malta Northern Virginia Region Calendar 2022- 2023 (working document)

Defense of the Faith (DOF) meets the third Wednesday of each month (with some occasional exceptions)

Our monthly DOF meetings help nurture the practice of *tuitio fidei*, "which is an outward going service of nurturing, witnessing, and defending the Faith. The *tuitio fidei* presupposes a scholastic's *fidei* (knowledge of the Faith of the Church) and an *exercitium fidei* (formation and experience in spiritual life). Regulations and Commentary p. 36-37

Please make every effort to attend if possible and RSVP on the evites as they are sent out.

Link to You Tube Channel with Recorded Talks from our Region; https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq4_ZV6qO0_tgOpC1g0ty2g

Zoom Prayer Opportunities

Liturgy of the Hours (LoTH) Morning Prayer. All are welcome and encouraged to join.

Each Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30am via Zoom. Contact Rebecca Littig at Blitzcricket@yahoo.com

Rosary with Dallas Region with Hospitaller Richard Stanzel This is a wonderful way to "see" other members from other regions.

Each Tuesday Morning 8:15am (EST)...all are invited via Zoom. Contact Richard Stanzel at rstanzel@stanzeinvestments.com

Liturgy of the Hours Night prayer (Compline)

Monday-Friday 8:30pm Contact Cara Aghajanian at cara.aghajanian@gmail.com

Weeknight Rosary with Chicago Region

Monday-Friday 9pm (EST) via Zoom. Contact Cara Aghajanian at cara.aghajanian@gmail.com

Auxiliary: Activities are planned for young adults to familiarize them with the Order. Members may also participate. Contact Andy Craig craigaj@gmail.com

SMOM NOVA Region Works

Cherrydale Nursing Home...2nd Saturday each month after 9am Mass at St Agne.....Contact George and Carmen Egge gvegge@aol.com

Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen (each Mon., Tues., Wed and Fri.)

Members help at the Soup Kitchen in Anacostia Mondays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
Tuesday volunteers especially needed.... Contact Laura Mead at LaurameadSMOM@gmail.com

L'Arche Highland House ...on hold?

Members have been staying in touch with residents and providing food or snacks periodically.....Contact Phil Ward piward@aol.com

The Virginian...communion service each Friday after the St Ambrose 9am Mass; Praying of the rosary Tuesdays at 2pm

More volunteers are needed. Contact Joe Cox jjc@coxmaritime.com

Rosary at Arbor Terrace Assisted Living in Fairfax 2nd Sunday; Praying of the rosary with residents...

This project is on hold for now due to health concerns of residents. Contact Michael Gaffney Gaffneymj@hotmail.com

Catholic Charities Mobil Response Unit

Members to work with their pastors to sponsor a collection of supplies needed for distribution done by the Mobil Response Unit in Woodstock. We have been collecting supplies each month at our DOF meetings to be distributed via the program.

Volunteers help on the third Tuesday of each month our in Woodstock.
Contact Laura Mead at LauraMeadSMOM@gmail.com

Prison Ministry – Pen Pal Program

We exchange correspondence with inmates through mailboxes operated by the Order. This program permits us to visit those in prison, a Work of Mercy, while maintaining our anonymity and safety. Please consider participating. More volunteers are needed. Contact Bruce Gnatowski at bgnatowski@verizon.net

WMET Guadalupe Radio (1160 am; 103.1 fm ; gmonline.com; GRN app)

For a few years now, members have been helping GRN Guadalupe Radio in a variety of ways. Before the shutdown we were continuing to develop ways to team up with the radio station. The radio station will be able to help us with some of our outreach in a variety of ways. In addition, we are working on a few innovative ideas to help raise awareness of the Order of Malta in the area. We are developing a recurring feature on WMET featuring teachings on the beatitudes. Guadalupe Radio programming is excellent and provides much opportunity to deepen our knowledge of the faith and prepare ourselves to defend the faith when called to do so.

