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Mary Rose Mission
TO LOVE AS GOD LOVES



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Our Mission Statement:

The Mary Rose Mission is a Catholic organization comprised of volunteers providing spiritual, emotional, and material assistance to people in need. Our motto, "To Love as God Loves," is carried out by our loving service to those who seek our aid.

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Meal Service:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Saturday, Sunday
4:00 pm—6:00 pm

Find us on Facebook!
Facebook Page:
Facebook.com/MaryRoseMission

Interested in Volunteering?
email us at:
volunteer@maryrosemission.org

MRM PRAYER GROUP
MRM Prayer group gathers every
3rd Monday of the month, 7:00 pm at
The MRM on Main St to pray for the
mission. All are welcome!

**MRM Newsletter is now
available via email!**
If you would like to begin receiving
the Newsletter by email please contact
us by emailing MRMstaff@gmail.com
with your first and last name.



A Message From an Old Friend....

I have repeated many times that the true mission of the ministry on Main Street in Florence is to radiate Christ's love and mercy to our guests. Time after time, we see the changes in our guests as they come regularly for dinner. Once strangers, we now call many of them our friends. Some of our guests come for a while then for some unknown reason we don't see them any longer. Right before Christmas we heard from one of our former "regulars". His name is Mark and he called the Mary Rose Mission. I would like to share his message with you. First, he wanted to wish everyone at the Mary Rose Mission a Merry Christmas. He mentioned he had been sober for two years and was now working with addicts and alcoholics at a rehab center in Lexington. He attributes his recovery to the kindness shown by the volunteers of the Mary Rose Mission. He was so grateful. Radiating Christ's love and mercy to all who enter is the purpose. It changes lives.

Cindy Carris,
President

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PANTRY ITEMS WISHLIST

See website...under the "How to Help" tab, click on "Current Pantry Needs" to see a complete list of our most up-to-date wishlist.



SPECIAL REQUESTS
• Gift cards to grocery stores

The Meaning of our Name

Mary- the mother of Jesus
Rose- symbol of love
Mission- doing God's work
Mary Rose Mission- "Motherly love doing God's work."

Please check our website for fundraising opportunities.

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”
—Psalm 51:10

To Our Volunteers...

As we bid farewell to 2015 and welcome in 2016, MRM would like to say ‘THANK YOU’ to all our volunteers! Each week, we rely on 98 volunteers to provide 382 hours of service! This doesn’t include our loyal shoppers, accountants, web

developers, trainers, cleaners, newsletter designers and marketing/PR professionals who provide countless hours of service over and above the minimum requirement to feed our guests.

Cook’s Corner

THE SWEETEST FOOD DRIVE



At Mary Rose Mission, dessert is served with every meal. Which means we need 2400 servings of dessert each month. This number will increase as we reach our goal of serving dinner seven days a week. You can help us provide sweetness to our guests by participating in "The Sweetest Food Drive".

Please participate by donating gift cards for any grocery store in the area. These cards will be used to purchase eggs, milk, cream cheese, yogurt, fresh fruit and other perishables needed for making desserts. There is also a list of non- perishable dessert ingredients on our web site. Click the tab "How to Help" then select "Current Pantry Needs."

Please note that we cannot accept food donations after 2:00 pm on days we serve a meal. *

In compliance with the Board of Health, all the food we serve must be cooked in a commercial kitchen. You cannot bake cookies for Mary Rose Mission a home but you can volunteer to transform raw materials into delectable desserts in the Mission kitchen. If baking at MRM is where you would like to help please send an e-mail with your name and phone number to mrstaff@maryrosemission.org, someone from MRM Staff will contact you.

Help us make February the sweetest month of the year!!

Marci Catanzaro

Week at a Glance- Volunteers

Service Days

1	morning office staff	9:00-noon
1	afternoon office staff	noon-3:00
1	FSM* for prep shift	11:00-3:00
3	Prep volunteers	11:00-3:00
1	FSM for serve shift	3:00-7:00
1	DRM** for serve shift	3:00-7:00
11	serving volunteers	3:00-7:00

19 Volunteers per day
= 74 Volunteer Hours per day!

Non- Service Days

1	morning office staff	9:00-noon
1	afternoon office staff	noon-3:00

2 Volunteers
= 6 Volunteer Hours per day!

*FSM- Food Service Manager trained and certified by the Health Dept
**DRM – Dining Room Manager trained by a staff member to help organize our guests

The Grenada Corner



The MRM House in Grenada



Vincent and Lurine Moraine organize the Mary Rose Mission in Grenada. Vincent and Lurine have been carrying on the work that first began with our own Fr. Ed Conlon, a local retired priest who became a missionary in Grenada many years ago. Vincent and Lurine work tirelessly overseeing the Mary Rose Mission Home in St. Martin De Porres, representing the Mary Rose Mission in their visits to the poor and sick, as well as keeping us updated on the St. Martin De Porres Nursing Home as well as other duties too numerous to name.

“A GENIUS IN THE WORD OF GOD”

Next month three of us from the Mary Rose Mission will travel to Grenada to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of "ST. Martins Home for the Aged." It's only fitting that we should pay tribute to Father Ed Conlon who founded the home, along with St. Joseph Church and countless other projects that contributed greatly to the lives of many people in Grenada.

There is no aspect of the word LOVE that Father Conlon didn't live and demonstrate throughout his priestly life.---- And if humility is the road to love, Father Ed is "LOVE".

Father Ed involved himself each and every day in pursuing his love for others he literally forgot about his own existense. If I could become just a single beam from the light of his life, I would have accomplished a great deal in this world. Father Ed was a perfect role model and after living with him for weeks always improved your direction in life. He took us on many sick calls to bring communion to the sick and the blind. Many of these calls required a lot of rough walking through the dense tropical forest. His style was God's style, always leaving the people at peace and in love with our Lord.

Father Ed was an early riser always beginning each day with his first Mass 5:30 A.M. Afterwards he would then eat a light breakfast before going back to ST. Martins for holy hour which began with the rosary. He was a regular visitor at the prison and always brought shoes to the prisoners when he would return from his visits to Cincinnati. Many days he would return after dark and we would always see the lights go on in the church.

Father Ed introduced the sport of basketball throughout the island after purchasing all of the equipment in Miami and having "Food For the Poor" ship it to Grenada. His many friends and classmates from Purcell High School and Xavier University helped him finance the "Basketball Project.” In Grenada he was known as, "The Father of Basketball.”

For fifteen years Father Ed lived a humble life in Grenada with meager surroundings. He served the people there with the love, compassion and generosity of a father. He was as humble as the people who walked into his home for advice and or assistance. Most of his clothes were the clothes of the people who visited him and left their clothes behind.

Reciting a litany of Father Ed's holy and magnificent life of accomplishments is nearly impossible. I am going to key off with a phrase that Father Ed used so often ending a sentence, "Oh well, you know what I mean."

Phil 3:17

"Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us"

Please help the Mary Rose Mission carry on the work of Father ED with your prayers and generosity!

Ray Kolkmeier