



Pater Noster Fraternity

Queen of Peace Region

Newsletter – April 2019

St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church

Gonderinger Parish Center

16701 S St., Omaha, NE 68135

Vision:

“The Pater Noster Secular Franciscan Fraternity exists to bring Christ’s love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness to a world in need of God.”

Mission:

“The mission of Pater Noster Fraternity is to proclaim, and witness to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Inspired by the example of St. Francis and St. Clare, we strive to humbly serve all people, especially the poor and forgotten. We celebrate joyfully the gift of life in all creation and recognize God’s living presence in the world.”

Council Officers as of April 2018 – Please, pray for us as we pray for you.



Left to right:

SA: Sr. Mary Ann Schmieding, OSF

Councilor: Cecilia Padilla, OFS

Minister: Luis Antonio Alvarez, OFS

Vice Minister: Joseph Norman, OFS

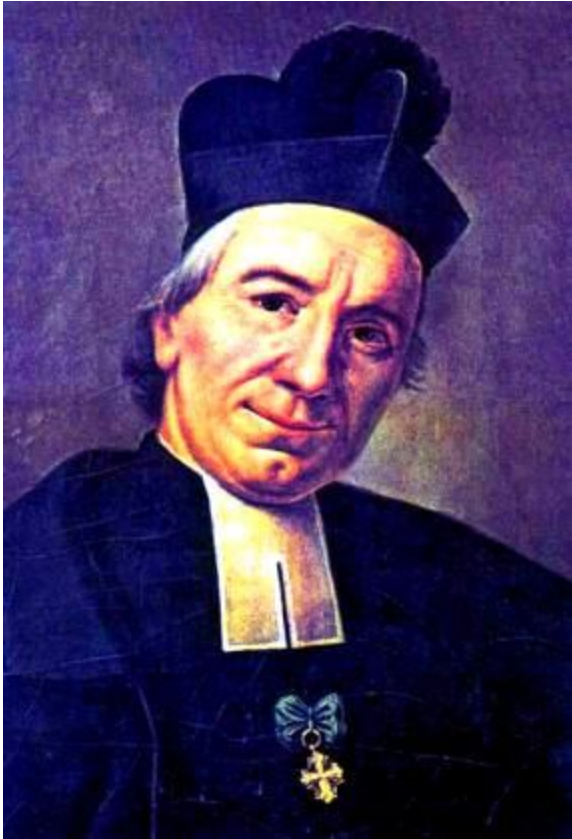
Treasurer: Linda Mertz, OFS

Councilor: Kent Riesberg, OFS

Formation Director: Andrea Walther, OFS

Secretary: William Whipple, OFS

Saint of the Month



St Joseph Benedict Cottolengo, Priest

Franciscan Third Order Secular

Feast Day: 30 April

Birth: 3 May 1786 at Bra, Cuneo, Piedmont region, Italy

Death: 30 April 1842, Age 56, Chieri, Turin, Italy

Venerated: 10 February 1901 by Pope Leo XIII (decree of heroic virtues)

Beatified: 29 April 1917 by Pope Benedict XV

Canonized: 19 March 1934 by Pope Pius XI

Patronage: Czech Republic

In some ways Joseph exemplified St. Francis' advice, **"Let us begin to serve the Lord God, for up to now we have made little or no progress"** (1 Celano, #103).

Born to a middle-class family. Studied at the seminary in Turin, Italy. Ordained in 1811. Parish priest in Bra and Corneliano d'Alba. Doctor of Divinity. Joined the Order of the Corpus Christi in Turin. Canon of the Church of the Trinity in Turin.

For several years, Joseph treated his priesthood more as a career than a vocation. Then one night he was called to the bed of a poor, sick woman in labor. The woman badly needed medical help but had been turned away everywhere for lack of money.

Joseph stayed with her throughout the travail and was there to hear her confession, give her absolution, Communion, and last rites. He baptized her newborn daughter and then watched as both of them died in bed. The trauma of the evening changed his mind about his vocation.

In 1827 he opened a small shelter for the area sick and homeless, renting a room, filling it with beds, and seeking male and female volunteers. The place expanded, and he received help from the Brothers of Saint Vincent and the Vincentian Sisters. During a cholera outbreak in 1831, the local police closed the hospice, fearing it was a source of the illness.

