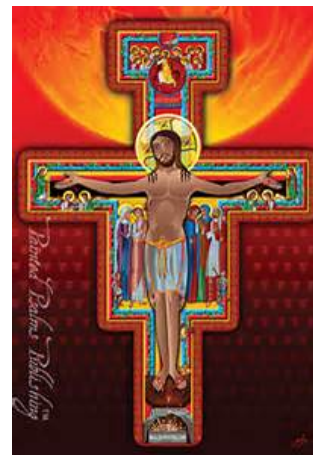




Order of Secular Franciscans  
St. Joseph Fraternity, Charlton MA

# *The Woodworkers Notebook*

Spring 2018 (April-June)



## Our Fraternity

### Fraternity Meeting Schedule

The third Wednesday of every month:

<b>Initial Formation:</b>	5:30-6:30PM
<b>Council Meeting:</b>	6:30-7:00PM
<b>Franciscan Crown:</b>	6:30-7:00PM
<b>Fraternity Meeting:</b>	7:00-8:00PM
<b>Fraternity Social:</b>	8:00-8:30PM

### Birthdays

**April 7:** Cheryl Amaral, OFS  
**April 13:** Stephen Maxson, OFS (80)  
**May 5:** Dorothy Belanger, OFS  
**May 11:** Rita Reil, OFS  
**May 12:** Angels Richardson, OFS  
**June 30:** Joe Krans, OFS (54)

### Profession Anniversaries

**May 23, 2015** Stephen Maxson, OFS  
**June 21, 2012** Eugene Crevier, OFS  
**June 24, 2017** Barbara Tivnan, OFS  
**June 28, 2013** Dorothy Belanger, OFS

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**Minister:** Joseph Krans, OFS  
**Vice Minister:** Rita Reil, OFS  
**Secretary:** Joseph Perron, OFS  
**Treasurer:** Sandra McDonald, OFS  
**Formation Director:** Stephen Maxson, OFS



## Upcoming Events Calendar

### APRIL:

April 14: **Regional Meeting**. 9a to 3p. St Pius XII in Middletown CT. Carpool at 730a

April 18: **Fraternity Meeting**.

April 25: **Franciscan Film Festival**. From 6 to 8p. At the Cornerstone, St. Joseph's Parish.

*John Paul II (2014)*

April 28: **Regional Formation**, 9a to 3p. St Pius XII in Middletown CT. Car pool at 730a

### MAY:

May 16: **Fraternity Meeting**.

May 23: **Franciscan Film Festival**. From 6 to 8p. At the Cornerstone, St. Joseph's Parish.

*Augustine - Restless Heart Part 1 (2013)*

### JUNE:

June 20: **Fraternity Meeting**.

June 27: **Franciscan Film Festival**. From 6 to 8p. At the Cornerstone, St. Joseph's Parish.

*Augustine - Restless Heart Part 2 (2013)*

## Past Events

### MARCH:

March 21: **Fraternity Meeting**: Cancelled due to weather

### FEBRUARY:

February 21: **Rite of Admission**: Angela Richardson was admitted to the order of Secular Franciscans. Deacon Steve Miller was the Presider.

**CONGRATULATIONS ANGELA!**

February 28: **Franciscan Film Festival**: *The Sultan and the Saint: The Story of the Sultan of Egypt and Saint Francis of Assisi*. (2017)

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## Ongoing Formation:

There is a new schedule for ongoing formation which will be distributed at our meeting. Beginning with the May meeting, we will use Chapters from Franciscan Journey.

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## Apostolate:

On May 18, 2017, the council and the fraternity agreed to support Free the Kids (<http://www.freethekids.org/>) as an apostolate of our fraternity. This apostolate assists Haiti's abandoned and vulnerable children in the Hope Village,

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## Blogs:

Jean Mahan's Blog is Woman at the Well. Her blog can be accessed at [www.jmahan1936.blogspot.com](http://www.jmahan1936.blogspot.com)

# Franciscan Life

## Preferential option for the poor.

“The joys and the hopes, the grief and the anxieties of the people of the age especially those who are poor or are in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ (Gaudium et Spes). This statement is a basis for the church’s preferential option for the poor. The poor are to be our priority and not just the recipients of some of our abundance. See Sirach 35: 12-14 and 16-18. Also see SOF Rules 11, 13 and 15.

