



# The XXIII News

St. John XXIII, OFS fraternity

Secular Franciscan Order ~USA

July 2019

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We are Secular Franciscans living in the world and sharing our Franciscan Charism by “going from gospel to life, and life to the gospel”, by following Jesus Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare; and by following our apostolic Rule we strive to build up the Kingdom of God in our lifetimes by our prayers, works and fraternal community.*

## July Gatherings

**July 14 – Fraternity Meeting**, St. Bonaventure’s Ambrose Hall, Room #4, 1:00-3:30 pm  
**Franciscan Gospel Sharing** – Joan Marcantelli  
**Formation** – Holy Half-Hours, Prologue #2  
Read, meditate and answer the questions.  
**Snacks** – Lori Hinker  
**Fruit** – Bonita Hartmann

## July III Order Feasts

- 3. Bl. Marie Anne Fontcuberta
- 4. 40 Martyrs of China
- 5. Bl. Ignace Falzon, OFS
- 7. Bl. Oddin Barotto, OFS
- 8. St. Elisabeth of Portugal, OFS
- 15. Bl. Bernard de Baden, OFS
- 15. St. Bonaventure**
- 15. Tim & Kathy’s Anniversary, 41 years
- 16. St. Marie-Madeleine Postel
- 17. Bl. Pierre De Foligno, OFS
- 18. St. Camillus de Lellis
- 19. St. Vincent de Paul
- 22. Bl. Angeline of Marciano
- 29. Bl. Alphonse de l’Immaculee
- 31. St. Ignatius de Loyola
- 31. Joan Marcantelli’s birthday
- 31. Kathie Sirek’s birthday



## Upcoming Events

**September 14 – MN FALL GATHERING**  
St. Bonaventure Church, hosted by the Fraternity of Mary, Queen of Peace. 8:30 am – 4:00 pm.

## August Gatherings

**August 11– Fraternity Meeting**, St. Bonaventure’s Ambrose Hall, Room #4, 1:00-3:30 pm  
**Franciscan Gospel Sharing** – Tim Taormina  
**Formation** – Holy Half-Hours, Article 1  
Read, meditate and answer the questions.  
**Snacks** – need volunteer  
**Fruit** – Joan Marcantelli

## August III Order Feasts

- 1. St. Alphonse de Liguori
- 2. Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula**
- 3. St. Pierre-Julien Eymard
- 5. B. Marie-Francoise de Jesus
- 8. St. Jean-Marie Vianney
- 11. Bl. Innocent XI, Pope
- 11. St. Clare of Assisi**
- 13. Bl. Novellon de Faenza
- 15. Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady**
- 16. Bl. Francois de Pesaro
- 17. St. Roch de Montpellier
- 17. Fr. Steve’s Ordination Anniversary, 2002
- 19. St. Jean Eudes
- 20. Gloria Barry’s birthday
- 21. St. Jeanne-Francoise de Chantal
- 24. Kay Pelletier’s Profession, 1967
- 25. St. Louis IX, Patron of OFS
- 25. Kathie Sirek’s Profession, 2012
- 30. Bl. Juvenal Ancina

## Fraternity Prayer List

**We pray for:**  
Gloria’s continued healing;  
Bonita’s continuing medical issues, help with reading, help with finances, for a fervent prayer time;  
Lori’s Youth Ministry Summer Stretch program;

Lori's father-in-law Ribbie to respond to chemo;  
 Janet's successful hip surgery and her healing, and  
 continued prayers for her son Scotty;  
 Joan's friends who are in need a healing;  
 Tom Meagher and his continued recovery from a  
 hip replacement and a heart attack;  
 Kay's continued health and happiness;  
 Trudy to develop complete trust in God, for  
 thankfulness and peace;  
 Kathleen's gratitude for a job and all good things;  
 Joe's complicated health issues due to his meds;  
 Mitzi's family spiritual needs;  
 Kathy & Tim's family and all their needs;  
 Jim Terry's family members away from the Church,  
 for their increase in faith;  
 Mary Ann's family's safety traveling this summer;  
 Fr. Steve, and the STU Theology Dept.;  
 The repose and peace of Barbara's soul;  
 And all the prayers in the depths of our hearts!

