

## ECRC January 2014 Newsletter

### A Night of Faith



Paco and Inez Gavrilides were the featured guest speakers at ECRC's monthly faith night at Shenandoah. The husband and wife ministry featured sacred music and meditation focusing on our Blessed Mother Mary. Next faith night will be Friday January 31 7 to 8:30 p.m.

### PROOF IN HEALING

#### Blind Faith



“Seeing is believing” goes the saying but Ann Marie Di Legge’s belief in healing was beyond site.

Almost considered legally blind and to the point her doctor feared she may not be able to keep her driver's license, the 31-year-old is now boasting a 20/30 vision.

The Italian-American wife and mother of three met Adora Kassab Ibrahim through Ann Marie's her husband, an old friend from school. They sat at the table at a friends' wedding. They began talking about faith. The two began praying for each other's families. Adora mentioned ECRC and Tom Naemi's story and healing mass.

Prayer and healing was not foreign to Ann Marie. As a deep believer, she grew up with her father praying in Tongues and with a deep devotion to the Holy Spirit. He would pray over her while playing worship music and reading the bible over her at night. "I have had miracles happen on me," said Ann Marie. "A pot of boiling oil spilled on my face at 3-years-old and my father prayed over me. I have no scars from the injury."

Ann Marie was born with a genetic eye disease called keratoconus, which is an abnormal cone-shaped protrusion of the cornea of the eye; she was told that she would eventually need cornea replacement. The surgery is done on one eye at a time and would require Ann Marie not to drive for six months after each surgery, which would mean a year of not driving.

In order to see, she has to wear two sets of contacts daily.

As she grew older, her eyes became progressively worse and last year, she developed an ulcer of the cornea. Doctors prescribed high doses of Motrin and an anesthetic eye drop for the pain. "I felt like someone was cutting my eyes with glass."

One night she fell asleep and woke up screaming from pain. Fluid oozed from her eye. "I told my husband this was it. My cornea was splitting and I would go blind."

She asked her husband to get holy water, the bible and to start praying over her by reading scripture. She also woke up her 5 year old daughter to pray over her. "She placed her hand over my eyes and began to speak another language," said Ann Marie. "I asked her what she had said and she said 'I asked Jesus to heal your eyes and he said yes.' My eyes stopped hurting and I went to bed."

"The next morning she was going on through my day and my eyes started pounding and they became extremely sensitive to the light. I had a headache. I was looking for priest to do healing. I knew I need someone to pray over me. I made phone calls and could not find anyone and then remembered Adora mentioning Tom Naemi. I called him."

Tom was quite a distance away and was not able to see Ann Marie. He told her that we would be free in a few days but she could not wait. His healing mass was too far in the future. She was driving her car and the time and Tom told her to pull over. He began to pray over her through the phone. "He asked me first if I was a believer and if I believed in miracles. I said yes, of course. He told me to put my hands on stomach. I felt heat and immediate I had no pain. I was crying my head felt ten times bigger before. I started to blinking me eye and I was not feeling the same pin. When My heat went through me my dogs ran from back to front of car and began licking my face."

Believed she was healed, she called her husband and told him about Tom's prayers. She went to the doctors the next morning. "He told me I still had scar tissue but I was no longer in pain."

Ann Marie still wanted more prayers and healing, she planned to attend the healing mass at ECRC. She prepared by fasting for a week prior to the mass.

"That Friday morning Adora me to tell me that that day was the Feast of St. Lucia, the patron saint of eyes. I called my dad right after and said. I was born to be healed today. He cried and laughed at the same time," she recalled.

She attended the healing mass and gave her testimony. This time Tom prayed on her in person. She fell out by the Holy Spirit.

The next morning I was about to wake up and open my eyes and I saw pair of eyes following me. There was not real color but the eyes moved. I then woke up and blinked. I could not feel any callouses and at first I thought I fell asleep with my contact on because I was able to see my husband sleeping next to me which I would not be able to do without my contact.

It was 4 a.m.

In amazement, Ann Marie began walking around her house looking at things she could never see before, like images on the TV or even enough to walk around without having to feel her way through the house.

"I could see fire place, mantel, stockings, I could see TV," she said with excitement. "I open the bible and I could see words and I wrote on my dream journal on the lines."

I got my knees and thanked the Lord. And Christian Channel on and someone said there was going to be healing and someone will experience partial or full healing and some will be restored. Some things are blurry. I said Lord in 7 days restore you are going to restored."

She visited the doctor once again. For the first time in more than 10 years, she could see the BIG E on the eye chart. She returned seven days later and her vision was even stronger. She was not at a 20/30 vision.

"God is amazing," she said. "My vision will be restored. I made a covenant with the Lord and I will not miss one Sunday mass but I want to see prayers answered and going every Sunday daily mass. My dreams, placing in my life, doubt covenant he is keeping with me. I am in awe what he surrounding me with right now. I am so grateful for Adora and Tom being my life and the lord answering.

It is miracle. I am humbled he chose me to work through. You have some things in your life, you are busy

That was not the only miracle in her family. Days later, Tom visited Ann Marie's grandmother who hadn't walked in a year due to hip surgery. He prayed on her and she was able to stand up and walk to the bathroom.

What you realize what is important and make reconvening to me and I will do anything to be in your constant grace. And there is nothing more freighting that he hears you and talk to your face and being in his grace and you don't want to be away.

"God is Awesome and he has been taking me on this journey."