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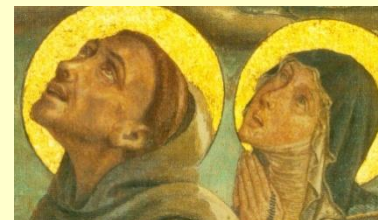
# Il Poverello

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

As Third Order Franciscans, we live in community. Not in a monastery, convent, or barracks, but as a family, concerned for one another and spiritually close to one another.

The Holy Family was not a traditional family by any means. Joseph and Mary had a conventional courtship. They were respectable members of their Jewish community. Joseph was established as a carpenter, and Mary, who was brought up in the Temple for several years, was carefully nurtured by her decent, moral parents, learning the art of cooking, keeping house, and all the other tasks a housewife should master. After they agreed to marry, Mary was visited by Gabriel, who told her of God's wish for her to be His Son's mother. She agreed, and then had to tell her parents and Joseph she was expecting. There is no record of her parents' reaction, but Joseph was shocked and logically assumed Mary had been disloyal to him – and he reluctantly decided to break their engagement. Of course, an angel reassured him of God's plan for him and Mary, and he had no further doubts. From that moment, Joseph accepted Mary as his wife, welcoming her into his home, treasuring her, and tenderly caring for Jesus.

Jesus – being Who He was – perfectly fit into the little family. He was loving and obedient and hard-working, like His parents. He studied the Torah like the other boys, and He learned Joseph's trade. No doubt Jesus was a great joy to His parents.

The Gospel passage detailing 12-year-old Jesus teaching in the Temple for three days without notifying His parents is the only event noted of the time between His birth and the beginning of His public ministry 30 years later. It was out of character for Jesus to worry His parents. They must have been terrified. When they found Jesus, amazingly teaching the elders of the Temple, He humbly and obediently returned home with Joseph and Mary. He loved and honored them for the rest of their lives.

We are family with more than our blood relatives. We are members of our parish families and of course, our Third Order family and worldwide Catholic family. We always let Jim Miller know if we cannot be present for our monthly Gathering, because we would be missed – just as Jesus was missed by his family when He was teaching in the Temple. We attend Mass, go to Confession, and comply with the teaching of the Church as part of our duties as Catholic family members. Good families love us, support us, have high expectations of us, and want only the best for us. It is up to us to do the same for them!

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**Next Gathering –**

**Sunday, February 16 – 1:30 PM**

**St. Nicholas Byzantine Church**

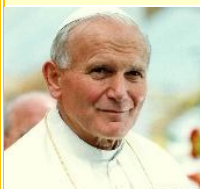
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**We are expecting you!**

## Franciscan Quote of the Month

**“Families are the Domestic Church, where Jesus grows in the love of a married couple, in the lives of their children.”**



**St. John Paul II (1920-2005)**

**Priest, Bishop, Pope, Defender of the Faith, Enemy of Communism**

## Eucharistic Adoration



### Sunday

Betty DeMarco, TOF  
Marlene Walker, TOF

### Monday

Rose Akins, TOF  
Louise Daniel, TOF  
Virgil Daniel, TOF  
Chris Devore, TOF  
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### Tuesday

Michael Butts, TOF  
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Maria Elena Meza, TOF  
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### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

Joanne Angeletti, TOF  
Denise Williams, TOF

### Friday

Robert Burtscher, TOF  
Pepo 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.**

## February Anniversaries and Birthdays

### Profession Anniversary

John McGough, TOF – (35 Years)



### Birthdays

Mike Butts, TOF – 2/1  
Louise Daniel, TOF – 2/6  
Julia Tarulli, TOF – 2/21  
Jack Kellogg – 2/23  
Carolyn Gacioch, TOF – 2/28  
Mary Cate Roberts, TOF – 2/29

## Changes to Our Monthly Gathering Format – by Virgil Daniel, TOF

Starting with the upcoming February monthly Gathering, the Council is changing how our Gatherings will begin. Well, change to venue that is, but still starting with prayer, as per our Bylaws. Bishop Robert Pipta, Eparchy of Parma, has graciously consented to our use of the main St. Nicholas worship space for our prayer time. Since we are going to spend a half hour or so in prayer at the outset of the Gathering anyway, why not pray before the Blessed Sacrament?

