

Mary Rose Mission

TO LOVE AS GOD LOVES



August 2015

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.

Contact

Address:

272 Main St.
Florence, KY 41042
859-292-0300

Office Hours:

Mon-Fri. 9:00-12:00

Email Address:

maryrosemission@gmail.com

Website:

www.maryrosemission.org

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**



Radiating Christ at MRM

At the Mary Rose Mission the volunteers are very blessed to have the privilege to witness the impact our ministry has on our dinner guests. Before each and every meal service we pray Mother Teresa's "Radiating Christ" prayer with any of our guests who are waiting outside in line. A line in it says, "Jesus, shine through us and be so in us that every soul we in contact with may feel Your presence in our souls..." This prayer and the loving service we provide have a powerful influence on all of us, volunteers and guests alike. For example, Shawn began coming to the Mary Rose Mission over a year ago. When he started coming he didn't pray with us and he rarely made eye contact. But over time he began to change. He started to pray with us. He even began to smile and he would thank us for the delicious meal. You could see a healing take place within him. One day he told me, "you know, you all do that prayer... We all talk about it... Everyone here does that prayer – you all show us Jesus." He then went on to share how he felt Jesus and His love at the Mary Rose Mission. You could see new life in him. Months later, Shawn shared how he changed his life through God's grace. Instead of running from God when life became difficult, he turned to God and asked for help. He told us how he began to see how God really worked in his life. Nowadays, we don't see Shawn very often anymore. He found a path out of homelessness to a job and permanent housing. When we last saw him, he told us he was working six days per week with God in his heart and loving every minute of it. God's grace is at work here and we get to witness it. What a blessing.

Cindy Carris,

President

“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

—Hebrews 4:16

Volunteer's Perspective

By Adam Lannon

I walked into Mary Rose Mission in Florence, KY to volunteer for the first time two years ago. I had no idea at that time that volunteering there would make such an impact in my life. I started volunteering at MRM in order to achieve the service hour requirements for high school, but since then it has become so much more. Over the past year, I have been going back to MRM to volunteer because, honestly, it just feels right.

There is such a welcoming and pleasant atmosphere at MRM, from the minute you walk in the door, to the minute you walk out. Being surrounded by such an atmosphere, and being around people who are fueled by the Love of Christ is truly an amazing thing. Not only is the atmosphere special, many of the patrons of Mary Rose Mission are really good people. I have learned so much and gained a great amount of perspective by meeting and talking to all of the people that come through.

It has made me realize that God is always present, regardless of anyone's status or situation. Being a part of this loving community has become a big part of my life, and I look forward to every opportunity that I get to volunteer at MRM.

Cook's Corner

Featured Recipe — “Judy Berg Minestrone Soup”

- ◆ 10 gal beef broth
- ◆ 20 lbs. ground beef
- ◆ 10 lbs. diced tomatoes
- ◆ 4 lbs. carrots
- ◆ 4 lbs. zucchini
- ◆ 180 oz. kidney beans
- ◆ 1-#10 can tomato sauce
- ◆ 1-#10 can garbanzo beans
- ◆ 3T minced garlic
- ◆ 2 lbs. fresh spinach
- ◆ 3 lbs. elbow macaroni
- ◆ 180 oz. green beans



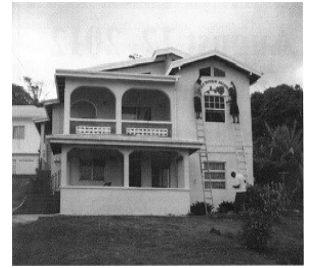
Preparing a hot meal for 150 guest 5 days /week requires a tremendous amount of canned and non-perishable food.

As the season of giving approaches, we graciously anticipate an increase in donations to our pantry. Getting the food in the door and on pantry shelves can be a challenge:

We are asking for your help by dropping off food on **Mondays** or **Fridays only**. We cannot accept food donations during serving hours. The dining room is very crowded and volunteers are busy serving our guests. It is also helpful if we know you are coming so there is someone at the Mission. If you have more than three bags of groceries we would appreciate your scheduling delivery by calling the office or completing the form at the bottom of the “Current Pantry Needs” page on our website. Thank you for helping us to continue to feed the hungry!

-Marci Catanzaro

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.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF LOVING CARE AT ST. MARTIN'S HOME IN GRENADA

It was in the year 1989 that we first visited Grenada and as it happened, Father Ed Conlan was digging the first ceremonial ground-breaking for the St. Martin DePorres Nursing and Retirement Home. Construction of the building was delayed at one point because of "lack of funding", but after a couple of years the building was completed and began accepting residents. Father Conlan often walked many of the sick and elderly people into the home. In making house calls throughout many years Father Conlan saw the desperate need for such a facility. I am sure his prayers and many +++ rosaries left God no choice but to answer his prayers. If Father Conlan wasn't out visiting or helping someone, he was praying. I see God's imprint all over that home!

Now seventeen years after Father Conlan's death, one can see God's blessing to so many people who were able to find a caring and loving life in a holy home named after St. Martin DePorres, who himself founded a hospital and orphanage. Like Father Conlan, his prodigious efforts to help the poor and the sick, brought him veneration from all who know him.

The Mary Rose Mission became involved in following the path of a holy priest. We even had a lay missionary Dennis Berling in Grenada for two and a half years, spending much time in the Nursing Home and visiting the sick. He even conducted Communion Service when a priest was not available. We continue to be prayerful and hopeful that God will send us another "Lay Missionary or Priest" to minister to the residents at the Home and the members of the parish.

After 25 years, the Home is in need of some major changes and equipment, like a new kitchen. Believe me! The need is there! We had an exceptional response at the Grenada Dinner and we have a great opportunity again on February 24th, 2016 when we go to Grenada to celebrate the 25th anniversary of St. Martin's Home with the people of Grenada. I'm sure they are not expecting a gift but it would certainly add to the celebration coming from the many generous people who have supported St. Martin's Home for years. Let's help build them a new kitchen!

By the way, why don't some of you wonderful people join us in Grenada to show our lasting and loving support for St. Martin's Home. Call the Mary Rose Mission. We will arrange to give you all the necessary information you need to make the trip. We guarantee the weather will be warm and the people "friendly"!

The Mary Rose Mission

272 Main Street

Florence, KY 41042

Non-profit Org.

U.S. Postage Paid

Cincinnati, OH

Board Members

- Sandy Rasmussen, Founder
- Cindy Carris, President
- Tim Carris, Vice President
- Donna Prieshoff Secretary
- John Doubrava, Treasurer
- Fr. Leo Schmidt, Spiritual Director
- Vivian Turton
- Carolyn Velten
- Mary Lazzari
- Don Velten
- Ray Kolkmeier

Staff Members

- Cindy Carris
- Donna Prieshoff
- Amy Schult
- Becky Wesdorp
- Mary Beth Woods
- Karen Sturm
- Kathy Lubbers
- Misha Bell
- Mary Lazzari
- Marge Plumm
- Marci Catnzaro
- Sarah Andrews

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

- ♦ **Large containers of ground coffee**
- ♦ **Large jars of powdered coffee creamer**
- ♦ **Individual servings of Oyster crackers**



The Meaning of our Name

Mary- the mother of Jesus

Rose- symbol of love

Mission- doing God's work

Please check our website for fundraising opportunities.