## Scripture

“My child do not mock the life of the poor. Do not keep needy eyes waiting. Do not grieve the hungry; nor anger the needy. Do not aggravate a heart already angry; nor delay giving to the needy. A beggar’s request do not reject. Do not turn your face away from the poor. From the needy do not turn your eyes; do not give them reason to curse you. If in their pain, they cry out bitterly, the Rock will hear them.” Sirach 4: 1-6

“ This rather is the fasting that I wish, releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke,. Setting free the oppressed, breaking every yoke. Sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless. Clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own.” Isaiah 58: 6-7.

“God.., executes justice for the orphans and the widows, and befriend the alien, feeding and clothing him. So you too must befriend the alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt.” Exodus

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## Formation: OSF Rules

### April

**18.** Moreover they should respect all creatures, animate and inanimate, which "bear the imprint of the Most High," and they should strive to move from the temptation of exploiting creation to the Franciscan concept of universal kinship. (Relevant scripture Genesis 1: 28-33)

In what ways do you care for Creation?

What lessons have you learned from Creation?

How do you encourage others to appreciate Creation?

**19.** Mindful that they are bearers of peace which must be built up unceasingly, they should seek out ways of unity and fraternal harmony through dialogue, trusting in the presence of the divine seed in everyone and in the transforming power of love and pardon. Messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, they should strive to bring joy and hope to others. Since they are immersed in the resurrection of Christ, which gives true meaning to Sister Death, let them serenely tend toward the ultimate encounter with the Father (Relevant scripture: Luke 9: 1-2, 10: 1-3. Mathew 8: 11-16)

How do you maintain peace in your heart through difficult situations?

To whom or in what situations might you be able to offer yourself as an instrument of reconciliation?

How prepared are you to meet Sister Death?

## May

**22.** The local fraternity is to be established canonically. It becomes the basic unit of the whole Order and a visible sign of the Church, the community of love. This should be the privileged place for developing a sense of Church and the Franciscan vocation and for enlivening the apostolic life of its members. (Relevant scripture. John 17: 20-21, Romans 15: 5-6, Galatians 6:2)

How does your fraternal life strengthen your vocation?

What gifts do you offer your brothers and sisters in fraternity?

How do you spend time in your fraternal gatherings challenging each other to live the Gospel?

How is your vocation active in the world?

**24.** To foster communion among members, the council should organize regular and frequent meetings of the community as well as meeting with other Franciscan groups, especially with youth groups. It should adopt appropriate means for growth in Franciscan and ecclesial life and encourage everyone to a life of fraternity. The communion continues with deceased brothers and sisters through prayer for them. (Relevant scripture Romans 12: 9-21, First Corinthians 13: 1-13)

Work with some other fraternity members planning an activity and invite neighboring fraternities to you.

Think of an innovative way to introduce youth to Francis and Clare.

How do you commemorate the deceased members of your fraternity?

## June

### Formation: A summary

Our penitential life encompasses our ability:

- To be detached from the inordinate things of life
- To be free and open to acknowledge God and care for those around us
- To reverence the divine seed in the other
- To promote: Catholic family values
- To promote peace, justice and ecology as the basis of an egalitarian world
- To promote work as a cooperation in God's creative activity
- To encourage youth and young adults
- In a spirit of perfect joy
- In fraternal community

At the beginning of his conversion, Francis embraced a leper.

- Who is a leper in your life?
- To whom might you be a leper?
- To which stranger did you offer a smile?
- Name one positive thing that you did to benefit creation.
- What was the last time that you gave away something that had great meaning for you?

"One day we will comprehend the power of love. And then humanity will have discovered FIRE for the second time." Teilhard de Chardin.

