

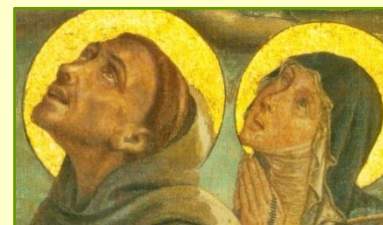
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The newsletter of the SS Francis and Clare Fraternity
of the Third Order of St. Francis

*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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**Next Gathering– Sunday,
August 16 – 1:30 PM
Queen of Heaven Parish
1800 Steese Road,
Green, OH 44203
We are expecting you!**

Something to Consider – by Roberto Meza, TOF Walking with Mary to the Glory of Heaven

August is a month of special joy for the Franciscan family as we celebrate the Feast of the Portiuncula (August 2), St. Clare of Assisi (August 11), and the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15). Together, these celebrations invite us to reflect on Mary's unique role in God's plan and her example of faithful discipleship.

The Assumption proclaims our faith that Mary, having completed her earthly life, was taken body and soul into heavenly glory. For Franciscans, this is not only a celebration of Mary's singular privilege but also a reminder of the destiny God desires for all who faithfully follow Christ.

St. Francis had a profound devotion to the Blessed Virgin, honoring her as the humble servant through whom the Word became flesh. In his **Salutation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, he praises her as the Mother of Christ and the spouse of the Holy Spirit. Mary's Assumption is the fulfillment of the faithful discipleship that Francis admired and sought to imitate.

This devotion was shared by St. Clare, whose feast precedes the Assumption. Entrusting herself completely to Mary's care, Clare embraced a life of poverty, prayer, and total dependence on God. She encouraged her sisters to imitate Mary's humility, purity, and obedience, making the Blessed Virgin a lasting model for the Franciscan family.

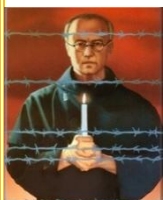
The Franciscan love for Mary is centered on the Portiuncula, the Little Portion of Our Lady of the Angels, where St. Francis founded his fraternity, welcomed St. Clare, and received the Portiuncula Indulgence. Dedicated to Our Lady, this humble chapel reminds us that every grace leads us closer to Christ through His Mother.

As we celebrate these August feasts, may we follow the examples of St. Francis and St. Clare by entrusting ourselves to Our Lady of the Angels. Mary's Assumption reminds us that faithful discipleship leads to the fullness of life in Christ and the eternal joy of God's Kingdom.

Franciscan Quote of the Month

**“Prayer is powerful beyond limits when we turn to the Immaculata,
who is Queen even of God's heart.”**

St. Maximilian Kolbe, OFM (1894-1941) – Polish Franciscan Friar, Priest, Seminary Professor,
Newspaper Publisher & Editor, Radio Broadcaster,
Victim & Prisoner of Nazi Germany, Martyr of Charity – Feast Day August 14



Eucharistic Adoration



Sunday

Betty DeMarco, TOF
Marlene Walker, TOF

Monday

Rose Akins, TOF
Louise Daniel, TOF
Virgil Daniel, TOF
Chris Devore, TOF
LeeAnn Devore, TOF
Judith Hoyt, TOF

Tuesday

Michael Butts, TOF
Eileen Dunlap, TOF
Rick Dunlap, TOF
Therese Harper, TOF
Jerry Johnson, TOF
Larry McNutt, TOF
Lucy McNutt, TOF
María 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, TOF

Friday

Robert Burtscher, 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 27 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. He will never abandon us.

August Anniversaries and Birthdays

Profession Anniversaries

Robert Burtscher, TOF – 40 Years

Carol Perrine, TOF – 29 Years



Birthdays

Debbie Ventosa, TOF – 8/6

Jim Miller, TOF – 8/15

Jerry Johnson, TOF – 8/17

Dennis Gacioch, TOF – 8/22

Stand for Life



Bob Burtscher, TOF and Jerry Johnson, TOF will participate in the Stand for Life on July 18. 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

Our Fraternity picnic will function as our August Gathering, so our meal is a potluck, with our members providing various dishes, organized by Mary Dye, TOF.

Jerry Johnson, TOF will prepare and Kenny Green, TOF will deliver the Little Portion this month. 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.

