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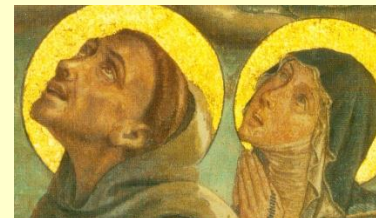
The newsletter of the SS Francis and Clare Fraternity
of the Third Order of St. Francis

*O holy Father, protect those in Your name (John 17:11) whom You have given to me
in the world; they were Yours and You have given them to me. (John 17:6)*

And the words which You gave to me I have given to them...

St. Francis of Assisi

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Something to Consider

We Third Order Franciscans strive to attain holy virtues. These include faithfulness and loyalty to the teaching of the Church, charity and care toward others, humility, joy in knowing we are servants of God, and the imitation of our good St. Francis – who himself strived to live in imitation of Jesus.

Another facet of our vocation is that we live in community. That means we are in regular contact with our brother and sister Third Order Franciscans, not only those in our fraternity, but those in other Third Order fraternities in Youngstown (Padre Pio Fraternity) and Ashtabula (Our Lady of America Fraternity), as well as our beloved Isolated Tertiaries, who stretch from Akron to Australia! We should look on this as a privilege, as a benefit of belonging to a large extended family.

Especially during the Covid pandemic, for some it became easy to isolate from our fraternity and even their parishes. We were encouraged to keep to ourselves, to maintain social distance of at least 6 feet, and at one point, to even stay away from Mass.

Thanks be to God, those days have passed, hopefully never to return. It is true that St. Francis regularly went on private retreats, but he also loved being with his brothers, just as Jesus wanted His apostles around him. When we are near our Franciscan family, it feeds our spiritual life in a positive way, just the same as being part of a loving parish. It is not only expected of us, but it is spiritually and mentally healthy. Our time in community does not end with Profession Day – it is part of our daily life!

Fraternity Council

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– Formation Director

Susan Kramer, TOF
– Newsletter

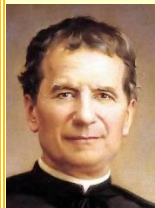
Next Gathering

Sunday, September 18 @ 1:30 PM

**St. Nicholas Byzantine Parish
1051 Robinson Ave. Barberton, OH**

Franciscan Quote of the Month

"The power of evil men lives on the cowardice of the good."



**St. John Bosco (1815-1888) Feast Day January 31
Diocesan Priest, Teacher, Guardian of Homeless Children,
Founder of the Salesian Order, Third Order Franciscan**

Eucharistic Adoration



Sunday
Betty DeMarco, TOF

Monday
Rose Akins, TOF
Louise Daniel, TOF
Virgil Daniel, TOF
Judith Hoyt, TOF

Tuesday
Michael Butts, TOF
Chris Devore, TOF
LeeAnn Devore, TOF
Eileen Dunlap, TOF
Rick Dunlap, TOF
Therese Harper, TOF
Larry McNutt, TOF
Lucy McNutt, TOF
Maria Elena Meza, TOF
Roberto Meza, TOF
Carol Perrine, TOF
Cindy Russo, TOF

Wednesday
Mary Dye, TOF
Bill Marshall, TOF
Jim Miller, TOF

Thursday
Joanne Angeletti, TOF
Denise Williams

Friday
Robert Burtscher, TOF
Debbie Ventosa, TOF
Pepe Ventosa, TOF

Saturday
Susan Kramer, TOF

The apostolate of daily Eucharistic Adoration is VITAL to our Fraternity. It does not depend only on the 26 brothers and sisters listed above and is not only limited to one day. If you wish to take a place on the Adoration list, please contact Susan Kramer. When you find yourself at church, say a prayer of adoration to our good Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

September Anniversaries and Birthdays

Profession Anniversaries

None this month!



