



The XXIII News

St. John XXIII, OFS fraternity

Secular Franciscan Order ~USA

June 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.

June Virtual Gathering

JUNE 14 – ZOOM Meeting – 1:00 pm

Check for an email from Jim T. who will set up our meeting. Kathie S. will facilitate the call.

Franciscan Gospel Sharing – Kathy, page 3

On-Going Formation – Prayer Before the Crucifix; read and meditate on the Prayer on page 3 and be ready to discuss.

June III Order Feasts

2. Bl. Jean Pelingotto, Confessor
4. St. Francois Caracciolo
- 7. MOST HOLY TRINITY**
7. Bl. Himiliane Cerchi
8. Mitzi Speranzella's birthday
9. Kay Pelletier's birthday
10. Bl. Edouard Poppe
11. Colette Schunk's Profession, 1961
13. St. Anthony of Padua
13. Trudy Phillip's birthday
- 14. MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD of CHRIST**
14. Bl. Zephirin Jimenez
15. St. Vincente Gerosa
16. Bl. Marie-Therese Scherer
17. Bl. Pierre Gambacorta
17. Mitzi & Joe Speranzella's Anniversary, 31 years
- 20. WORLD REFUGEE DAY**
22. St. Thomas More
23. St. Joseph Cafasso
27. Bl. Marguerite Baeyes
28. St. Barthelemie Capitanio
30. Bl. Raymond Lulle

Pope's Prayers for June

The Way of the Heart: We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

July Gathering

July 12 – Fraternity Meeting, St. Bonaventure's Activities Center, Room #4, 1:00-3:30 pm

Franciscan Gospel Sharing – Norma
Formation – Holy Half-Hours, Article #10

Read, meditate and answer the questions.

Snacks – Norma; **Fruit** – Mary Ann (*please remember that all food must be individually wrapped and the fruit must be the kind to peel.*)

July III Order Feasts

3. Bl. Marie Anne Fontcuberta
4. 40 Martyrs of China
5. Bl. Ignace Falzon, OFS
6. St. Maria Goretti
7. Bl. Oddin Barotto, OFS
8. St. Elisabeth of Portugal, OFS
- 15. ST. BONAVENTURE**
15. Bl. Bernard de Baden, OFS
15. Tim & Kathy's Anniversary, 42 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

Fraternity Prayer/Needs List

Coronavirus: for those who have died from the virus, those currently with the virus and for the safety for those who minister to them in any way;

Gloria and her husband Ray's well-being within their new 24-hour care at home;

Bonita prays for calls in the evening to stem off the loneliness;
Lori's continued faith growing for her students and youth now that everything is virtual. Especially for the youth that suffer with anxiety, depression and stress;
Janet in thanksgiving for all God's blessings, for the continued health and well-being of our son Scotty, for my up-coming medical treatments, and for all our family members, living and deceased;
Joan's youngest daughter Amy's success in a new job position and the family's relocation to Florida;
Norma's family as this difficult time;
Kay's continued health and safety;
Trudy's Children and Grandchildren's school and Health for all;
Colette's continued health and safety;
Kathleen's elderly neighbor who died, may the Lord welcome him into the Kingdom;
Cece, Jacob & Justin Speranzella's total healing;
Jacob's upcoming surgery to remove a mass attached to his liver;
Kathy & Tim's family and a full-term, healthy baby girl for Sara & Cody, for Dr. Haley as she works in the Emergency Department and for the total healing of Beth's knee surgery;
Jim's complete healing of his hip replacement;
Mary Ann for continued good health for her and her family;
Fr. Steve's 25 students in his Theology 101 course;
And all the prayers in the depths of our hearts!



June Formation

On-Going Formation – Prayer Before the Crucifix
Initial Formation – prepare for Candidacy

Fraternity Infirmarian Report

This month, on behalf of our Fraternity, I have sent "Thinking of You" cards (with enclosed prayer cards), to the relatives of our deceased brothers, Tom Meagher and Bill Honel, and our deceased sisters, Marguerite Nolan and Marge Spurgin. Let us continue to keep them, and all our brothers and sisters in our thoughts and prayers. May we all find strength, hope, comfort and peace in Jesus. "Prayer is the most important conversation you will have today."

Respectfully submitted by Janet Holmes, OFS

Fraternity Treasury Report

Balance as of April 1, 2020 **\$3,333.65**

Expenses: May
Office Supplies - \$ 131.10
 Newsletter envelopes,
 Brochures, File folders

Income:
Common Fund May 2020 \$ 430.00
Balance as of May 31, 2020 **\$3,632.65**

Restricted Funds
Meagher Memorial Fund \$1,505.00
2021 Fair Share Anticipated:
St. John XXIII, OFS (15, 1 cand.) \$ 847.00
St. Juniper Serra NFG (6) \$ 330.00
Total Restricted: **\$2,682.00**

NET Balance of available funds **\$ 950.55**

Respectfully submitted by Norma Noonan, OFS

***Our apostolates and bills will still need your financial help in the months to come so please mail your June Common Fund donations to:
Norma Noonan, OFS, 4439 Lakeshore Terrace
Eagan MN 55122***

Fraternity Minutes

No meeting - No Minutes.

SJ23rd Council

Minister – Kathleen Sirek, OFS 651-666-3985
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Formation – Kathy Taormina, OFS 952-457-2209
Spiritual Assistant–Fr. Steve McMichael, OFM Conv.
Infirmarian – Janet Holmes, OFS 952-943-1518

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



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Congratulations!

Bonita on your 18 years of sobriety in June! We're so proud of you! Praying for you as you continue!

Gospel – John 6: 51-58

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds:

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying,
"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

Jesus said to them,

"Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and
drink his blood,

you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
has eternal life,

and I will raise him on the last day.

For my flesh is true food,
and my blood is true drink.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him.

Just as the living Father sent me
and I have life because of the Father,
so also the one who feeds on me
will have life because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven.

Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died,
whoever eats this bread will live forever."



St. Francis' Prayer before the Crucifix

Most High
glorious God,
enlighten the darkness
of my heart.

Give me
right faith,
sure hope
and perfect charity.

Fill me with understanding
and knowledge
that I may fulfill
your command.

*In the holy love which is God,
I beg all my brothers [and
sisters]. . . after overcoming
every impediment and
putting aside every care and
anxiety, to serve, love, honor,
and adore the Lord God with
a clean heart and a pure mind
in whatever way they are best
able to do so, for that is what
He wants above all else.*

~ *St. Francis of Assisi*

*The Earlier Rule (XXII: An Admonition
to the Brothers), 60*

JULY FORMATION

Holy Half-Hours OFS RULE

Ongoing Formation Assignment:

OFS RULE – Article 10

<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 10

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

Read OFS General Constitutions, Articles 10, 12.2.

3. **Questions:**

Week 1:

- Do I place my “will into the Father’s will”?

Week 2:

- When do I hold part, or most, of myself back from God?

Week 3:

- What are the “duties proper to [my] various circumstances of life”?

Week 4:

- I am to “witness to him even in difficulties and persecutions”. When do I find that most challenging to do?