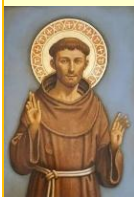


Franciscan Reminder!

We begin our monthly gatherings with prayer inside the church. As we pray Lectio Divina, we continue meditating on the Word of God as we return to our tables in the Hall.

Please remember to keep Holy Silence during this transition until sharing the word at your table!

Wake Service by Debbie Ventosa, TOF



As you organize your end-of-life planning documents, remember the Franciscan Wake Service that is available for all professed members. If you are interested in purchasing a full habit, please contact Jim Miller, TOF. The cost for the full habit, including the cord, is currently \$85. Checks can be made care of Ss. Francis and Clare Fraternity, and given to Therese Harper, TOF. There are men's and women's sizes available. As Third Order Franciscans, it is an act of charity to put our end-of-life arrangements in order.

Kudos to Denise Williams, TOF by Pepe Ventosa, TOF



Denise will be assisting the Isolated Tertiaries community by presenting the Ongoing Formation at their zoom gathering this month. Her topic will be "The Beauty of Our Saints." Thank you, Denise, for sharing your gifts with our Isolated TOF brothers and sisters!

Mondays with Mary by Gina Love, TOF



We are so blessed to live in a time when we can take advantage of some of the most sophisticated technology the world has ever seen, for the purpose of praying for one another and giving glory to our God in heaven. The first week of May, we began a women's Rosary ministry named Mondays with Mary. Using Zoom, women from all three of our fraternities and the isolated tertiaries of the Immaculate Conception Province of the OFM from around the world can now log in together, pray together for all our intentions, and connect with one another in a way that was impossible just a few years ago.

Tertiaries, if you have a prayer intention you for which you would like us to pray, please send it to me. It will be recorded in our book, and our women will pray every Monday with our Blessed Mother, the Queen of Heaven, for those intentions.

Ladies, we welcome you to log in with us every Monday night at 6:30 PM (EDT or EST, whichever is current) with your Rosary. Be sure to check your email for the invitation and the link. If you do not receive an invitation, send me an email and I will add you to my list (please contact Pepe for Gina's contact info). **We believe in the power of prayer!!!**

The Sodality of the Hidden Cross by Pepe Ventosa, TOF

The Sodality of the Hidden Cross

Of the Third Order of St. Francis

Under the Patronage of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

The Franciscan Tertiary Community is pleased to announce the formation of the **Sodality of the Hidden Cross**, a spiritual apostolate for those who carry the often unseen crosses of illness, chronic pain, grief, loneliness, anxiety, hardships, or any other physical or spiritual suffering.

Inspired by the Franciscan spirituality of embracing the cross, members of the sodality unite their daily sufferings with the Cross of Jesus Christ, offering them for the glory of God and for the prayer intentions entrusted to this apostolate. Through this ministry of prayer and sacrifice, our trials become a powerful source of grace for the Church and for souls. Membership to this apostolate of the Third Order of St. Francis **is open to everyone**. Being a Franciscan Tertiary is not a requirement to belong to the Sodality. Anyone who faithfully bears a cross and desires to offer it to God in union with Christ is warmly invited to become a member.

Members are asked to:

1. Offer their physical and/or spiritual sufferings to God each day.
2. Pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be daily for the intentions entrusted to this apostolate (see below.)
3. On the first Friday or first Saturday of each month, pray the Prayer to Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted.

The prayer intentions of the apostolate are:

1. For the Catholic Church, our Holy Father and his intentions, our bishops and priests and for religious vocations.
2. For the prayer intentions of the Franciscan Tertiary community.

As members faithfully offer their sufferings and prayers, they become part of a spiritual family united in prayer. Our Franciscan Tertiary Community will faithfully remember every member of the Sodality in its daily prayers, praying especially for their personal intentions, strength and holiness. Each member's name is inscribed in the Book of Prayers of the Sodality of the Hidden Cross. This book is a continual reminder of our commitment to remember every member before God in prayer.

If you or someone you know is carrying a heavy cross and would like to transform that burden into a daily offering of love for God and neighbor, we warmly invite you to join our Sodality of the Hidden Cross.

For more information, or to enroll in the sodality, please visit our website at www.thirdorderfranciscans.com and click on "Sodality of the Hidden Cross" in the menu bar.

"Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted, pray for us."

