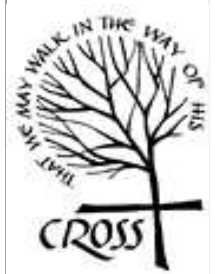




# NEWSLETTER OF THE SAINT BONAVENTURE FRATERNITY SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

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## CALENDAR

<b>Oct 3 4:00 pm</b>	The Transitus service will held at St. Francis Friary. There will be no reception afterward.
Oct 4	TRANSITUS OF SAINT FRANCIS
Oct 6	ST MARY FRANCIS OF THE FIVE WOUNDS
Oct 10	STS DANIEL AND COMPANIONS
<b>Oct 10 1:30 pm</b>	<b>Saint Bonaventure Fraternity Gathering – St. Francis Friary</b>
Oct 12	ST SERAPHIN OF MONTEGRANARO
Oct 20	BL JAMES OF STREPAR BL CONTARDO FERRINI
Oct 21	BL JOSEPHINE LEROUX
Oct 22	ST PETER OF ALCANTARA
Oct 23	ST JOHN OF CAPISTRANO
Oct 26	BL BONAVENTURE OF POTENZA
Oct 30	ANNIVERSARY OF DEDICATION IN CONSECRATED FRANCISCAN CHURCHES

## FRATERNITY GATHERINGS

Our October meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on October 10 at Mt. Assisi Friary in Loretto.

Our fraternity is scheduled for a fraternal and pastoral visitation at our gathering. **A quorum of members is required to be present.** Our visitors will be Theresa Mummert OFS, Kathy Barton OFS, and Fr. Christopher Panagoplos TOR. The visitors will meet with the Council members at 12:00 noon

prior to the arrival of the rest of the fraternity at 1:30 p.m.

**Please contact Mary Jo if you are unable to attend.**

## ONGOING FORMATION

In July we began “Formation Fridays”. We will be announcing which one we are doing and members can view them at <https://www.dmf-ofs.org/>



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 20** - Lady Poverty Regional Chapter meeting – virtual. More information to follow.

The Q date- August 3-7, 2022

## COUNCIL AND GATHERING NOTES

Council met on Thursday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m. via Google meet. The common fund balance at 9/30/2021 was \$2,688.80 and the checkbook balance was \$1,128.62. CF was 2,688.80.

Our September gathering was held on **Sunday, September 12** at **McGuire Park in Loretto** with Mass and a family picnic followed by a potluck. We

were blessed to be able to gather in person together.



## **CELEBRATIONS !!**

Happy 12th Profession Anniversary to **Bill Duryea and Mary Jo Fiore on October 4, and 4<sup>th</sup> profession anniversary to Marie Bettwy and Heather Meck on October 8.**

Happy Wedding Anniversary to **MaryJo and Pat Fiore on October 1**, as well as a Happy Birthday to **Judy John on October 8 and Br. William Shee on October 31.**

## **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Please continue to pray for restored health for any of our fraternity members who have been ill, as well as any of our Franciscan brothers and sisters who are in need of God's healing graces. Also pray for those who have passed from this life into the next. And please pray for the men and women who are serving our country in combat areas and for their families. As always, please forward your special intentions to the Fraternity Minister for inclusion in our prayers.

## **APOSTOLATE**

### **Items Needed for the Dorothy Day Center -**

The Dorothy Day Center will be in need of items for their distribution for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Call the Dorothy Day Center at 814-472-2877 to see how you can help.

## **ADMONITION...Mary Jo, OFS**

Happy Feast Day Brothers and Sisters! We will soon celebrate the Transitus and Feast Day of our beloved St. Francis. Along with many others we will attend services and masses to remember and celebrate the life and teachings of St. Francis.

The annual transitus service is celebrated on the evening of the feast day, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. There is no one ritual form for this liturgy. Certain prayers, writings of St. Francis, Gospel readings and music are common. For me, the Transitus Service at the St. Francis Friary has the most moving liturgy and heartfelt music I have experienced.

As you celebrate The Feast of St. Francis, I share this prayer from Francis himself.

"Lord, help me to live this day quietly, peacefully. To lean upon Thy great strength trustfully, restfully.

To wait for the unfolding of Thy will patiently, serenely. To meet others peacefully, joyously. To face tomorrow confidently, courageously. Amen"

