

In Memory of Franz’s mother-in-law who was buried in the Lord October 8, 2019

Barbara Lucile (Snell) Garni, 89, of Duluth and formerly of Virginia, passed away Wednesday, October, 2, 2019, at the Benedictine Health Center in Duluth.

She was born on June 27, 1930, to LeRoy and Lucile (Wain) Snell in Detroit, Michigan. She was a graduate of Southeastern High School in Detroit and Michigan State University. She received a masters degree in math education from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

She taught math in the Royal Oak, Michigan, public schools, Robbinsdale Junior High School, and Hibbing Community College. After taking off several years to devote time to her family, she resumed teaching as a substitute in the Virginia School district and finished her teaching career as a math instructor at Mesabi Community College, retiring in 1992.

She met her husband, Remo “Ray” Garni, while attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and they were married on June 24, 1967, in Birmingham, Michigan. They made their home in Virginia. Soon after Ray’s death in 2009, she moved to Duluth to be closer to her daughter and family.

Barb was involved in many organizations, always willing to serve where needed. She was active in the American Association of University Women, James Madison PTA, Virginia Band Boosters, Virginia Study Club, Friends of the Library, Virginia Library Commission, and the Mesabi Range Foundation Board. She was recently honored as a 60-year member of the Alpha Delta Kappa international teachers’ sorority.

She led several book clubs and volunteered at the Virginia Regional Medical Center and Virginia Public Library for many years. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, gardening, reading and playing bridge and bocce ball. Family and friends always looked forward to receiving a knitted dish cloth from Barb for Christmas.

Barb was a gifted teacher who made math understandable for many. She was honored twice with the Outstanding Teacher Award at Mesabi Community College – in 1989 by the faculty and in 1992 by the students.

After moving to Duluth, Barb became a member of St. Benedict’s Catholic Church and enjoyed many activities at the Westwood Senior Apartments. She recently experienced great joy in taking on her new role as grandmother.

Barb cherished her family and gladly put their needs before her own. Her life was characterized by virtue and gratitude, and she always had a smile to share with others.

She is survived by her daughter Elizabeth (Franz) Hoefflerle and granddaughter Isabelle of Duluth, several nieces and nephews, and special cousin Cecilia (Patrick) Fox of Warren, Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Remo, infant daughter Catherine Ann, and sister and brother-in-law Aileen and Ronald Eick.



Gospel Reading, 29th Sunday of Ordinary

Time: Lk 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.'

For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'"

The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS with some *Everyday* stewardship from the bulletin at Holy Angels parish

St. Francis De Sales said, "Have patience with all things, but, first of all with yourself." Life has a way of knocking us down or off the path we are traveling. If it is a path that God has called us to, then it will be easier to get back to the journey, but nevertheless, it is difficult. The hardest thing to bear is that too often what we blame on life is really about our own choices or shortcomings. The refrain of many a blues singer sounds something like, "Nobody to blame but me!"

What is the Good News? God's patience is far superior to our own. We do need to follow the words above and cultivate in ourselves a greater sense of patience in all things. However, we should take great comfort in knowing that God's patience will always be there as we struggle to grow and advance in our life as a disciple.

You're trying to live a stewardship way of life but keep falling onto the side of the road? God wants you to reach Him on the road but will wait for you. You want to be holier and more committed to your faith? God will take what you give Him. The danger is when you lose your patience and stop moving toward Him. You decide that it doesn't really matter and that what you can offer God doesn't amount to anything of worth. We must never cease our journey. You and I may get fed up, but our God never will. —Keith

This month's Fraternity Gathering

October 20, 2019, 12:30 p.m. – Pot luck and gathering.

Holy Family Catholic Church, social hall
2430 West 3rd St., Duluth
Park in the parish office parking lot (west side)

Agenda:

1. Opening prayer – Darlene
2. LotH – Keith
3. Gospel sharing – Barb
4. Ongoing Formation – Jane, The Writings of Clare
5. Business
 - a. Approve minutes, assign ministries
 - b. Treasurer reports, bills, receipts
 - c. Formation report
 - d. JPIC report
6. Vocation and closing prayers

Next month's meeting: November 17, 2019.

Ongoing formation – TBD



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Council Meeting Agenda

Council meeting will immediately follow the fraternity meeting.

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approve minutes/agenda
3. Kathy's admission to Candidacy
4. Spring gathering-April 25, 2020
5. Comments, questions from fraternity members
6. Other business
7. Closing Prayer

Faith Matters: Reflections from your Spiritual Assistant

Article 20: The Secular Franciscan Order is divided into fraternities of various levels — local, regional, national, and international. Each one has its own moral personality in the Church. These various fraternities are coordinated and united according to the norm of this rule and of the constitutions.

This month we move from reflection on our “Way of Life” to our way of “Life in Fraternity.” For Secular Franciscans the primary way we experience shared gospel living is through the local fraternity where we gather regularly with our brothers and sisters for prayer, support, and service. For many Seculars it is the only way they share in the wider Franciscan family, outside an occasional contact with leaders from the region through visitation and elections.