Birthdays

Rose Zaratsian, TOF – 9/10
Larry McNutt, TOF – 9/17
Virgil Daniel, TOF – 9/22

Stand for Life



Joanne Angeletti, TOF and Bill Marshal, TOF are scheduled for the Stand for Life on September 17. The following are the guidelines to keep in mind: **Remember to use the residential parking around the corner, and not business parking or Acme's parking – you will be towed. It may be easier to pray without distractions across the street, rather than in front of the clinic. Also, be sure to always remain on the sidewalk. If you are unable to fulfill your commitment, find a substitute. *NEVER* go alone to the clinic – pray from home if your partner will be absent and you cannot find a substitute.**

Franciscan Tertiaries Retreat



Come and join other communities of lay Franciscans at the annual retreat of the Confraternity of Penitents

Speakers: Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap, Fr. Daniel Dozier, TOF, Fr. Vit Fiala, OFM and lay Franciscans, including members of our community

Date: October 26-30, 2022

Place: St. Felix Catholic Center, Huntington, IN

Cost- 2 options:

- \$225 per person or,

- \$200 plus \$25 worth of food and/or paper goods

\$50 deposit required to hold your place. Please RSVP soon.

Only 60 rooms (single rooms) available.

For RSVP and to pay deposit please go to:

www.franciscanthirdorderpenitents.com/retreats

****If you wish to attend but cannot afford the fee, please contact Therese Harper, TOF or anyone on Council – Council has a fund to assist for this.***

Hospitality and Little Portion

Virgil and Louise Daniel, TOF and Chris and LeeAnn Devore, TOF will be providing our hospitality for the September Gathering. Virgil will also prepare the Little Portion, and Denise Williams, who is nearing her Profession, will be delivering.

The Little Portion Apostolate ministers to the homeless and street people of Canton and Akron by providing a simple meal of sandwiches, fruit, and anything individually wrapped for our brothers and sisters in Christ – usually at least 2 meals. You may also add small sized toiletries such as Purell, liquid soap, religious articles, disposable razors, etc. Tube socks are always very useful. Or you may want to deliver the offering. If you are interested, please see Mary Dye, TOF.



As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.

Come and See Report – by Virgil Daniel, TOF, Fraternity Councilor

The Come and See held at St. Nicholas near the end of August was very gratifying. Ten people showed up, and a couple of others who were unable to attend expressed interest as well. Virgil Daniel, TOF, Joanne Angeletti, TOF, and Fr. Vit shared their Franciscan vocation stories and explained what we are all about. Thanks to them, as well as those who supplied refreshments and added their support by their presence.

Debbie Ventosa, TOF, Formation Director, followed up via email with the attendees, and invited them all not only to Formation classes, but to attend our September and October Gatherings to get a feel for our fraternity and how we interact. Please welcome them warmly, as only Franciscans can!

A Word from the Fraternity Minister – by Roberto Meza, TOF

As professed Franciscans, we happily agree to commit to certain things – obedience and loyalty to all the teachings of the Church, daily praying of the Liturgy of the Hours, and living in imitation of St. Francis.

We also understand that we live in community. That means it is essential keeping in regular contact with our fellow Franciscans by attending the monthly Gathering, except in case of excused absence. Article 63 of the constitutions of TOF states that "Tertiaries, even those who belong to other associations, shall do their utmost to attend the monthly meetings enjoined by the Rule".

If you cannot attend the monthly Gathering for any reason, please do not forget to contact me or anyone on Council. Contact with the fraternity does not end with Profession – indeed, it is only the beginning of our Franciscan journey of service.



Monthly posts from our Community of Franciscan Tertiaries.
Watch your email for these...!



Submitted by Pepe Ventosa, TOF

**** The first Friday of every month, these messages will contain Formation reinforcement and interesting information on the Order. If you did not receive your Mat Post in your email, please contact Pepe Ventosa, TOF to be sure you receive it in future!***

Roster Updates

We are updating our fraternity roster so that it is ready to release to everyone by the turn of the year. Please check your email soon for a copy of the current roster, and carefully check the information we have for you. If anything has changed or is incorrect, contact Susan Kramer with the correct information.

