



**Patricia Anesetti** graciously loaned her beautiful statue and **Father Alphonse** blessed it before the procession began. Everyone lit their candles from the two candles on either side of the statue.



The candlelight procession continued around the church while reciting the Holy Rosary and singing praises to Our Blessed Mother who was carefully held in place by **Jerry Sulli** in **Sydney McQuade's** beautiful blue Jeep.



**Mary Young** gave an inspirational speech of Mary's intercession in her life. **Kathryn Guido & Linda Hicks** chat at the ice cream social – planned by the Prime Timers - in McKeon Hall after the procession. **Ann Browne, Gladys Gannon, Pat Wagner and Diane Bylicky** enjoy the ice cream and the company.



On the beautiful evening of May 31<sup>st</sup>, the Feast of the Visitation and the last day of the month of May devoted to our Blessed Mother, St. Elizabeth Seton held their first annual procession to the devotion of Mary.

Gathering inside the church, everyone was given a candle and booklet designed with prayers and hymns specific to the event. The statue to lead the procession was blessed by Father Alphonse who also offered an introductory reflection on our devotion to Mary. The statue was generously loaned by Patricia Anesetti, a Prime Timer who realized we did not have an appropriate statue to use for this occasion.

Candles on either side of Mary were used to light individual candles. Once all the candles were lit, Father Alphonse led everyone outside the church to commence with the procession.

Sydney McQuade graciously provided her blue Jeep to lead the procession with Mary visible through the sun roof facing the parade of followers. As we processed, we recited the Holy Rosary and sang hymns of praise to Our Blessed Mother.

Upon arriving back at the church entrance, the Litany of The Blessed Virgin Mary was recited. Back inside the church, Father led the final prayers and hymns and a closing speech by Mary Young told of trials and tribulations in her personal life and family where prayers for Mary's intercession were answered. Her inspirational and honest accounts of how and why her devotion to Our Blessed Mother is woven into the fabric of her life - and the lives of her family - were appreciated and well received.

When the ceremony ended, everyone gathered in McKeon Hall for an ice cream treat provided by the Prime Timers.

Thank you to Father Alphonse and the parishioners who planned, executed and attended this event:

Patricia Anesetti – for the loan of her beautiful statue  
Sydney McQuade - for the ride for Mary  
Jerry Sulli – for holding Mary securely during the entire procession  
Kathryn Guido and the Prime Timers – for the ice cream gathering  
Barbara Squires – for printed communications

Thank you to all who attended this meaningful event. We look forward to next year's procession and hope everyone will attend!