## Pope's Prayers for July

### **Universal – Justice**

That those who administer justice may work with integrity and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

## Fraternity Meeting Minutes

**June 9, 2019**

### **Attendance**

Present: Bonita Hartmann, Kathleen Sirek, Mitzi Speranzella, Joan Marcantelli, James Terry, Norma Noonan, Trudy Phillips

Excused: Lori Hinker, Tom Meagher, Kathy Taormina, Tim Taormina

Guests: MaryAnn Bucklin, Sharon Young

**Opening Prayer:** Kathleen Sirek, Minister  
**Franciscan Gospel Sharing:** Jim Terry, Vice Minister, John 14-16 and 23-26

### **Old Business:**

An amendment needs to be made to add Norma Noonan as an attendee to the Nat'l Day of Prayer Interfaith Service.

Motion to amend the Previous month's Minutes of May 2, 2019: First motion: Bonnie, 2nd motion: Mitzi, All were in favor.

Balanced Budget: \$1507.53, Approval of the Treasure's Report. First Motion: Bonnie, 2nd motion: Joan Marcantelli.

### **New Business:**

Reviewing our Apostolates for our Christmas Season of Giving.

The Profession of 3 Candidates of St. Junipero Serra Newly Forming Group of Hayward, WI will take place on June 30, 2019, at 9:30 am. All are invited.

Fall Gathering will be 9/14/2019. The Fraternity of Mary, Queen of Peace fraternity will sponsor it.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Mitzi Speranzella, OFS

## Fraternity Treasury Report

\$1,527.53	Balance as of May 31, 2019
\$ 200.00	+ June Common Fund collection
\$ 40.00	+ June Common Fund collection
\$ 100.00	- Profession gift and gas to WI
\$ 200.00	- Profession for St Junipero Serra
<u>\$1,467.53</u>	Balance as of June 30, 2019

\$ 880.00	2020	Fair Share for 16 OFS
\$ 385.00	2020	Fair Share SJS 7 OFS
<u>\$1,265.00</u>		Total for 2020

## Fraternity Infirmary Report

This month, on behalf of our Fraternity, I am sending "Thinking of You" cards to the relatives of our deceased sisters, Marguerite Nolan, Marge Spurgin and Josephine Parenti, and our deceased brother, Bill Hone! Let us continue to keep them and all our sisters and brothers in our thoughts and prayers. May PEACE and ALL GOOD follow you always and everywhere! "Prayer is the most important conversation you will have today."

Respectfully submitted by Janet Holmes, OFS

## ***WORDS of WISDOM:***

*Generosity is one of the attributes of God, Who causes the sun to shine and the rain to fall upon all, whether just or unjust, and ministers to all most lovingly the necessities of life. Generosity is the sister of Charity; it destroys hatred and preserves love.*

*~ Francis of Assisi*



**Saint Mary Magdalen Postel**  
(**Sainte Marie-Madeleine Postel**)  
**Feast Day – July 16**

Julie Frances Catharine Postel, the daughter of a rope manufacturer, was born at Barfleur in Normandy on November 28, 1756. After her elementary education, she received further training from the Benedictine nuns at Volognes. There she decided to devote her entire life to the service of God and her neighbor, and privately took the vow of chastity.

Five years after she opened a school for girls in La Bretonne, the French Revolution broke out. During the persecution Saint Mary Magdalen Postel played a heroic part in helping the priests who were in hiding or in prison and in strengthening the faith of the loyal Catholics of Barfleur. She was authorized to keep the Blessed Sacrament in her house, and when conditions grew worse to carry the Blessed Sacrament on her person and even to administer Holy Viaticum to the dying in cases of emergency. The Jacobins often suspected her, but she enjoyed the special protection of God and no harm came to her.

After the storm had passed, Saint Mary Magdalen Postel helped to restore the Faith by catechizing young and old, and began to teach school once more at Cherbourg. With the approval of the Vicar Louis Cabart, she and two other women established a religious community there in 1805; and two years later they and another who had joined them pronounced their vows. They called themselves the Poor Daughters of Mercy and observed the rule of the Third Order of St Francis.