## Prayers:

For the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the homeless, the sick, the imprisoned, and the dead.  
Cure any inner blindness that fails to recognize Christ's presence in every person.  
Help us to receive your mercy for our human frailty and be merciful to one another,  
You protect strangers, lead refugees to a place of safety and welcome.  
For just immigration laws and shelter for refugees.  
Help us to advocate for just immigration policies that reflect your Gospel teaching.  
Make your Church courageous in speech and action on behalf of migrants and refugees.  
For victims of oppression, violence and war  
You uphold the orphan and widow, make us mindful of those in need of our love.  
Embolden your Church to revere you in all creation and in preferential option for the poor.  
Advance dialog, curiosity, and respect among Christians, Muslims, and Jews.  
Animate your church's imagination for enacting Laudato Si' for the earth and creation

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## Useful Web Sites

### Web Sites:

**Fr. Solanus Casey Regional Fraternity:** <https://sites.google.com/view/frsolanusofs>. This sites has interesting and valuable information on Fr. Solanus Casey, on regional fraternities, on initial and ongoing formation, on useful fraternity forms, and on relevant web sites.

**Order of Secular Franciscans at Charlton MA.** <http://www.stjosephscharlton.com/order-franciscan-seculars>  
Our website has recently been beautifully updated/ This has much information about our chapter. It also has links to many useful Franciscan sites.

**Franciscan Action Network:** <https://franciscanaction.org/> This site focuses on action for the poor and marginalizes and on issues of violence, war and peace.

**Franciscans for Justice:** <http://www.franciscansforjustice.org/> This web site focuses on justice, peace and care for creation in ourselves, the Church and in the broader society. In the Franciscan tradition, animation is a form of leadership that stresses the power of good example and encouragement. This approach respects and supports others who share our values in living out their calling.

**Franciscan Institute** <https://www.franciscanpublications.com/pages/about-us>. The Franciscan Institute and School of Franciscan Studies is a center for promoting the study of Franciscan sources, history and theology. Franciscan Institute Publications is a leading publisher of books and journals on medieval Franciscan history, sources, spirituality, philosophy and theology as well as contemporary issues on Franciscan life and ministry.

**Free the Kids:** <http://www.freethekids.org/> Their mission is "to help Haiti's abandoned and vulnerable children by nurturing them so they will live more productive lives." Our fraternity support their work in Haiti.

# Calendars

## Holy Days

Divine Mercy April 8  
Ascension May 10  
Pentecost May 20  
Holy Trinity May 27  
Body and Blood of Christ May 31  
St. Peter and St Paul June 29

## Catholic Calendar of Saints

### April

- 2 April: Saint Francis of Paola, hermit – Optional Memorial
- 4 April: Saint Isidore, bishop and doctor of the Church – Optional Memorial
- 5 April: Saint Vincent Ferrer, priest – Optional Memorial
- 7 April: Saint John Baptist de la Salle, priest – Memorial
- 11 April: Saint Stanislaus, bishop and martyr – Memorial
- 13 April: Saint Martin I, pope and martyr – Optional Memorial
- 21 April: Saint Anselm of Canterbury, bishop and doctor of the Church – Optional Memorial
- 23 April: Saint George, martyr, or Saint Adalbert, bishop and martyr – Optional Memorial
- 24 April: Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest and martyr – Optional Memorial
- 25 April: Saint Mark the Evangelist – Feast
- 28 April: Saint Peter Chanel, priest and martyr; or Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, priest – Optional Memorial
- 29 April: Saint Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the Church – Memorial
- 30 April: Saint Pius V, pope – Optional Memorial