Here's how it goes: first, arrive as usual, draw your table number and get organized. Then, grab your Liturgy of the Hours book and your copy of the Opening Prayers for the Monthly Meeting and head to the Church. Here's where Bishop Pipta's conditions apply:

- As you enter the worship space, maintain a reverential silence, speaking only in a low voice; no unnecessary talking.
- While present in the Church, maintain order – from entering to departure.

The Blessed Sacrament is present on the altar, behind the curtain and the Royal Doors. Perhaps you might pray upon entering as our Father Francis suggests (per Constitutions Art 58):

*“We adore You, most holy Lord Jesus Christ, here and in all Your churches throughout the world; and we bless You, because by Your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.”*

Since we normally pray Daytime Prayer in choir, the Council asks that the men sit on the right side of the main aisle, facing the altar (before the icon of Our Lord), while the women sit to the left (before the icon of the Most Holy Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary). Finally, after the *Lectio Divina* Gospel reading is finished, we will quietly adjourn to the Hall and there conduct the usual sharing of our word with either a partner or the whole table, as appropriate. At some point, our Minister Prefect will again call us to order and we will pray grace before enjoying our fellowship time.

## Lectio Divina – by Virgil Daniel, TOF

Lectio Divina. What is it really? Let’s take a quick refresher.

First, and foremost, *Lectio Divina* is about prayer, about prayerfully discerning how our Lord might be speaking to **you** – in this moment!

Second, *Lectio* is always about listening – as St Augustine instructs us, “*We must listen as if the Lord Himself were present and speaking to us.*” The pause after the second reading of the Gospel is time for us to actively listen for the word spoken in our heart – to be still and simply just focus.

Third, we must reflect inwardly upon the word or phrase that stood out to us in the second reading of the Gospel. This is why we pause after the third reading, to converse with our Lord in a prayer of response to what has been revealed to us at this particular time.

After the fourth reading, as we respond to “The Gospel of the Lord” by saying “Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ,” we are acknowledging in fact that we believe that “*the Lord (is) present and speaking to us.*”

Then, when we adjourn to our pairs or table groupings, we share this inspiration with the others. This remains a time of prayer and sharing, still reflecting on what was revealed to us and how we might take it into our hearts and our lives. This sharing and prayer time is not the time to shift into the “Bible Study mode.”

Saint Augustine clearly instructs us:

*The very prayers that fell from the lips of Christ were written down, safeguarded and handed down to us. ... We must listen to the Gospel as if the Lord Himself were present and speaking to us.*

## Stand for Life



The Stand for Life is suspended until March because of uncertain winter weather. If you choose to witness to the Church’s teaching on life by praying at the abortion clinic, don’t forget our rules for your own safety.

**Remember to use the residential parking around the corner. Do not use 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. Be sure to always remain on the sidewalk. If you cannot 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.**

## Hospitality and Little Portion

Jim and Nettie Miller, TOF; and Susan Kramer, TOF will prepare our lunch for the February Gathering.

Betty DeMarco, TOF will prepare the Little Portion, and Kenny Green, TOF will deliver it. 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, soap, religious articles, disposable razors, etc. Tube socks are always very useful. Or you may want to deliver the offering. **If you are interested in helping, please contact Mary Dye, TOF.**



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

## Growing in Christian Perfection

With Lent beginning on March 5 this year, it may be a good time to consider reviewing and incorporating some of the exercises mentioned in our Constitution, especially with regard to Article 54 through Article 73 (the Constitution may be referenced on our website, [www.thirdorderfranciscans.com](http://www.thirdorderfranciscans.com)).

As Third Order Franciscans, we are called to recognize God in all creation and give Him glory. This is easy on a beautiful day, but more of a challenge on a gray and gloomy day. But it's there – we just have to look! As faithful Catholics, all of us attend Sunday Mass and Holy Day Masses. But what about daily Mass, or personal or structured Adoration? Or adding a Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet to our Liturgy of the Hours every day during Lent – and maybe going forward from there?

We have so many beautiful Catholic churches in our area – Roman, Byzantine, Maronite, Melkite, and Ukrainian come to mind. How about making a visit to a Catholic parish that is not your own, to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, pray a bit, and cleanse your mind with the unique beauty of each church? In fact, it is a tradition among some (Italians, Mexicans, and other Latin and South American nationalities) to visit seven different Catholic churches on Holy Thursday.

