

TAGASTE NEWSLETTER
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Late spring 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!

Suffern Street Fair. For the first time Sacred Heart Church and Tagaste Monastery had a booth at the biannual Suffern Street Fair on May 1, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year the Fair drew more than 100 vendors representing various commercial and social groups from the Suffern area. There was plenty of food along with live music, crafts, clothing, and other items for purchase. The church booth featured religious articles, 150th Anniversary Journal books, and many flyers giving information on the various religious and social services offered by the parish. Because of the good weather and the relaxing of Covid restrictions there were a great many people walking along Main Street (Lafayette Avenue) in Suffern and stopping at the various booths.



***Under the red tent:** Frs. Michael Rafferty (l) and John Gruben together with Jean Bolton (c) and Ray and Donna Miller at the Sacred Heart/Tagaste Monastery booth at the Suffern Street Fair on May 1, 2022. The church booth was located on the East end of Main Street next to the Knights of Columbus.*



***April showers . . .** Roses were especially abundant this year. The garden was planted in memory of Margaret Costello, who had been house accountant at Tagaste and an active member of the Tagaste SARs as well as a loyal parishioner at Sacred Heart.*

Annual Tagaste Golf Outing. After a hiatus of two years due to the Covid pandemic the Golf Outing was back in 2022 to celebrate its 25th Anniversary as a fund-raiser for the benefit of our Augustinian Recollect seminarians. Greg Hayden once again headed up the Golf Committee, ably assisted by Ian Raywid and Mike Poole. Some 120 golfers participated in the event, which was held on Wednesday, May 11 at the Spook Rock Golf Course in Suffern. The day, which was warm and sunny, began with lunch at noon and concluded with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. and buffet dinner at 7:00 p.m. In consideration of the lingering effects of the virus the gathering took place under a large tent on the grounds instead of in the chalet. The evening included a silent auction, door prizes, and a 50/50. Designated for the scholarship this year were Benito Vergara and Sigifredo Guererro, both students at our formation house in Mexico City. Many thanks to all of those who made this year's Outing another winning event!



***Recollect table (l to r):** Frs. Eric Crelencia, Paco Legarra, Charles Huse, Michael Rafferty, and John Gruben, and Connie Montanye, president of the Tagaste Guild.*



***In appreciation.** Mr. Greg Hayden (l) receives a special plaque of appreciation from the Tagaste community for his outstanding leadership in promoting the Golf Outing for so many years. Next to Greg are (l to r) Mike Poole, Fr. John, Ian Raywid, and Frs. Michael, Charles, Paco, and Eric.*

First Holy Communion. Twenty-nine candidates from the Religious Education Program and their families gathered at Sacred Heart on Saturday, May 14 for reception of First Holy Communion. Masses were held at 11 a.m. in English with Fr. Michael as main celebrant and 1 p.m. in Spanish with Fr. John as main celebrant.



***First Communion, 2022** (l to r): Frs. Eric, John, and Michael join a group of recipients of their First Communion following the Mass at Sacred Heart on May 14.*



***We remember.** Fr. John (c) with members of the Vincent Linguanti Lodge of the Sons of Italy for their annual Memorial Mass for deceased members on May 15. Following the Mass all enjoyed an outdoor lunch at DaNina's Restaurant in Suffern.*

Celebrating 50th Wedding Anniversaries. Three couples received special blessings marking fifty years of marriage at a special Mass on May 22; Fr. Michael was celebrant at the Mass and congratulated each of the couples in the name of the parish community. Following the Mass there was a reception in the rectory with coffee and pastries.



***Congratulations!** Fr. Michael with three couples who renewed their wedding promises following Mass in the gymnasium at Sacred Heart Church, May 22.*



Frs. Michael (l) and John with Ethel and Cyndy Eliazo at a reception in the rectory following Mass celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.



On familiar ground: Fr. Michael is once again asked by the Village of Suffern to give the invocation for Memorial Day, 2022. Standing to Fr. Michael's left is the new Suffern mayor, Michael Curley.

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

Fr. John Gruben, OAR, prior
Theresa Giampaglia, SAR president
Connie Montanye, Guild President



***The gang's all here** to celebrate Fr. Eric's Birthday on May 16 at Character Restaurant in Sloatsburg (l to r): Frs. Michael, Eric, John, Paco, Miguel, Fidel, and Charles.*