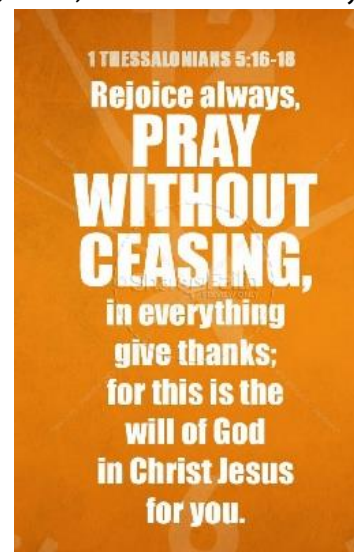
There will be hard copies of the current roster available for those who do not have computer access.

Any time your contact information changes, please remember to let Council know. Thank you for your help!!!

Eucharistic Adoration and Daily Prayer

Council asks those of us who participate in Eucharistic Adoration – and the rest of our fraternity - to remember the following intentions every day when you pray:

1. **The spiritual protection of our fraternity and of all our members.**
2. **Those in our fraternity who are sick, and their families.**
3. **Pope Francis** and his intentions.
4. Our bishops: **Bishop David Bonnar** of the Diocese of Youngstown, **Bishop Milan Lach, SJ** of the Eparchy of Parma, and **Bishop Edward Malesic, JCL** of the Diocese of Cleveland.
5. The Friars of the Immaculate Conception Province of the OFM, particularly **Fr. Vit Fiala, OFM**, **Fr. Dennis Arambasick, OFM**, and **Fr. Robert Campagna, OFM**, who is the Provincial Minister.
6. Our beloved pastors and parish priests, and our parishes, including **Fr. Miron Kerul-Kmec**, who hosts our fraternity every month. We also pray for **Fr. Daniel Dozier, TOF**, an Isolated Tertiary who is the pastor of St. George Byzantine Parish in Olympia, Washington, as well as a professor at SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Seminary. And **Fr. Ryan Furlong, TOF** of the Padre Pio Fraternity.
7. **Fr. Gastor Temu Bahati**, a priest of the Diocese of Moshi, whom we have spiritually supported for several years.
8. **Frater Francis Tumaini** of the Diocese of Moshi, who is the seminarian we have adopted.
9. **All the seminarians of St. Mary Seminary and Borromeo Seminary in Cleveland**, which serves the Youngstown and Cleveland Dioceses, as well as the seminarians of SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Seminary, which serves the Eparchy of Parma. Our fraternity has spiritually adopted a seminarian from Stark County (**Arthur Bodenschatz**, Christ the Servant Parish in Canton), from Summit County (**Joseph Rohan**, St. Joseph Parish in Cuyahoga Falls), and from Capuchin Formation (**Christopher Klobuchir**). We have also recently added **Alex Krukemeyer** from Summit County.
10. **Our beloved and hard-working parish priests.**
11. Finally, you may want to add prayers **for the safety and protection of our Ukrainian brothers and sisters, and for the conversion of Russia** as Pope Francis has done in his Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on March 25. Also, **for the protection of Catholic priests, religious, and lay people everywhere, particularly in Nigeria, Nicaragua, and other countries where our Faith is being attacked.**



That's a lot! But it is part of our holy Franciscan vocation to prayerfully support our fellow Franciscans, the Pope, our bishops, our priests, and seminarians and anyone in distress and danger. We have no Order without faithful Franciscans, no priests without our seminarians, no Eucharist without our priests, and no Church without the Eucharist. All these individuals on the list sacrifice daily for us, and the very least we can do is to pray for them!

Right to Life Witness – by Roberto Meza, TOF, Fraternity Minister



Saturday September 3rd, our Fraternity supported the Right to Life movement by being present at its booth in the Exhibition Hall at the Stark County Fair in Canton, OH.