Some of us may encounter difficulty praying the Liturgy of the Hours daily as we have promised at our professions. Our days are very busy, but making time for this comforting, holy habit is well worth the effort. Perhaps consider downloading [www.divineoffice.org](http://www.divineoffice.org). This and other sites offer the Liturgy of the Hours every day in audio form, so you can pray while you are driving to work, taking a shower, doing the laundry, or other tasks that permit you to listen and understand the prayers. An added advantage is these sites often offer beautiful music accompanying the prayers. Additionally, the Diocese of Cleveland offers daily prayers (not the LOTH, but Catholic prayers) in audio form, led by Bishop Malesic, Bishop Woost, and Diocesan priests every day, along with a short homily and biography of the saint of the day. You can get a daily email from the Diocese by checking out [www.dioceseofcleveland.org/my-daily-prayers](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/my-daily-prayers).

Did you know Third Order Franciscans are asked to go to Confession monthly? It is an excellent habit for anyone to adopt. It keeps us close to Jesus – and it keeps us humble. In addition, daily mental prayer – beyond the Liturgy of the Hours – keeps us in contact with the Holy Trinity, Mary, and the saints. Good spiritual reading – from Scripture or a trusted spiritual writer – is part of our ongoing formation. It not only educates us, it uplifts.

Attending our monthly Gathering is also part of the promises we made at Profession. We live in community as Franciscans, not as hermits. Even Isolated Tertiaries regularly meet via Zoom Gatherings on the internet. It is part of our charism to be with our brothers and sisters. The Day of Recollection that we have every November is specifically cited as necessary to our spiritual development.

Our devotion to Mary is a sure way to lead us to Jesus and to pleasing Him, as our good St. Francis well knew. As the great Franciscan saint, St. Maximilian Kolbe, points out, “You can never love Mary more than Jesus does.”

Lent is a great opportunity to incorporate at least one of these exercises so that it can become part of our way of life.

## 2025 Pilgrimage News

The Ss. Francis and Clare Fraternity will host our annual pilgrimage on May 17, 2025. Council decided on visiting Nativity of the Lord Jesus Parish in Springfield Township (just south of Akron), where the founding pastor assembled a large collection of Nativities over the years. ***\*Those who attend will obtain a plenary indulgence if they follow the usual conditions attached to the indulgence – see the article in this newsletter!***

Our good St. Francis is responsible for the idea and implementation of the first Nativity in Greccio, a little village outside of Assisi, in 1223. The Church worldwide celebrated the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this in 2023.



Our tour guide will be Fr. David Halaiko, who is a retired priest of the Diocese of Cleveland and who is the founding pastor of Nativity parish. Father is a licensed tour guide in Israel – which, like Italy, requires tour guides to pass a rigorous test in order to be certified. He is very knowledgeable about the history and politics of the Middle East and Europe, and will also offer Mass for us.

← ***The Nativity of Greccio, St. Francis's loving representation of the birth of Jesus***

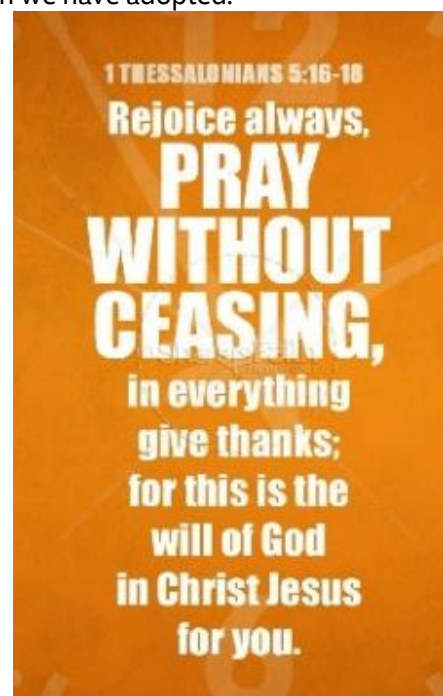
We hope to have lunch at Hartville Kitchen and will look into reserving a room for our pilgrims after the turn of the year. Stay tuned - more details TBA!