Can't Make It to Our Annual Tridua This Year? by Pepe Ventosa, TOF

Are you unable to attend our annual Tridua retreat this year? Consider "spiritually joining" your brothers and sisters on retreat from your own home. Here are some suggestions:

- select one of the days of the Tridua (Aug 21, 22 or 23) for your retreat at home
- find a place at home conducive for prayer and make it look like a "little chapel" (candle, crucifix, religious image, holy water.) Bless this place.
- plan for strict silence as your circumstances allow. Avoid using your cellphone (except for emergencies), watching the news, etc.
- start and end your retreat with one of the Tertiary Offices
- if possible, attend Mass
- if possible, receive the Sacrament of Confession just prior to the retreat
- some topics for meditation to consider: a Gospel passage, St. Francis Letter to the Faithful, the Incarnation, the Passion, a crucifix.
- recite the "Renewal of Profession" prayer at the end of your retreat. This prayer is available in our website under "Ritual Prayers"

Tridua Schedule (August 21-23, 2026)

*****THIS IS A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AS OF 7/25/2026 AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE. THE OFFICIAL SCHEDULE WILL BE EMAILED BY AUG 14TH TO THOSE REGISTERED TO ATTEND**

FRIDAY

Confession/Spiritual Direction available. Please schedule with Fr. Vit.

2:00 pm: check-in. Check-in ends at 4:00pm

4:45 pm: Opening remarks followed by Opening Mass (Church).

Mass followed by Eucharistic Procession

6:30 pm: Dinner (Dining Hall) **Bring Liturgy of the Hours**

7:00 pm: Evening Prayer (Dining Hall)

7:30 pm: Time for quiet reflection/prayer/spiritual reading

SATURDAY

Confession/Spiritual Direction available. Please schedule with Fr. Vit.

7:30 am: Morning Prayer followed by Lectio Divina (Chapel at the Portiuncula)

8:15 am: Breakfast

9:00 am: Fr. Vit's talk (at the Church)

9:45 am: Time for quiet reflection/prayer/spiritual reading

11:00am- Eucharistic Adoration and Confession (Church)

12:00 pm: Mass (Church)

1:00 pm: Lunch (Dining Hall)

1:30- 5:30 pm: Time for quiet reflection/prayer/spiritual reading

5:30 pm: Dinner (Dining Hall)

7:00 pm: Fr. Vit's talk (Church) **Bring Liturgy of the Hours**

7:45 pm: Night Prayer (at the Church)

8:00 pm: Bonfire at Mt Laverna

SUNDAY

7:30 am: Morning prayer followed by Lectio Divina (Chapel at the Portiuncula)

8:15 am: Breakfast (Dining Hall)

9:00 am: Time for spiritual reading/prayer/reflection

10:45 am: Wrap up session followed by recitation of the Crown Rosary (location to be announced)

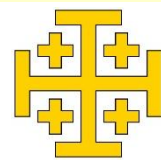
12 noon: Closing Mass followed by Profession and Investiture, and Renewal of Profession

1:00 pm: Lunch; Blessing of religious articles



Constitution Spotlight

Article 2. The life of the Franciscan tertiaries is this: to observe the holy gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ while living in the world, and this in such a way as to be an example to others; to seek out the glory of God by sanctifying themselves and their neighbors, to which they are bound by virtue of the profession they made before the Church; to live faithfully in the spirit of penance, by observing the Rule with care in their individual and social life.



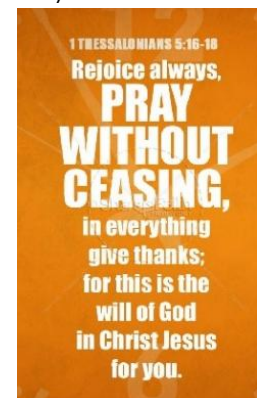
The Holy Profession of Tony Perez by Pepe Ventosa, TOF



Tony Perez will be celebrating his Holy Profession this month. Due to special circumstances, he completed his Initial Formation with the Isolated Tertiaries while being a member of our fraternity. His profession will take place at the Shrine of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted during our Tridua retreat at the closing Mass on Sunday (Aug 23rd) at noon. Please come and join Tony on this special occasion when he will promise "to observe all the time of my life the commandments of God and the Rule of the Third Order instituted by the same blessed Francis, according to the form approved by Nicholas IV and Leo XIII." **We are blessed to have Tony as a member of our Franciscan family.**