The Fishers of Men Gala is scheduled for Saturday, May 6. We will have two tables of members.

For more information contact Mary Petrino Mary.Petrino@gmail.com

E-Prayer Group

Please sign up to pray in solidarity with our members for our prayer intentions by **sending a text with the words "prayer storm" to phone number 88202** from a cell phone or tablet. Thank you to all who have recently joined!! Contact Mary Petrino at mary.petrino@gmail.com

Prayer in Action

Members will be reaching out to members who are no longer able to actively participate in Order activities as well as residents of the nursing homes that we serve. They will send periodic notes and periodic phone calls.Contact Bill Kelly at Bkelly1041@aol.com

Emergency First Response Classes (Adult/Child/Infant CPR; Adult/Child AED; First Aid)...TBD

"All members should have or acquire the necessary skills for their service of the needy. For example, they should be trained in 'First Aid' in order to be skilled as the good Samaritan..."
Regulations and Commentary, p. 38

This important class is being offered to all Knights, Dames, Candidates, Auxiliary. Family and friends are also welcome.
PLEASE NOTE...CERTIFICATION NEEDS TO BE RENEWED EVERY TWO YEARS.

Christ House of Diocese of Arlington

Twice a year we sponsor a clothing drive to benefit the Christ House and the outreach they do for the community. Throughout the shut down and beyond, we have been providing a monthly meal for the residents at the Christ House. Contact William Schuyler wjschuyler@gmail.com

Diocese of Arlington WorkCamp (June 17-23, 2023)

Members help to run the clinic during the week. Contact Molly Klote

Lourdes Pilgrimage Reunion for NoVA Region

Committee responsible for tracking malades who have been chosen for Lourdes as well as those who have gone to Lourdes; responsible for planning and coordinating regional Lourdes Reunion Contact Ann Souser anne.souser@gmail.com

Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem

Members are encouraged to reach out to pastors to have a "giving tree" in December or any time of the year to support the lifesaving and peace bringing works of the hospital. This is a primary hospital work of the Order of Malta, providing state-of-the-art pediatric, obstetric, and gynecological care to women and children of the Holy Land. The Hospital treats all those who seek care, regardless of their religion, nationality, or ability to pay. Since 1990, Holy Family Hospital has delivered over 75,000 babies in Bethlehem. Their Mobile Outreach Clinic makes routine visits to remote village communities to provide medical treatment to those in need, and its Well Woman Clinic offers screenings and treatment to post-menopausal women for diabetes, cancer, and cardiovascular diseases. It is the only hospital in the region equipped to care for premature infants and women with high-risk pregnancies. As Bethlehem's second largest employer, it provides more than 160 jobs for Palestinian families. The Hospital unites Christians and Muslims as they work together to foster peace through medicine. Located only 1,500 steps from the birthplace of Christ, Holy Family Hospital is an instrument of peace and a beacon of hope in region filled with strife and uncertainty. It embraces all who seek care, and *no one is ever turned away*. <https://birthplaceofhope.org> Contact Peter-Anthony Pappas peter-pappas@gmail.com or Michael Gaffney Gaffneymj@hotmail.com

2022-2023 SMOM NoVA Region Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2022

September 2: First Friday Mass Location Basilica of St Mary in Old Town..8am Mass and breakfast at Executive Diner

September 6 Memorial Mass for Father Vincent R Capodanno 6:30pm at Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC

September 21: Our Lady of Philermo votive Mass 7pm with Rededication Ceremony and Regional Meeting

Location will be St Ambrose Parish Hall for Mass and gathering.

OCTOBER 2022

October 7: First Friday Mass... Basilica of St Mary in Old Town..8am Mass and breakfast at Executive Diner

October 14-15 Investiture Weekend, Washington, DC

October 19: Respect Life Bl Gerard Votive Mass 7pm and DOF ; Location will be at St Michael's Church in Annandale

DOF Speaker Fr Joseph Rampino "How Does History Inform Us as Members of the Order Today?"