St Joseph Benedict Cottolengo (continued)

In 1832, Giuseppe transferred his operation to the Valdocco area of Turin, Italy, and called the shelter the Little House of Divine Providence (Piccola Casa). The Casa began receiving support, and grew, adding asylums, orphanages, hospitals, schools, workshops, chapels, alms-house, and programs to help the poor, sick, and needy of all types. This small village of the poor depended almost entirely on alms, Joseph kept no records, and turned down offers of state assistance; never once did they do without.

Joseph directed the operation until a few days before his death, and the Casa continues to today, serving 8,000 or more each day. He founded fourteen communities to serve the residents, including the Daughters of Compassion, Daughters of the Good Shepherd, Hermits of the Holy Rosary, and Priests of the Holy Trinity.

[Information Link](#)

[Youtube Link](#)

St Joseph Benedict Cottolengo, *pray for us!*

The Admonitions of St Francis of Assisi

Admon. 24 – Caring for the Sick

– On true concern

Blessed is the servant who so loves his brother when he is sick and cannot return the favor, as when he is healthy and can return the favor.

Q1. How should another's sickness influence our behavior with him/her?

Q2. St. Francis reminds us about a dangerous false principle that we will only do good deeds to others when they can return the favor. Gift-giving should always be done with no expectations in return. How does Francis' principle fulfill the true love of God and neighbor that Jesus preached and practiced?

Q3. Does this remind us of the parable of the Good Samaritan? How so?

Prayer Requests and Praise Reports

-Steve Carlson:

- For my daughter, Elena, to return to the Church.
- For emotional healing for Elena and Lucia Carlson.

-Nancy Yount:

- for my sister, Karen, who is suffering from a rare form of dementia and her family
- for my brother Ken who has been diagnosed with PTSD
- for my son and daughter to return to the Church
- for my brother Al and his struggles with Parkinson's
- for the flooding victims throughout the Midwest

-Dave Garrett:

- For my daughter's struggle with her disabilities and children.
- For my son, Joshua's addiction recovery and return to the Church.

-Luis Alvarez:

- For our Franciscan Families, those members who are ill and alone.
- For an increase of vocations to all Franciscan communities.
- For an end to abortion, euthanasia and all offenses against human life.
- For the innocent bishops, priests, deacons, and all who work for the kingdom of Christ, who are going to suffer for the sins of others.

Kent Riesberg:

- For my daughter, *Janice*, who will be having a baby soon - health for both the mother and baby.

Joseph Norman:

- For my mother (Betty) and brother (Tom)

-Cecilia Padilla:

- For difficulties with unforeseen circumstances.

Calendar Of Events

Annual/Special Meetings

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Professions!!!!

June/July 2019

Monastery of St Clare

Date: to be determined

Chapter of Mats

Saturday, August 17, 2019

Monastery of St Clare

22625 Edgewater Rd.

Elkhorn, NE 68022

Transitus of St Francis of Assisi

Thursday, October 3, 2019

St. John Vianney Catholic Church

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Omaha, NE 68137

**[Admon. 15 – Preserve inner peace in trials
(also confer Admon. #13 & #11 & #14)**

On Peace:

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Monthly Meetings

Monthly Gathering - 3rd Sunday

Exceptions: (Please confirm before attending.)

- ***Apr** - The **4th Sunday**, Easter is on the 3rd
- ***Jun** - The **4th Sunday**, Father's Day is on the 3rd Sunday
- **Aug** - No Gathering scheduled -> Chapter of Mats

Initial Formation at 11:30 am

Potluck at 1:00 pm

On-Going Formation at 1:30 PM

Council Meeting - 2nd Wednesday of the month *(Except in April/December when the Lenten/Advent Retreat will be held)*

On-Going Formation -

FRANCIS of ASSISI and the FUTURE of FAITH
EXPLORING FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY AND THEOLOGY IN THE
MODERN WORLD

- April 2019 Introduction & Part 1 Ch. 1
- The closing is the Ritual for most months, for Mar, Jun, Sep, and Dec it is the Liturgy of the Hours.

Initial Formation -

The Franciscan Journey:

- April 2019 Chapters 28 & 29

Those are truly peacemakers, who in the midst of all the things which they undergo in this life for love of Our Lord Jesus Christ, develop peace in mind and body.]