

## SHRINE'S WOMEN'S DAY BENEFITS BOTH SHRINE AND RUSTIC HOPE



**(MARIA STEIN, OHIO OCTOBER 17, 2018)** - On Saturday, October 13th, the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics held a Women's Day of Faith, Fun and Friendship. Over 20 different vendors had booths displaying various items from jewelry, beauty products, clothing, health & wellness items and baked goods. Visitors could stroll the vendor fair, the Shrine itself and attend any of the 4 special events.

The day started with weekly 10am Mass in the Adoration Chapel. Immediately after, Julie Monnin, author of "The World is Noisy, God Whispers" held a faith formation presentation and book signing for a full Chapel of guests. Shortly after, the events continued with Theresa Nelson's sold out lunch presentation in the new Upper Room "Natural Health in the Medical World and How Prayer Opened the Doors". The busy day concluded with a special, rare art workshop by world-renowned artist, Tim Langenderfer. Twenty-one lucky participants received first-hand instruction from Tim and created a beautiful, faith-inspired fall piece of art.

"While the Shrine has done similar types of events in the past, this one was truly unique" stated Marketing & PR Manager, Susie Bergman. "It was a big undertaking for the Shrine's staff and volunteers, but everything came together nicely. We welcomed so many new faces, which was our goal from the beginning. We wanted to offer activities that would appeal to a broader audience and make everyone feel welcome, no matter their religious background. There is so much rich history here to be explored, and it's amazing to me that it's still an undiscovered treasure to many in the area, but we're working on that."

The funds raised from the day's activities included a monetary donation to Rustic Hope, a non-profit in Russia that offers free support to single mothers before, during, and after delivery.

“When this event was being developed, we knew we wanted to do something to give back to the community that has been so generous to us” stated Diana Russell, Director of Fund Development for the Shrine, “it was suggested that we should donate a portion of our proceeds to a non-profit that helps women, which was strongly supported by our vendors. They helped make this donation happen and for that we are grateful”.

Founded in 1875, the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics provides faith nourishment and spiritual renewal through opportunities for prayer and pilgrimage and inspiration from the lives of the saints. We invite you to visit, explore and enjoy an environment rich in holiness and history. For Shrine hours and event information, follow us on Facebook, Instagram or visit [www.mariasteinshrine.org](http://www.mariasteinshrine.org).