Father will share his experience of being a seminarian in Rome and his connection to the Order. He will speak about the history of the Order while connecting it to how it informs us today as we carry out the works and defend the Faith.

October 21: Blessed Karl Mass at Saint Mary Mother of God Catholic Church 7pm

Blessed Karl Mass with members of the von Hapsburg Imperial Family, sponsored by the Blessed Karl League at St. Mary Mother of God in DC, location of the Blessed Karl Shrine. Blessed Karl was SMOM Bailiff of the Grand Cross and patron of marriage and diplomacy.

NOVEMBER 2022

November 4 First Friday Mass Basilica of St Mary in Old Town..8am Mass and breakfast at local restaurant TBD

November 16: Requiem Mass for Deceased Members 7pm and DOF; Speaker TBD

Location will be St Ambrose Church in Annandale

November 17 Catholic Distance University (CDU) Convocation and Gala
at St John Paul National Shrine; They have programs that support SMOM prison ministry

November 19 Archdiocese for the Military Services Benefit Mass and Dinner

DECEMBER 2022

Advent: November 27-December 24

December 2: **First Friday Mass** ... Basilica of St Mary in Old Town..8am Mass and breakfast at a local restaurant TBD

December 9-11: NoVA Annual Retreat at San Damiano Spirituality Center

December 14 (Please note this is not the third Thursday due to Christmas.)
Advent Mass and social 7pm

JANUARY 2023

January 6: **First Friday** Time and location TBD

January 18 **Mass at 7pm and DOF Speaker** TBD
Location will be St Michael's

January 20: March for Life

FEBRUARY 2023

February 3: **First Friday Mass** Time and location TBD

February 11: **World Day of the Sick;** Holy Hour Details TBD

February 15: **Mass at 7pm and DOF Speaker** TBD
The location will be St Ambrose

February 22 Ash Wednesday

MARCH 2023

March 19 Laetare Benefit for the cloistered Linden Dominicans nuns.

March 3: **First Friday Mass** Time and location TBD

Date to be Determined: **Lenten Morning of Reflection and lunch....**Mass at 8:30am at **St Michael's**. Details to follow

March 15 No Mass due to Diocesan "The Light is On" for Lent. DOF; Location TBD

March 25: **Anointing of the Sick Mass** ...St Michael's Church
(additional note...March 16, 2024 is also scheduled for Anointing Mass)

March 30- Archdiocese for the Military Services USA *Chrism Mass*

APRIL 2023

April 7: **First Friday Mass** Time and location TBD

April 6 *Chrism Mass* Diocese of Arlington

April 7: Good Friday

April 9: Easter Sunday

April 19: Mass at 7pm and DOF

May 3 - 10 Lourdes Pilgrimage

Diaconate Ordination when Bishop ordains seminarians as transitional deacons, who will serve on Arlington Diocese for one year before being called to Presbyteral Ordination (SMOM charism to defend the faith). *Usually takes place in late April or early May.*

MAY 2023

Holy Family Hospital Foundation Mother | Daughter Tea

May 5: First Friday Mass Time and location TBD

May 6: WMET | GRN 'Fishers of Men' Mass and Dinner

May 17: Mass 7pm and DOF; Speaker TBD

May 21? Archdiocese for the Military Services USA **Memorial Day Mass** when Archbishop, Chaplains, service members and veterans pray for deceased military service members. (SMOM charism to defend the faith). *Usually takes place on the Sunday before Memorial Day weekend.*

JUNE 2023

Presbyteral Ordination when Bishop ordains transitional deacons as priests, who will serve on Arlington Diocese (SMOM charism to defend the faith). *Usually takes place in early June.*

Corpus Christi Processions in various Diocesan parishes, as requested by pastors. Needs permission from Federal Association USA Office.