In reality the Order is an organic unity which operates at four distinct levels: local, regional, national, and international. All contribute something to the whole which is the Secular Franciscan Order.

A member of the Order once asked me, “Why do we need to hear about the Region or things at the national? All that matters is the local fraternity.” I thought of what Paul might say to that: “Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,’ that would not make it any less a part of the body” (I Cor 12:14-15). And later: “If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it” (I Cor 12:26-27). Paul called us to look beyond our personal interests to the good of the whole.

That is true for us as well. As Secular Franciscans we are members of the worldwide Franciscan body of Christ, within the larger body of Christ that is the Church. We’re all in this together. As our *Constitution* states, “The brothers and sisters are co-responsible for the life of the fraternity to which they belong and for the **OFS as the organic union of all fraternities throughout the world** (Article 30.1, emphasis added). Like any family we might not always get along with each other, but we are still family. To quote a famous restaurant, “when you’re here, you’re family.” —Bob

Franciscan Saints/Blesseds of the Month

- 4 OUR HOLY FATHER FRANCIS
- 6 ST MARY FRANCES OF THE FIVE WOUNDS
- 10 STS DANIEL & COMPANIONS
- 12 ST SERAPHIN OF MONTEGRANARO
- 20 BL JAMES OF STREPAR
- 20 BL CONTARDO FERRINI
- 21 BL JOSEPHINE LEROUX
- 22 ST PETER OF ALCÁNTARA

Peter was born in 1499 of wealthy and powerful parents. While still a child his father sent him away to university where he resolved to join the Franciscans. He became a friar of the Stricter Observance branch of the O.F.M. where he practiced extreme mortification as a discipline and became a renowned preacher.

Peter failed initially as a provincial because other friars rejected his severe rules. He retreated into solitude in the mountains, but others joined him there. Peter later established several communities in Spain under the umbrella of the Conventuals which flourished under his direction.

Here Peter’s life and ministry intersected with St. Teresa of Ávila. He supported her in her reforms of the Carmelites and they became close collaborators. Much of what we know of Peter came from Teresa.

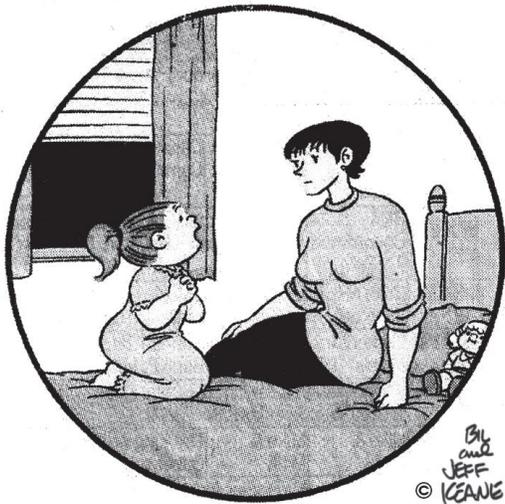
Peter of Alcántara was canonized by Pope Clement in 1669. He is the patron saint of nocturnal adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

- 23 ST JOHN OF CAPISTRANO
- 26 BL BONAVENTURE OF POTENZA
- 30 ANNIVERSARY OF DEDICATION IN CONSECRATED FRANCISCAN CHURCHES

Wisdom from Solanus Casey

- ❖ Be as blind as possible to the faults of your neighbors, trying at least to attribute a good intention to their actions.
- ❖ We should ever be grateful for and love the vocation to which God has called us. This applies to every vocation because, after all, what a privilege it is to serve God, even in the least capacity.
- ❖ Studying Mary’s life is learning to love God in His works and in His masterpiece.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil and Jeff Keane



"God's not planning on retiring anytime soon, is He?"

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ODDS 'N' ENDS

Prayer request via Kathy Taormina from a few weeks ago:

This afternoon [September 30] as 2 teenagers waited to cross on a corner in Minneapolis they were hit by a car. The police said the driver was in a stolen car and they believe he was impaired (drunk) at the time.

These 2 teenagers are the daughter and son of Mitzi and Joe Speranzella, members of St. John XXIII, OFS fraternity.

At this time all we know is that the older daughter has a cut on the back of her head and is in surgery for possible internal injuries. The son has a broken ankle and 3 broken lower vertebrae, but he can move his feet.

They are not life-threatening injuries, but their recovery will be long and painful. After emergency measures they will be admitted to the Children's wing of Hennepin Medical in Minneapolis

Please pray for the teens and the family.

I received a date for the presentation to the Campus Ministry group at St. Scholastica: **October 20 after the 6:30 p.m. Mass.** This is an open invitation for any of you to come and show your Franciscan spirit.
—Bob



Transitus 2019



Our newly elected fraternity council with a special gift from fellow Secular Franciscans around the Region

