



The XXIII News

St. John XXIII, OFS fraternity

Secular Franciscan Order ~USA

February 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.

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, #5 - #6
Article #5 – Week 3 Question
Article #6 – Week 1 Question
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
Visitation to move them to an Emerging Fraternity!
April 5 – Fraternity Meeting Date Change!
April 12 (2nd Sunday) is Easter, meet on the 1st
April 25 – Spring Gathering, Little Falls MN
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., \$35.00 preregistration
May 2 – Fraternity Retreat led by Fr. Steve
This will be our May meeting.



March Formation

On-Going Formation – Holy Half-Hours, Article 7
Initial Formation – Franciscan Journey, Ch.10 for Mary Ann Bucklin.

March Gathering

March 8 – Fraternity Meeting, Activities building, St. Bonaventure’s, Room #4, 1:00-3:30
Regional Visitation! All members should be present!
Franciscan Gospel Sharing – Tim Taormina
On-Going Formation – Holy Half-Hours, Article #7
Franciscan 101 – St. Francis & his Gospel verses
Snacks – Kathy Taormina
Fruit – Tim Taormina
Clean-up – Tim & Kathy Taormina

March III Order Feasts

8. St. Jean de Dieu
9. St. Frances of Rome
12. Bl. Louis Orione
14. St. Catherine de Genes
16. Bl. Torello de Poppi
20. Bl. Hippolyte Galentini
21. Bl. Amedee IX de Savoie
23. Bl. Jeremie Lambertenghi
24. Bl. Catherine de Suede
27. Bl. Joseph-Sebastien Pelczar
29. Bl. Jeanne-Marie de Maille
31. St. Leonard Murialdo

Fraternity Prayer List

We pray for:
Gloria’s well-being and care by her husband;
Bonita’s healing and 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;
 Kathy & Tim's family and a full-term, healthy baby
 For Sara & Cody;
 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 February

Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal human smuggling and human trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Gospel ~ Matthew 5:13-16

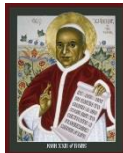
Jesus said to his disciples:
 "You are the salt of the earth.
 But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?
 It is no longer good for anything
 but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.
 You are the light of the world.
 A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.
 Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket;
 it is set on a lampstand,
 where it gives light to all in the house.
 Just so, your light must shine before others,
 that they may see your good deeds
 and glorify your heavenly Father."

SJ23rd Council

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



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Fraternity Minutes

January 12, 2020
NO report sent

Fraternity Infirmarian Report

January
NO report sent

Fraternity Treasury Report

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

Expenses:

\$ 825.00 2020 Fair Share SJ23
 \$ 385.00 2020 Fair Share SJS

Income:

\$ 240.00 January Common Fund

\$2,352.65 **Balance as of January 31, 2020**

Restricted Funds:

\$1,480.00 Meagher Memorial Formation Fund
 \$ 847.00 2021 Fair Share for 15 OFS, 1 Can.
 \$ 385.00 2020 Fair Share SJS 7 OFS
\$2,712.00 **Total Restricted Funds**

(-\$359.35) **NO Available Funds**

Respectfully submitted by Norma Noonan, OFS

Look, look on Jesus, poor and crucified, look on this Holy One, who for your love has died, and remember as you contemplate the sacred mysteries, this Jesus whom you gaze upon, loves you most tenderly.

St. Clare of Assisi

MARCH - Holy Half-Hours

OFS RULE

Ongoing Formation

Assignment:

OFS RULE – Article 7

<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 7.

2. **Read** any commentaries, such as *Hidden Power III: From Gospel to Life*.
Read OFS General Constitutions, Articles 11, 13.

3. **Questions:**

Week 1:

- Do I feel “united by [my] vocation as brothers and sisters of penance”? How?

Week 2:

- How do I describe “radical” conversion? Have I experienced it?

Week 3:

- Do I try to examine my lifestyle in view of living my vocation daily?

Week 4:

- How do I understand the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Do I feel that it is “the privileged sign of the Father’s mercy”? How?