**SJ23<sup>rd</sup> Council**

**Minister** – Kathleen Sirek, OFS 651-666-3985  
**V. Minister** – Jim Terry, OFS 612-964-1660  
**Secretary** – Mitzi Speranzella, OFS 612.979-7168  
**Treasurer** – Norma Noonan, OFS 651-686-0532  
**Formation** – Kathy Taormina, OFS 952-457-2209  
**Spiritual Assistant**–Fr. Steve McMichael, OFM Conv.  
**Infirmarian** – Janet Holmes, OFS 952-943-1518

**July Gospel – Luke 10:25-37**

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said,  
"Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"  
Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?"  
He said in reply,  
*"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."*  
He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus,  
"And who is my neighbor?"  
Jesus replied,  
"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead.  
A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.  
Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.  
But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them.  
Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.'  
Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?"  
He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy."  
Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

**\*\*\*Remember – to be excused, please call one of the above Council members!**



## August 11, 2019 ~ On-Going Formation

### **Holy Half-Hours, Article #1 -**

Make a commitment to spend four **holy half-hours** to prepare for class. Preferably, spend one holy half-hour a week.

#### **For each holy half hour:**

- Put yourself in the presence of God.
- Pray to the Holy Spirit for Guidance.
- Read the assigned passages.

After reading, spend time with God in prayer. Use some of your thoughts as points of dialogue with God.

1. **Read** OFS RULE, Article 1.
2. **Read** OFS General Constitutions, Articles 1, 11, 98.

**OFS Rule, Article #1** – “The Franciscan family, as one among many spiritual families raised up by the Holy Spirit in the Church, unites all members of the people of God — laity, religious, and priests – who recognize that they are called to follow Christ in the footsteps of Saint Francis of Assisi. In various ways and forms but in life-giving union with each other, they intend to make present the charism of their common Seraphic Father in the life and mission of the Church.”

#### **OFS General Constitutions, Article #1 –**

1. All the faithful are called to holiness and have a right to follow their own spiritual way in communion with the Church.
2. *Rule 1* There are many spiritual families in the Church with different charisms. Among these families, the Franciscan Family, which in its various branches recognizes St. Francis of Assisi as its father, inspiration, and model, must be included.
3. *Rule 2* From the beginning, the Secular Franciscan Order has had its own proper place in the Franciscan Family. It is formed by the organic union of all the Catholic fraternities whose members, moved by the Holy Spirit, commit

themselves through profession to live the Gospel in the manner of St. Francis, in their secular state, following the Rule approved by the Church.

4. The Holy See has entrusted the pastoral care and spiritual assistance of the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS), because it belongs to the same spiritual family, to the Franciscan First Order and Third Order Regular (TOR). These are the "Institutes" who are responsible for the *altius moderamen*, referred to by Canon 303 of the Code of Canon Law. The Secular Franciscan Order is a public association in the Church.

5. It is divided into fraternities at various levels: local, regional, national, and international. Each one has its own juridical personality within the Church.

**Article #11** - Mindful that the Holy Spirit is the source of their vocation and the animator of fraternal life and mission, Secular Franciscans should seek to imitate the faithfulness of Francis to His inspiration. They should listen to the exhortation of the Saint to desire above all things "the Spirit of God at work within them."

**Article #98** – 1. Secular Franciscans should seek to live in life-giving reciprocal communion with all the members of the Franciscan family. They should be ready to promote common initiatives or participate in them with the religious of the First, Second and Third Orders, with Secular Institutes, and with other lay ecclesial groups that recognize Francis as a model and inspiration in order to work together to spread the Gospel, remove the causes of marginalization, and serve the cause of peace.  
2. They must cultivate a special affection, which expresses itself in concrete initiatives of fraternal communion, towards the sisters of the contemplative life who, like Saint Clare of Assisi, bear witness in the Church and in the world and by whose mediation they expect the abundance of grace for the fraternity and for the works of the apostolate.

#### 3. **Questions:**

Week 1: Do you believe the Holy Spirit raised the Franciscan family in the Church? What prompted me to be a Franciscan instead of one of the other spiritual families?

Week 2: What has drawn me "to follow Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi"?

Week 3: How do I explain "life-giving union with each other"?

Week 4: How do I "make present the charism [of St. Francis] in the life and mission of the Church"?