## **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 and their intentions: **Bishop David Bonnar** of the Diocese of Youngstown, **Bishop Robert Pipta** of the Eparchy of Parma, **Bishop Earl Fernandes** of the Diocese of Columbus, 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, hard-working pastors and parish priests, and our parishes**, including **Fr. Miron Kerul'-Kmec** of St. Nicholas Byzantine Parish (Eparchy of Parma), 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 and St. Irene Byzantine Parish in Portland, Oregon, as well as being a professor at SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Seminary and contributor to "Catholic Answers" on EWTN radio. And **Fr. Ryan Furlong, TOF**, who is pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Vienna, St. William Parish in Champion, and St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Cortland (Diocese of Youngstown) and who is a member of the St. Padre Pio Fraternity.
7. **Fr. Gastor Temu Bahati** of the Diocese of Moshi who is serving on the staff of his bishop, whom we have spiritually supported for several years.
8. **Frater Francis Tumaini** of the Diocese of Moshi, who is the Moshi 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 **Arthur Bodenschatz**, (St. Paul in North Canton) and **William Martzaklis** (St. Paul in North Canton) from the Diocese of Youngstown, **Joseph Rohan**, (St. Joseph Parish in Cuyahoga Falls), **Alex Krukemeyer**, (Our Lady of Victory Parish in Tallmadge), and **John Paul Antalek** (St. Mary Parish in Akron), all from the Diocese of Cleveland. These men, and Frater Francis of the Moshi Seminary, are the future leaders and servants of our Church.
10. Please 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. Also, **for the spiritual and physical protection of Catholic priests, religious, and lay people everywhere, particularly in Nigeria, Peru, Nicaragua, the Middle East, the Far East, and other countries where our Faith is being attacked.**
11. For the **protection of all life**, born and unborn, womb to tomb.
12. For the blessing of **an increase in priestly and religious vocations – including the Third Order Franciscans, and for an increase of faithful Catholic marriages and families.**
13. For the spiritual and physical health and protection of **Jakin Miller and all FOCUS missionaries**, who are working to keep the Faith among university students nationwide.



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 prayerful Franciscans, no priests without our seminarians, no Eucharist without our priests, and no Church without the Eucharist.** We all work together doing the mission God has given us, for His glory. All these individuals on the list sacrifice daily for us, and it is our privilege to pray for them!

## **Profession of Joseph Zbasnik – by Debbie Ventosa, TOF**

Born in Akron, Ohio, thirty-one years ago to a devout Catholic couple named Mary and Joe Zbasnik, Joe, Jr. was nurtured in his Catholic faith. His grandfather, Charles Sonderman's example as a strong, silent witness to the Catholic way of life did not go unnoticed by his grandson Joe who aspired to be like his grandfather. Charles was a daily Mass attendee, and an active Knight of Columbus who encouraged the family to be steadfast in their faith.

Joe maintained his Catholic faith and was active in the Catholic community at Bowling Green State University. Praying the Liturgy of the Hours and adopting a simpler lifestyle with like-minded Catholic men strengthened his faith. He also met his future wife, Jen, at the University in 2014 and were married in September of 2019. Joe's dad passed away in April of 2020 and this loss brought Joe and his mom, Mary, closer as they supported each other through the grief.

Joe worked in engineering and Jen worked as a teacher, while Joe focused on his vocation as a husband. Following their wedding, Jen was diagnosed with Ewings Sarcoma and valiantly fought for several years before she went to be with our Lord on February 4, 2024.

It was during this time Joe was searching for a community to grow in his faith and inquired with the Legion of Mary, but discerned he needed more. His Confirmation saint is St. Francis of Assisi, and he found our community on the internet and reached out to learn more. Turning to the Lord in good times and especially in bad times for comfort and direction was his bedrock.

Joe's understanding of St. Francis of Assisi matured from the lover of nature and animals to embracing the simplistic life. Loving God and neighbor and embracing the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience in spirit with penance and detachment, Joe continues in his journey toward Christian perfection. Joe frequently prays throughout the day, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner."



Joe also was consoled during Formation knowing that we may not be doing everything perfectly, but that we continue to strive for holiness on a daily basis. He loves the Eucharist and spends a few moments each day in Adoration either in person at a local adoration chapel or online with a 24-hour Eucharistic adoration YouTube channel. Through his Formation period he has felt freedom from material goods. Through the community he has reignited his love of praying the Liturgy of the Hours with a renewed focus.

Joe serves his parish as needed and is active in the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree. He appreciates the gifts and direction of the K of C chaplain, Fr. Frank Basa. Joe is a runner, cyclist, outdoorsman, and shares his adventures with his lovely mom, Mary, who is his biggest cheerleader.