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. **For the spiritual and physical health and protection of Pope Leo XIV.**
4. Our bishops and their intentions: **Bishop David Bonnar, Bishop Robert Pipta, Bishop Earl Fernandes, and Bishop Edward Malesic, JCL.**
5. The Friars of the Immaculate Conception Province of the OFM, particularly **Fr. Vit Fiala, OFM, Fr. Chris Gaffrey, OFM, Fr. Dennis Arambasick, OFM, and Fr. Patrick Boyle, OFM**, who is the Provincial Minister.
6. **Our beloved, hard-working pastors and parish priests, and our parishes**, including **Fr. Miron Kerul'-Kmec, Fr. Daniel Dozier, TOF, Fr. Ryan Furlong, TOF, and Fr. John Rickert, FSSP, TOF** of Illinois, who is an Isolated Tertiary.
7. **Fr. Gastor Temu Bahati, Fr. Matthew Munishi, Fr. Augustine N'Depatanisho and Frater Francis Tumaini** of the Diocese of Moshi.
8. **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, North Canton)** and **William Martzaklis (St. Paul, North Canton)** from the Diocese of Youngstown, **Joseph Rohan, (St. Joseph Parish, Cuyahoga Falls), Alex Krukemeyer, (Our Lady of Victory Parish, Tallmadge), Jonathan Green (Holy Family Parish, Stow)** and **John Paul Antalek (St. Mary Parish, Akron)**, all from the Diocese of Cleveland. And Archdiocese of Atlanta seminarian **Eric Cormier**, who has been attending Initial Formation with the Isolated Tertiaries. We have also been asked to pray for **Nathan Dias**, a Jesuit seminarian from California.
9. Please add prayers **for the safety and protection of our Ukrainian brothers and sisters, and for the conversion of Russia.** Also, **for the 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 attacked.**
10. For the **protection of all life**, born and unborn, womb to tomb.
11. 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.**
12. 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!

Lord, it is Good for Us to be Together!

- We met for our July Gathering on Sunday, July 19 at St. Nicholas Byzantine Parish. There were 35 in attendance. We began our afternoon with the Liturgy of the Hours, led by Kenny Green, TOF, Debbie Ventosa, TOF, and Jerry Johnson, TOF. Jerry Johnson, TOF then proclaimed the Gospel of the day for our Lectio Divina focus, which was from the Gospel of Matthew 13:24-30 – the story of the sower of seeds, who sowed good seeds among the weeds. We then returned to the social hall to our tables to discuss what word of the Gospel particularly touched us and prayed on that.
- Following our discussion, Roberto Meza, TOF led us in Grace before we enjoyed our delicious lunch, which was prepared by Rose Akins, TOF, Therese Harper, TOF, Cindy Russo, TOF, and LeeAnn DeVore, TOF. We enjoyed pulled pork, broccoli salad, potato salad, fruit, vegetables, and desserts.