### May

- 1 May: Saint Joseph the Worker – Optional Memorial
- 2 May: Saint Athanasius, bishop and doctor – Memorial
- 3 May: Saints Philip and James, Apostles – Feast
- 12 May: Saints Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs or Saint Pancras, martyr – Optional Memorial
- 13 May: Our Lady of Fatima – Optional Memorial
- 14 May: Saint Matthias the Apostle – Feast
- 18 May: Saint John I, pope and martyr – Optional Memorial
- 20 May: Saint Bernardine of Siena, priest – Optional Memorial
- 21 May: Saint Christopher Magallanes and companions, martyrs – Optional Memorial
- 22 May: Saint Rita of Cascia – Optional Memorial
- 25 May: Saint Bede the Venerable, priest and doctor; or Saint Gregory VII, pope or Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, virgin – Optional Memorial
- 26 May: Saint Philip Neri, priest – Memorial
- 27 May: Saint Augustine (Austin) of Canterbury, bishop – Optional Memorial
- 31 May: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Feast
- Monday after Pentecost: Mary Mother of the Church - Memorial
- First Sunday after Pentecost: Holy Trinity – Solemnity
- Thursday after Holy Trinity *or, where this is not a holyday of obligation, on the following Sunday*: Body and Blood of Christ – Solemnity

## June

- 1 June: Saint Justin Martyr – Memorial
- 2 June: Saints Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs – Optional Memorial
- 3 June: Saints Charles Lwanga and companions, martyrs – Memorial
- 5 June: Saint Boniface, bishop and martyr – Memorial
- 6 June: Saint Norbert, bishop – Optional Memorial
- 9 June: Saint Ephrem, deacon and doctor – Optional Memorial
- 11 June: Saint Barnabas the Apostle – Memorial
- 13 June: Saint Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor – Memorial
- 19 June: Saint Romuald, abbot – Optional Memorial
- 21 June: Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, religious – Memorial
- 22 June: Saint Paulinus of Nola, bishop or Saints John Fisher, bishop and martyr and Thomas More, martyr – Optional Memorial
- 24 June: Birth of Saint John the Baptist – Solemnity
- 27 June: Saint Cyril of Alexandria, bishop and doctor – Optional Memorial
- 28 June: Saint Irenaeus, bishop and martyr – Memorial
- 29 June: Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles – Solemnity
- 30 June: First Martyrs of the Church of Rome – Optional Memorial

## Franciscan Blessed and Saints

### April

1. Bl. Elisabeth Vendramini, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1860
2. St. Francois de Paule, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d/ 1507
3. St. Benoit le Maure, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1589
4. Bl. Guillaume de Sicli, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1404
5. St. Marie-Crescence, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1744
6. Bl. Angele Salawa, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1922
7. Bl. Maria-Assunta, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1925
8. Bl. Julien de St. Augustin, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1606
9. Bl. Thomas de Tolentino, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1321
10. Bl. Marc de Bologne, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1479
11. Bl. Ange De Chivasso, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1495
12. Bl. Boniface Zukowski, Priest, Conventual Religious, martyr 1942
13. Bl. Isabelle Rovira, Virgin, Capuchin religious, martyr, 1937
14. Bl. Lidwyne de Schiedam, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1433
15. Bl. Gandolphe de Binasco, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1260
16. St. Benedict-Joseph Labore, Confessor, Cordbearer, d. 1783 Plenary Indulgence for Cordbearers.  
Anniversary of the profession of St. Francis (1209)
17. Bl. Paul de St. Madeleine, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1643
18. Bl. Andre Hibernon, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1734
19. Bl. Conrad e Ascoli, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1289
20. Bl. Anastase Pankewicz, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1942
21. Bl. Francois de Fabriano, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1322
22. St. Conrad de Parzham, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1894
23. Bl. Gilles of Assisi, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1262
24. St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Capuchin, martyr 1622
25. St. Marc, Grandes Rogations
26. Bl. Pierre De Pethancourt, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1667

27. St. Zita de Lucques, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1278
28. St. Paul of the Cross, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1775;  
Bl. Luchesius, 1st Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1260 Plenary Indulgence for Franciscan Third Order  
Seculars (renewal of Tertiary Engagements)
29. Bl. Benoit d'Urbain, Priest, Capuchin, d. 1625
30. St. Joseph-Benoit Cottolengo, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1842