Joe Zbasnik will be making his Holy Profession as a Third Order Franciscan on Saturday, March 22 at the 12:00 Noon Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted. After Mass, there will be a reception in the basement meeting room of the Shrine. He will be Professed with two Isolated Novices, Mary C. of Arizona and Sharif R. of New York. And Tony Perez, who joined our January Gathering, will enter the Novitiate at the same Mass. **God is good!!!**

Joe has been a faithful attendee of our Gatherings since he started his Formation studies over two years ago, and is a familiar face to all of us. **All members of our Fraternity are heartily invited to celebrate this special day for our brother, Joe and our two Isolated Novices!**

## **Lord, it is Good for Us to be Together!**

Our January Gathering took place on January 19 at St. Nicholas Byzantine Parish, with 32 in attendance, as well as our friends Peggy (from Embrace), Tony Perez (Inquirer), Fred Kramer, and Fr. Vit Fiala, OFM.

- Our Minister, Roberto Meza, TOF greeted everyone and led the Gathering Opening Prayer.
- Kenny Green, TOF led the Prayer Before Reciting the Office.
- Roberto Meza, TOF led the Daytime Liturgy of the Hours with the assistance of Kenny Green, TOF and Bill Marshall, TOF.
- Kenny Green, TOF led the Prayer After Reciting the Office.
- Roberto Meza, TOF led us in the Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- Virgil Daniel, TOF led the Lectio Divina, and proclaimed the Gospel of the day, which was from St. John – the miracle at the wedding feast at Cana – "Do whatever He tells you".