- Jakin Miller, who is the FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) missionary we sponsor and the grandson of Jim and Nettie, and spoke to us of his ministry at MIT and his new assignment at the University of Rhode Island. John and Cindy Fajardo, also FOCUS ministers, were also visiting us.
 - Jakin is Team Director at the University of Rhode Island.
 - MIT had great interest in Catholicism.
 - Nine athletes joined them in leading their fellow students, along with ROTC officers and fraternity officers in Bible study and Mass.
 - John and Cindy are newly married, and in their first and second year of FOCUS respectively.
 - The Fajardos minister to seven universities in the vicinity of Worcester, Massachusetts.
 - Like the example of the Gospel, they are sowing seeds on fertile ground.
- Roberto reminded us that we will be celebrating our annual picnic on August 16, which will also be our August Gathering. We will return to Queen of Heaven parish in Green. Mary Dye, TOF will be contacting us soon with food assignments and other information. We hope everyone can make it!
- Pepe Ventosa, TOF told us about the newly-formed Sodality of the Hidden Cross, which offers prayer support for those carrying hidden burdens in our community.
 - They pray for Pope Leo, bishops, priests, and TOF intentions
 - They pray an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be every day, in addition to personal prayers.
 - Pepe is coordinating the group, and there are more details on our website and elsewhere in this newsletter.
- The annual Tridua will take place on August 21 through 23 at the Shrine of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted. The Profession of Tony Perez will also take place at the Shrine that Sunday
- The Beatification of Fulton Sheen will take place in St. Louis, Missouri on September 24. Cindy Russo, TOF is leading a group from the Padre Pio Prayer Group, and anyone who is interested in tickets can contact her.
- Debbie Ventosa, TOF led Ongoing Formation on the topic of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus.
 - July is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus.
 - Blood suggests pain and death.
 - Jesus reminds us that life has sacrifice and His blood leads us to salvation.
 - St. Francis honored and revered the Most Precious Blood of Jesus and encouraged his brothers to do the same.
 - He encouraged us to receive Sacramental Confession and Communion often.
 - This strengthens us and helps us overcome our sinful nature.
- Fr. Vit, OFM then offered his Formation talk on how Christian asceticism can heal.
 - When encountering emotional problems, spirituality is effective.
 - Purifying, clarifying, and strengthening our spirituality will strengthen us mentally.
 - Prayer and meditation are tools in healing.
- St. Francis de Sales Parish was chosen as the food pantry collection recipient.
 - Kenny Green, TOF will deliver.
- Denise Williams, TOF gave us the postulant formation report.
 - All is well, and the students are halfway through postulancy.
 - Following this is 12 months in the novitiate.
- The next Come and See will take place at St. Nicholas on August 25 at 6:30 PM.
 - Virgil Daniel has prepared a bulletin announcement.
 - With the permission of our pastors, we may ask to place this in our parish bulletins.
- We then reviewed the Infirmarian Report and received updates of some of our homebound members:
 - Paula Banks and Bob Burtscher, TOF are keeping in touch with Elizabeth Francis, TOF.



- Dorothy Takacs, OFS died recently. The fraternity provided a Wake Service ahead of her funeral.
- Jennifer Kerns, TOF asks us to pray for her and for Elaine Baconti.
- Mary Cate Roberts, TOF is in physical therapy twice weekly and is improving.
- Sandy Pollino, OFS maintains a positive outlook.
- Rose Zartsian, TOF has health challenges and asks for prayers.
- The parents of Andrea Ferraro, TOF are in need of prayer.
- Rick Dunlap, TOF and Mike Butts, TOF participated in the Stand for Life in July. They report that the clinic employees create noisy distractions during their Rosary, but that many young people are joining their prayers.
- Roberto then led us in prayer for our list of intentions:
 - For our fraternity members and families.
 - For Molly, who attends the school of Eileen Dunlap, TOF.
 - For our sick and homebound members and friends (*Elizabeth Francis, TOF, Jennifer Kerns, TOF, Sandy Pollino, OFS, Mary Cate Roberts, Annie Butts, and Cindy Russo, TOF.*)
 - For Pope Leo and his intentions.
 - For our local bishops – Bishop Robert Pipta of the Eparchy of Parma, Bishop Earl Fernandes of the Diocese of Columbus, Bishop David Bonnar of Youngstown, and Bishop Edward Malesic, JCL of the Diocese of Cleveland.
 - For the Friars of the Immaculate Conception Province of the OFM, especially Fr. Vit Fiala, OFM, Fr. Christopher Gaffrey, OFM, Fr. Dennis Arambasick, OFM, and Fr. Patrick Boyle, OFM Provincial Minister.
 - For our parish priests and pastors, including Fr. Miron Kerul-Kmec, Fr. Daniel Dozier, TOF, and Fr. Ryan Furlong, TOF.
 - For Fr. Gastor Bahati and the priests of the Diocese of Moshi.
 - For all seminarians worldwide, particularly those we have adopted:
 - Transitional Deacon Arthur Bodenschatz of the Diocese of Youngstown
 - William Martzaklis of the Diocese of Youngstown
 - Joseph Rohan of the Diocese of Cleveland
 - Alex Krukemeyer of the Diocese of Cleveland
 - Jonathan Green of the Diocese of Cleveland
 - John Paul Antalek of the Diocese of Cleveland
 - Eric Cormier of the Archdiocese of Atlanta
 - Frater Francis Tumaini of the Diocese of Moshi
 - Nathan Dias of the Jesuit Seminary of the Three Companions of Culver City, California
 - For Jakin Miller, Cindy and John Fajardo, and all FOCUS missionaries.
 - For an increase in priestly vocations, TOF vocations, and in faithful vocations to married life.
 - For peace worldwide.
 - For the members of the Sodality of the Hidden Cross and their intentions.
 - Roberto then led us in the Gathering Closing Prayers, the Memorare, and the St. Michael Prayer.