## May

1. Feast of Saint Joseph the Artisan
2. St. Richard Pampuri, Confessor, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious  
Institute, d. 1930
3. Bl. Edouard-Joseph Rosas, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1903
4. Bl. Ladislav de Gielnow, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1505
5. Bl. Beinvenu Mareni, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1289
6. Bl. Marie-Catherine Troijani, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a  
Rule], d. 1897
7. Bl. Anne-Rose Gattorno, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a  
Rule], d. 1900
8. Feast of Mary Mediatrix of all Graces
9. Bl. Antoine Bajewski, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr 1941
10. Bl. Marie-Bernard Butler, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a  
Rule], d. 1924
11. St. Gemme de Sulmona, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1439
12. St. Ignatius of Laconi, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1781
13. St. Michel Garicoitz, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1863
14. St. Marie-Dominique Mazzarello, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding/ joining another religious  
Institute, d. 1881
15. St. Jean-Baptiste de la Salle, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious  
Institute, d. 1719
16. St. Theophile de Corte, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1740
17. St. Paschal of Baylon, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1592
18. St. Felix of Cantalice, lay brother, Capuchin religious, 1587
19. St. Yves, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1303
20. St. Bernardin de Sienne, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1444
21. St. Crispin de Viterbe, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1750
22. St. Joaquina Vedruna, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious  
Institute, d. 1854
23. Bl. Gerard de Villamagna, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1242
24. Bl. Jean de Prado, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1631
25. Dedication of the Basilica in Assisi, 1253
26. St. Philippe Neri, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1595;  
Memorial of St. Marie-Anne Parades, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1645
27. Bl. Gerard de Lunel, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1270
28. St. Jean-Baptiste Rossi, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1764
29. Bl. Etienne et Raymond, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1242
30. St. Joan of Arc, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1431,  
King Saint Fernando III, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1252
31. Feast of the Queenship of Mary, Public Consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Novena in preparation of the feast of Pentecost - Plenary Indulgence – Chant in public the Veni Creator  
Sacred Heart – Plenary Indulgence - Public recitation of the Act of Reparation



## June

1. Bl. Felix de Nicosie, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d/ 1787
2. Bl. Jean Pelingotto, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1304
3. Bl. Andre de Spello, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1254
4. St. Francois caracciolo, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1608
5. Bl Pacifique de Cerano, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1482
6. Bl. Laurent de Villamagna, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1535
7. Bl. Himiliane Cerchi, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1246
8. Bl. Nicolas de Gesturi, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1958
9. Bl. Innocent Guz, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr 1940
10. Bl. Edouard Poppe, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1924
11. Bl. Yolanda of Hungary, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1298
12. Bl. Floride Cevoli, Virgin, Capuchin religious, d. 1767
13. St. Anthony of Padua, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1231 Plenary Indulgence for cordbearers
14. Bl. Zephirin Jimenez, Martyr, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1936
15. St. Vincente Gerosa, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1847
16. Bl. Marie-Therese Scherer, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1888
17. Bl. Pierre Gambacorta, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1435
18. Bl. Guy de Cortone, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1250
19. Bl. Achille Puchata, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr 1943
20. Bl. Micheline de Pesaro, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1356
21. Bl. Herman Stapien, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr 1943
22. St. Thomas More, Martyr, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1943
23. St. Joseph Cafasso, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1860
24. Nativity of St. John the Baptist
25. Bl. Bienvenu de Gubbio, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1232
26. Bl. Frederic Janssone, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1916
27. Bl. Marguerite Baeys, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1879
28. St. Barthelemie Capitanio, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1833
29. Sts. Peter and Paul, Holy Day of Obligation, Plenary Indulgence
30. Bl. Raymond Lulle, Martyr, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1315

### ***Upcoming Regional Events***

Saturday April 14, 2018	Regional Chapter Meeting	St. Pius X Church, Middletown, CT
Saturday April 28, 2018	Formation Workshop	St. Joseph Church, Vernon, CT
<i>To be announced</i>	Regional Day of Recollection	
Saturday November 10, 2018	Regional Assembly	