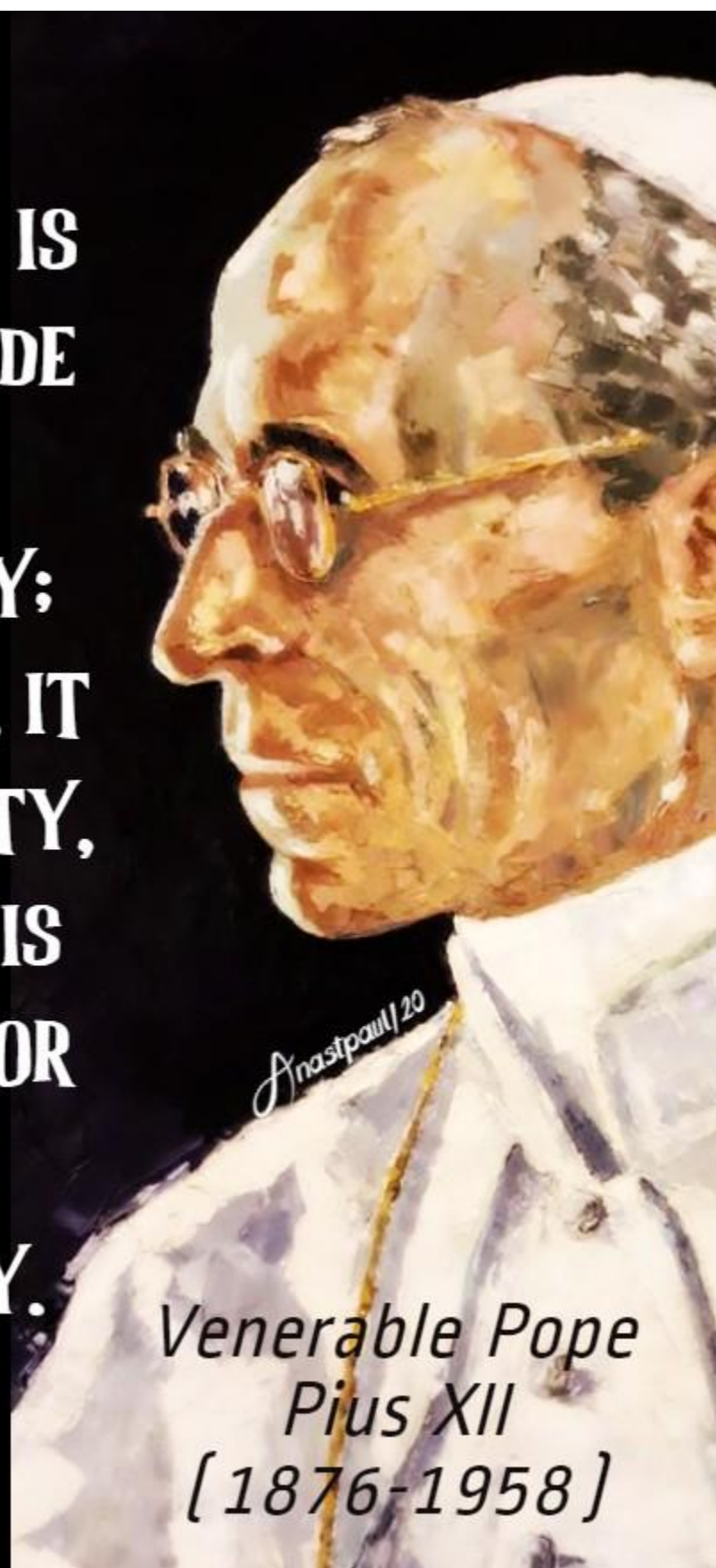
- Roberto Meza, TOF led us in Grace before our lunch and gave us updated prayer cards for Frater Francis Tumaini of the Diocese of Moshi.
- We all enjoyed the meal prepared by Dennis and Carolyn Gacioch, TOF and Marlene Walker, TOF – potato soup, salads, and sandwiches.
- In the absence of Maria Elena Meza, TOF, Roberto Meza, TOF gave the Infirmarian Report.
  - Jennifer Kerns, TOF is still experiencing health challenges. She appreciates our prayers.
  - Sandy Pollino, OFS was released from the hospital and still faces problems.
  - Betty DeMarco, TOF is suffering from severe migraines.
  - Elizabeth Francis, TOF is feeling well.
  - Jesse Kuhns, TOF is suffering from a painful ear infection.
- Mary Dye, TOF will have sign-up sheets for the apostolates at the February Gathering.
- Roberto Meza, TOF led us in birthday and profession anniversary greetings for our members celebrating in the month of January.
- Novice Joseph Zbasnik will be Professed on Saturday, March 22 at the Shrine of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted. Tony Perez will also move from the Postulancy to the Novitiate at the same Mass. Adoration and Confessions will begin at 11 AM, with Mass at Noon and a reception in the hall following. All are welcome to attend this very happy day.
- Peggy from Embrace gave us an overview on the good work done by this pro-life organization. A collection of goods and monetary donations was taken to support this vital ministry.
- Fr. Vit spoke to us on Jesus' miracles:
  - His first miracle, which was recounted in today's Gospel, was the changing of water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana. This has a direct connection to His miracle changing wine into His blood.
  - Our salvation not only results in our going to Heaven, but in our witnessing to the divinity of the Blessed Trinity.
  - Each of us needs to grow in holiness every day,
  - Holiness gives us power over demons.
  - Living in sin diminishes our power over demons.
  - Today is the best time for growth in holiness – be not afraid!
- Fr. Vit then answered questions on his talk.
- We then prayed for the intentions close to the hearts of our fraternity members, including our excused members with health concerns and the intentions in our prayer journal. We also prayed for our country and asked God to bless us with the Gift of the Holy Spirit. And we remembered to pray for those in Formation, and for future Third Order Franciscans. We added prayers for Lucy and Larry McNutt, TOF, Sheila Burtscher, the sisters of Debbie Ventosa, TOF, and for deliverance from offenses against God. We also prayed for Pope Francis, our local Bishops (Fernandes of Columbus, Bonnar of Youngstown, Malesic of Cleveland, and Pipta of the Eparchy of Parma). And finally, our adopted seminarians – Frater Francis Tumaini of the Diocese of Moshi, Tanzania, and our Borromeo seminarians – Arthur Bodenschatz and William Martzaklis of the Diocese of Youngstown, and Alex Krukemeyer, Joseph Rohan, and John Paul Antalek of the Diocese of Cleveland. And for our beloved parish priests, who care for our souls.
- We concluded with the Memorare and the St. Michael Prayer.

***Don't forget – our next Gathering is February 16 at 1:30 PM at St. Nicholas!***

### ***Save the Date (February, the Month of the Holy Family)***

March 5	<b>Ash Wednesday (Day of Fast and Abstinence)</b>
March 22	Profession of Joe Zbasnik, 12:00 Noon, Shrine of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted
April 13	<b>April Gathering moved to Palm Sunday to avoid meeting on Easter!</b>
April 18	<b>Good Friday (Day of Fast and Abstinence)</b>
April 20	<b>Easter – The Resurrection of Our Lord</b>
May 17	Annual TOF Pilgrimage – Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Springfield Township
May 29	<b>Ascension of Our Lord</b>
June 8	<b>Pentecost</b>
June 22	<b>June Gathering moved to June 22 to avoid meeting on Father's Day!</b>
August 17	August Gathering / Annual Picnic at Queen of Heaven Parish
August 22-24	Annual Tridua

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*Venerable Pope  
Pius XII  
[1876-1958]*