← **Betty DeMarco, TOF & Carol Perrine, TOF**

Betty DeMarco TOF, Carol Perrine, TOF, Matt Poletti, TOF and his wife, Jess, Bob Burtscher, TOF and Roberto Meza, TOF covered the entire day at the fair answering questions and inviting the passersby

to further inquiry about the Right to Life.



Fraternity Minister Roberto Meza, TOF, Jim Griffin (Stark County RTL), & Bob Burtscher, TOF ↑

Transitus



The Transitus will be held Monday, October 3 at St. Nicholas Church at 6:30 PM.

This service commemorates the death of our good St. Francis, and his passage to new life.

Please join us, and feel free to bring family and friends!

Lord, It Is Good for Us to Be Together!

Our August Gathering was held at Queen of Heaven Parish in Green, and we enjoyed our annual fraternity picnic. The day was warm and pleasant, and we had a good crowd of members, family, and visitors.

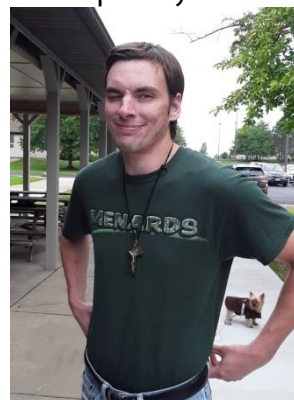


Fr. Dave Durkee, pastor of Queen of Heaven, kindly welcomed us and blessed the food and all of us. He urged us to visit the St. Francis of Assisi grotto which was newly constructed on the parish grounds. Father has been a firm friend to us for many years, and has offered us generous hospitality in that time, for which we are very grateful.

← **Joanne Angeletti, TOF, Carol Perrine, TOF, and Brother Max**

As usual, Council provided chicken and drinks, and the rest of us brought a delicious variety of sides and desserts. Many thanks to Bill Marshall, TOF for ordering and delivering the chicken, which was hot and tasty.

Jesse Kuhn →



We were very happy that many members brought family with them, including Mary Dye’s husband, Fred Kramer, Annie Butts, John McGough, and Jess and Caroline Poletti. Brother Max, who is Joanne Angeletti’s Yorkie and our unofficial mascot, was in his custom habit and greeted everyone with Franciscan hospitality.



We were very pleasantly surprised to greet Sam, a friend of several fraternity members.

← **John McGough and Bill Marshall, TOF**

After socializing and finishing our picnic feast, we walked over to the



St. Francis of Assisi Grotto on Queen of Heaven grounds, which was recently built by the parish. We prayed part of the Franciscan Crown Rosary there and then finished it inside Queen of Heaven Church, which was a bit more comfortable temperature-wise. Thank you to those who led the decades, including Mike Butts, TOF, Roberto Meza, TOF, and Sam, our honored visitor.

Jim Miller, TOF, Nettie Miller, TOF, & Louise Daniel, TOF ↑

We enjoyed another happy picnic day! Many thanks to Council and to all who contributed to the meal, and to Fr. Durkee and Queen of Heaven Parish!

Our September Gathering will be Sunday, September 18 at St. Nicholas at 1:30 PM!

Save the Date (September, the Month of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady)

September 17	Feast of the Stigmatization of St. Francis of Assisi
September 18	September Gathering, St. Nicholas Parish, 1:30 PM
October 3	Transitus Service (details TBA)
October 4	Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
October 26-30	Franciscan Tertiaries Retreat, Huntington, Indiana
November 12	Day of Recollection, Shrine of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted, Youngstown



***When ridiculed, we bless;
When persecuted, we endure;
When slandered, we respond gently.***
(1st Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians)

**St. Paul the Apostle (5 AD-65 AD)
Persecutor of Christians,
Convert to Christianity, Leader in the
Early Christian Community, Author,
Martyr for the Faith**

Feast Days:

**January 25 (Conversion of St. Paul)
June 29 (Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul)
November 18 – (Feast of the Dedication
of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul)**

(Pictured: Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, Rome, burial place of St. Paul and one of four Papal Basilicas – the others are St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major – both in Rome, and St. Peter Basilica in Vatican City)