Cité Soleil Haiti Culinary Tasting Event

June 2: First Friday Mass Time and location TBD

June 21: SHOULD THIS BE THE DATE FOR OUR NATIVITY OF ST JOHN MASS? INSTEAD OF SATURDAY JUNE 24?

Nativity of St John Baptist Mass 7pm with social afterwards

when members renew their promises as Dames and Knights of Magistral Grace or those in Obedience.

June 17-23. Diocese of Arlington WorkCamp

Members help to run the clinic during the week.

JULY 2023

Lourdes Pilgrimage Mass and Reunion when Chaplains, members, Malades and Companions from across Federal Association meet and pray for their intentions and for deceased Malades. (SMOM charism to serve poor and sick). *Normally takes place in mid-July.*

SMOM Northern Virginia Committees

If after careful consideration and prayer you discern that you might be called to serve on a committee, please contact the committee chair to see if additional help is needed.

Membership/Development; Molly Klote. Drmolly3@aol.com

This committee encourages members to invite potential members to participate and learn about the Order; connects with potential members once they decide they'd like to learn more, conducts informational meetings about the Order, assists potential members to apply; works closely with the Formation Committee.

Membership Formation; Terry White twhiteSMOM@aol.com

This committee forms candidates and helps them to further discern the Order (typically after application has been accepted); organizes activities to help the continuing formation of members.

Spirituality; Bruce Gnatowski bgnatowski@verizon.net and Lorrie Breen Lbr79@msn.com

This committee works with formation and DOF committees to provide spiritual formation through various opportunities including special masses, mornings of reflection, annual retreat, "book talks", presentations, etc.

Defense of the Faith; David Carradini carradini.smom@gmail.com

This committee coordinates and plans the monthly DOF presentations.

Works of the Order Michael Gaffney gaffneymj@hotmail.com

Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Support Peter-Anthony Pappas peter.pappas@gmail.com

This committee coordinates and oversees the various outreach projects in our region.

Faith in Action; Bill Kelly bkelly1041@aol.com and Bill Williams wwilliams1565@gmail.com

This committee connects to members who are not able to participate fully by communicating on a regular basis either through calls or texts or emails and keeps them up to date as well as connects to members we have not heard from in a while to find ways to re-engage them in the Order.

Hospitality; Lorrie Breen Lbr79@msn.com

This committee provides food at monthly DOF meetings, mornings of reflection, retreat, and other gatherings or events.

Technology; Ted Zagrobelny tedzag@verizon.net

This committee assist in recording the monthly DOF and other meetings where possible, posting the information on social media)

Communications Committee: Chair Needed

(Communications for Anointing Mass: :Mary Petrino mary.petrino@gmail.com and Elizabeth Scheuren elamscheuren@aol.com)

This committee manages the monthly newsletter, Malta Moment articles, press release and ads for Anointing Mass and other events that may need publicity; interfaces with Federal Association to ensure that information is up to date on the website)

Auxiliary; Andy Craig craigaj@gmail.com

This committee connects with and plan outreach activities for young adults to support those in need and become involved with the works of the Order.

Prison Ministry; Bruce Gnatowski bgnatowski@verizon.net

Members become pen pals with people who are in prison.

Anointing Mass Committee

Treasurer; Terry White twhiteSMOM@aol.com

LISTING OF SPECIAL MASSES AND EVENTS THAT MEMBERS SUPPORT

Diocese of Arlington:

