



The XXIII News

St. John XXIII, OFS fraternity

Secular Franciscan Order ~USA

January 2020

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.

January Gathering

January 12 – Fraternity Meeting, Activities building, St. Bonaventure’s, Room #4, 1:00-3:30
Franciscan Gospel Sharing – Kathie Sirek
On-Going Formation – Holy Half-Hours, Article #5
Snacks – Jim Terry
Fruit – Jim Terry
Clean-up – Jim Terry

January III Order Feasts

1. **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
3. Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus
3. Bl. Christiane Menaburi
3. Joan Marcatelli’s Profession, 2004
4. St. Angela of Foligno
4. Lori Hinker’s birthday
5. Bl. Pierre Bonilli
6. **Feast of the Epiphany**
10. Bl. Gregory X, Pope
15. Bl. Jacques del Piebe
18. Bl. Jeanne of Saint Mary
19. Bl. Marcel Spinola y Maestre
20. Joe & Mitzi Sperazella’s Profession, 2002
21. Bl. Joseph Nascimbeni
22. St. Vincent Pallotti
24. Bl. Paule Gamgara Costa
25. Bl. Emmanuel Dominguo y Sol
26. Bl. Georges Matulwicz
27. St. Angela Merici
28. Colette Schunk’s birthday, 96 years young!
28. Janet Holmes’s birthday
31. St. John Bosco



February Gathering

February 9 – Fraternity Meeting, Activities building, St. Bonaventure’s, Room #4, 1:00-3:30
Franciscan Gospel Sharing – Bonita Hartmann
On-Going Formation – Holy Half-Hours, Article #6
Snacks – Mitzi Speranzella
Fruit – Mitzi Speranzella
Clean-up – Mitzi Speranzella

February III Order Feasts

1. St. Veridiana
6. Sts. Peter Baptist, Paul Miki and 17 tertiaries
19. St. Conrad of Piacenza
25. Profession of Norma Noonan, 2018

Upcoming Events

February 9 – Mass for Tom Meagher, OFS
St. Bonaventure Church, 10:00 am Mass.
March 8 – Visitation by Queen of Peace Region
By Fr. John Elmer. All members must be present.
March 15 – St. Junipero Serra NFG Visitation
We will carpool to Hayward, WI.
April 5 – Fraternity Meeting Date Change!
April 12 (2nd Sunday) is Easter, meet on the 1st
May 2 – Fraternity Retreat led by Fr. Steve
This will be our May meeting.

Fraternity Prayer List

We pray for:
Gloria’s well-being and care by her husband;
Bonita’s healing from a foot infection, other medical Issues and her walk with Jesus;
Lori and Justin’s adoption journey;
Janet’s up-coming medical treatments and the continued healing of her son Scotty;

Joan's grandson Cameron to define his post-high school path;
 Norma – for the soul of Shelagh Jones;
 Kay's continued health and happiness;
 Trudy's Children and Grandchildren's school and Health for all;
 Joe's complicated health issues due to his meds;
 Mitzi's family's spiritual needs;
 Cece, Jacob & Justin Speranzella's total healing;
 Trust in the doctor's next steps for Jacob and Cece;
 Kathy & Tim's family and all their needs;
 An increase of faith for Jim's family and friends;
 Fr. Steve, his studies and his students;
 And all the prayers in the depths of our hearts!

Pope's Prayers for January

Prayer intention for evangelization - Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Fraternity Minutes

December 8, 2019
No minutes sent

Fraternity Treasury Report

\$3,278.10 Balance as of November 30, 2019

Expenses:

\$ 25.95	Checks re-ordered
\$ 200.00	Poor Clares of Rochester
\$ 60.50	LOTH 2020 Guides

Income:

\$ 295.00	December Common Fund
\$ 36.00	LOTH 2020 Guides Sales

\$3,322.65 Balance as of December 31, 2019

Restricted Funds:

\$1,480.00	Meagher Memorial Formation Fund
\$ 825.00	2020 Fair Share for 16 OFS- 1/2020
\$ 385.00	2020 Fair Share SJS 7 OFS- 1/2020

\$2,690.00 Total Restricted Funds

\$ 632.65 Available Funds

Respectfully submitted by Norma Noonan, OFS

Fraternity Infirmarian Report

This month, on behalf of our Fraternity, I have sent a "Thinking of You" card to Bonita Hartmann, and a Sympathy card to Lori and Justin Hinker and family. Let us remember them, and all our sisters and brothers, in prayer. I would like to thank our

Fraternity for the beautiful Christmas card and heartwarming messages, along with the 2020 Guide for the Liturgy of the Hours. You are always in my thoughts and prayers. I wish you all a Blessed New Year, and may Peace and All Good follow you always and everywhere!

Respectfully submitted by Janet Holmes, OFS



January

On-Going Formation – Holy Half-Hours, Article 5
Initial Formation – Franciscan Journey, Ch.9 for Mary Ann Bucklin.

Gospel ~ Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?"

Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

Then he allowed him.

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

SJ23rd Council

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Spiritual Assistant – Fr. Steve McMichael, OFM Conv.

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*****Remember – to be excused, please call the fraternity Minister, Kathie Sirek!**



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The feast of manifestation, or **Epiphany**, is traditionally celebrated the 12th day after Christmas, January 6th. In the dioceses of the United States this feast has been moved to the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

Prayer:

On entering the home,

Leader (Priest, if present, or father of the family): Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who dwell herein.

Leader: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

Leader: Our Father. . .

Leader: All from Sheba shall come

All: Bringing gold and frankincense.

Leader: O Lord, hear my prayer.

All: And let my cry come to You.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star did on this day manifest Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know You by faith may also attain the vision of Your glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for your light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you—Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

All: And the Gentiles shall walk in your light and kings in the splendor of your rising, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Bless, + O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Your law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

After the prayers of the blessing are recited, each room of the home is sprinkled with Epiphany water and incensed. The initials of the Magi are inscribed upon the doors with the blessed chalk. (The initials, C, M, B, can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" which means "Christ bless this house".) Example: 20 + C + M + B + 20

FEBRUARY - Holy Half-Hours

OFS RULE

Ongoing Formation

Assignment:

OFS RULE – Article 6

<p>Make a commitment to spend four holy half-hours to prepare for class.</p> <p>Preferably, spend one holy half-hour a week.</p>	<p>For each holy half hour:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Put yourself in the presence of God.• Pray to the Holy Spirit for Guidance.• Read the assigned passages. <p>After reading, spend time with God in prayer. Use some of your thoughts as points of dialogue with God.</p>
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1. **Read** OFS RULE, Article 6.

2. **Read** any commentaries, such as *Hidden Power III: From Gospel to Life*.

Read OFS General Constitutions, Articles 17, 53.2, 99.

3. **Questions:**

Week 1:

- What is the connection between my Baptism and my Profession?

Week 2:

- Am I a witness to Christ in my world by my “life and words”? How?

Week 3:

- Am I called to “rebuild the Church”? How? Give examples.

Week 4:

- Am I “living in full communion with the pope, bishops, and priests”? What happens if I disagree with them on certain subjects?