Our next Gathering will be Sunday, August 16 at 1:30 PM at Queen of Heaven Parish.

Save the Date (August is Dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary)

August 2	Portiuncula Indulgence (Universal Church)
August 11	Feast of St. Clare (TOF Indulgence)
August 15	Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady – Dormition of Our Lady (Eastern Rites)
August 16	Fraternity Picnic (August Gathering) – Queen of Heaven Parish
August 21-23	Tridua – Shrine of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted
August 25	Feast of St. Louis IX (TOF Indulgence)

Our fraternity is having a picnic
and would love to have you join us!

SS. Francis and Clare
Fraternity

Annual



Date: Sunday August 16, 2026

Place: Queen of Heaven Parish
1800 Steese Road,
Uniontown, OH

Time: 1:30pm

Join us for a
TOF PICNIC!

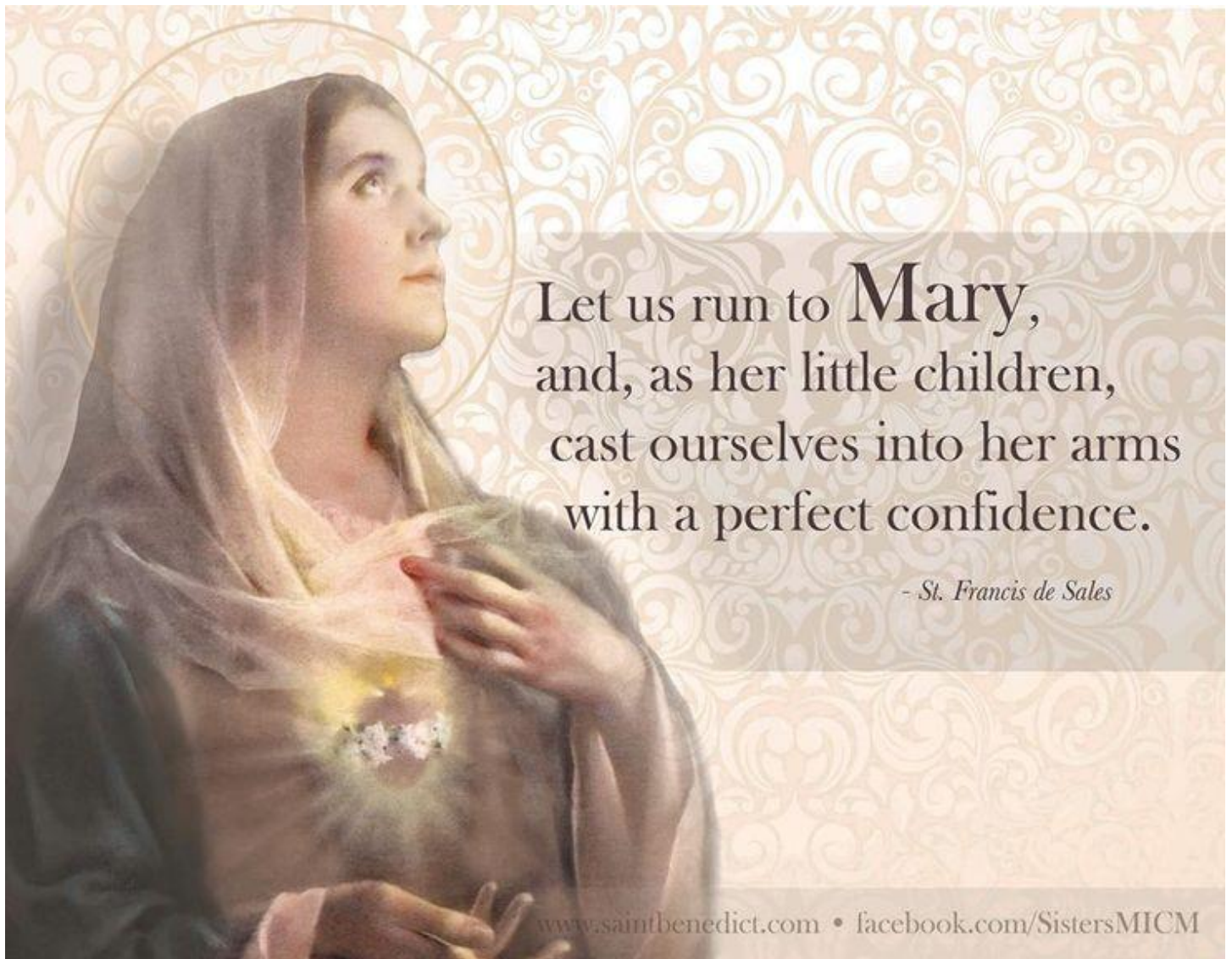
**SATURDAY
AUGUST 8
2026**

Following