- **Mass + Anointing of Sick** when SMOM NoVA Region brings the Lourdes experience to Malades in Arlington Diocese. In past years, we served luncheon to attendees. We also have attendees fill out Lourdes petitions that we take to the Grotto. (SMOM charism to serve to sick and poor of the Diocese). *Usually takes place in mid- to late March.*
- **Chrism Mass** when Bishop confects sacred oils and priests renew promises (SMOM charism to defend the faith and service to sick and poor of the Diocese). *Usually takes place in late March or early April, one Holy Thursday.*
- **Diaconate Ordination** when Bishop ordains seminarians as transitional deacons, who will serve on Arlington Diocese for one year before being called to Presbyteral Ordination (SMOM charism to defend the faith). *Usually takes place in late April or early May.*
- **Presbyteral Ordination** when Bishop ordains transitional deacons as priests, who will serve on Arlington Diocese (SMOM charism to defend the faith). *Usually takes place in early June.*
- **Corpus Christi Processions** in various Diocesan parishes, as requested by pastors. Needs permission from Federal Association USA Office. (SMOM charism to defend the faith). *Usually takes place in June.*

Archdiocese for the Military Services USA

- **Chrism Mass** when Archbishop confects sacred oils and military chaplains renew priestly promises (SMOM charism to defend the faith). *Usually takes place in late March or early April, one week prior to Holy Thursday.*
- **Memorial Day Mass** when Archbishop, Chaplains, service members and veterans pray for deceased military service members. (SMOM charism to defend the faith). *Usually takes place on the Sunday before Memorial Day weekend.*
- **Fr. Capodanno, MM Memorial Mass** when Archbishop, Chaplains, service members and veterans pray for Servant of God Fr. Vincent Capodanno, MM, martyr of Vietnam War. (SMOM charism to defend the faith). *Usually takes place on day closest to 4 September anniversary of Fr. Capodanno's death.*

SMOM Northern Virginia Region and Federal Association USA

Monthly Defense of Faith Mass

Chaplains, members and candidates pray for monthly intentions. (SMOM charism to defend the faith). *Takes place on the third Wednesday of the month, except July and August.*

- **Lourdes Pilgrimage Mass and Reunion** when Chaplains, members, Malades and Companions from across Federal Association meet and pray for their intentions and for deceased Malades. (SMOM charism to serve poor and sick). *Normally takes place in mid-July.*

- **Lenten Mass + Day of Reflection** when members meet for Mass and reflection on Lenten topic presentation by our Magistral Chaplain. (SMOM charism to defend the faith and service to sick and poor). *Usually takes place in the first week of Lent.*

- **St. John's Day Mass** when members renew their promises as Dames and Knights of Magistral Grace or those in Obedience. (SMOM charism to defend the faith and service to sick and poor of the Diocese). *Usually takes place in on or before 24 June.*

- **Mass for Sanctity of Life** Chaplains, members and candidates pray for greater respect for life. (SMOM charism to defend the faith and to serve poor and sick). *Usually takes place in September or November.*

- **Annual Investiture Mass** with members of the Federal Association USA. *Usually takes place in mid-October.*

- **Blessed Karl Mass** with members of the von Hapsburg Imperial Family, sponsored by the Blessed Karl League at St. Mary Mother of God in DC, location of the Blessed Karl Shrine. Blessed Karl was SMOM Bailiff of the Grand Cross and patron of marriage and diplomacy. (SMOM charism to defend the faith and to serve poor and sick). *Mass is always held on 21 October.*

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Mass for Deceased Members

Chaplains, members and candidates pray for deceased members of the Order. (SMOM charism to defend the faith). *Usually takes place in November.*

- Advent Mass + Day of Reflection

when members meet for Mass and reflection on Advent topic presentation by one of our our Magistral Chaplains. (SMOM charism to defend the faith and service to sick and poor). *Usually takes place in early Advent.*

FUNDRAISING EVENTS THAT WE HAVE SUPPORTED IN THE PAST

February

Catholic Charities Ball

March:

MARCH 19 Laetare Benefit for the cloistered Linden Dominicans nuns.

May:

May 6 WMET | GRN 'Fishers of Men' Mass and Dinner

- Holy Family Hospital Foundation Mother | Daughter Tea

June:

- Cité Soleil Culinary Tasting Event

November:

Divine Mercy Care Gala

November 17 Catholic Distance University Convocation and Gala

November 19 Archdiocese for the Military Services Benefit Mass and Dinner