Noon Mass
(Around 1 pm)

**Our Lady Comforter
Of The Afflicted
517 S Belle Vista Ave
Youngstown, OH 44511**

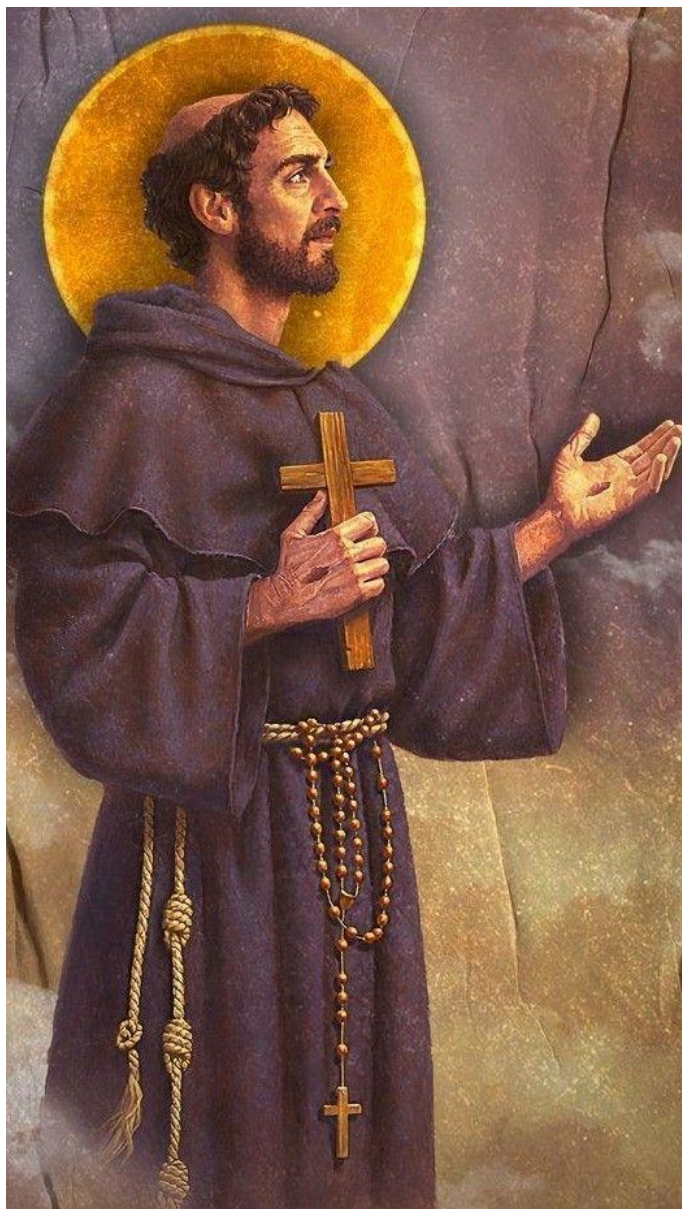


all fraternities are welcome!



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Prayer for the Jubilee Year of St. Francis by Pope Leo XIV



Saint Francis, our brother, you who 800 years ago
went to meet Sister Death as a man of peace,
intercede for us with the Lord.

In the crucifix of San Damiano, you recognized true
peace. Teach us to seek in Him the source of all
reconciliation that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and
misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges
where the world erects borders.

In this time plagued by conflict and division, intercede so
that we may become peacemakers, unarmed and
disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ.

Amen.

St. Francis of Assisi, Pray for Us!