

# MARY, QUEEN OF ANGELS FRATERNITY

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER—USA + ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA

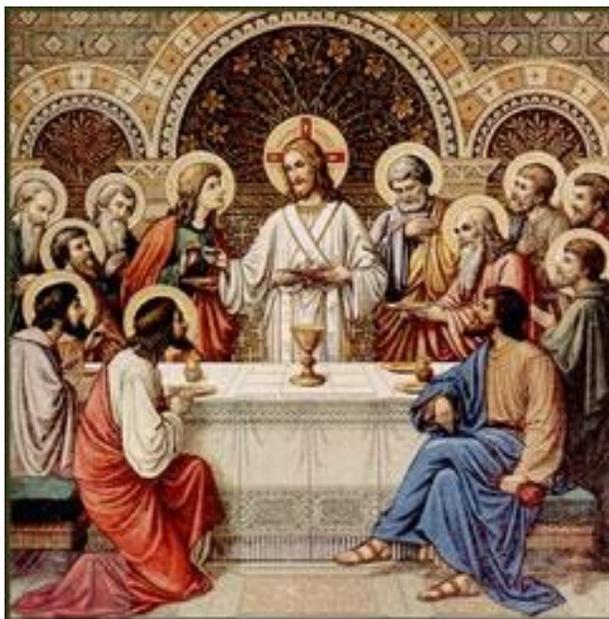
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*Live a Life Worthy of Your Call*



*O Sacred Banquet,  
in which Christ is received,  
the memory of His passion is renewed,  
the mind is filled with grace,  
and the pledge of future glory is given to us.*

The Church invites the participation of Catholics in political affairs,  
as part of the commitment to “Christianize the world”  
and the vocation of lay people  
“to be witnesses to Christ in all things in the midst of human society.”  
*(Pope St Paul VI, Gaudium et Spes)*

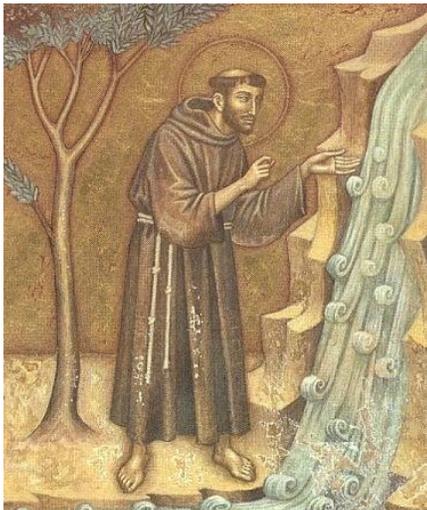
INFIRM and HOMEBOUND “The brothers and sisters, progressing in age, should learn to accept illness and increasing difficulties and to give a deeper sense to their life”

(GC 27). In your charity, please remember in prayer and in personal visits our homebound members: **at Home:** Janet Azeles, Camilla Palazzi, Cheryl Hengst; **at Garvey Manor:** Fr Adrian, Fr Terrence; **at St Stephen’s Living Center:** Mary Rita Stoltz; **at Graystone Manor:** Shirley Dougherty; **at St Bernardine Monastery:** Friars Eugene, Robert, Anthony, Giles, Seraphin, and Tello. Please inform our Infirmarian, **Mike**, of any member who is infirm and/or homebound so that a visit can be arranged and/or a card be sent, bringing them our prayers and fraternal wishes.



### THE WATER OF FRATERNITY

In the Canticle, St Francis sings of “Sister Water” as precious, chaste, humble—a gift truly life-giving. With the pandemic restrictions being slowly lifted, **we can enter our commitments and responsibilities and regain what we have missed, and for so long, have desired.** I speak now of the “water of fraternity.” Fraternities of every level, in every region are coming to “drink freely the water of fraternity.” We cannot return not being changed by events of this past year.



Those who have only placed their big toe into these waters—only to have removed them when things get hot or remain cold and uncomfortable—are asked to have the courage and love of fraternity to plunge themselves totally and wholly into fraternity life. **The water of fraternity is precious and life-giving, cleansing and refreshing, even sacramental**—that the members may be for each other—what fraternity life signifies.

The Fraternity Council met person-to-person 25 May 2021. Pandemic restrictions are being lifted, also here in the Diocese. The plan is to begin fraternity gathering once again, person-to-person. The need to connect with one another—and **to strengthen our relationships with one another**—is greater than was the absence from each other we’ve experienced this past year. If you have been away from the fraternity before the pandemic, we miss you. You are an important link that holds us together. Let us draw close to each other and together experience “*the water of fraternity.*” The fraternity needs to be aware of the upcoming scheduled Chapter of Elections, and the months-long preparation for it to take place: forming a nominations committee; preparing a slate of nominees; inviting regional visitors; and finally, the election itself.



### LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL GIFT

Should you be looking for a religious gift, books, cards, or a gift for any occasion, visit The Friar’s Nook across from St Bernardine Monastery, Route 36 South, 4 miles from Hollidaysburg. **Now open Monday through Saturday, 10 AM to 4 PM.**

## BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD

By our Lord's sacrifice, His body broken for us, and His blood poured out for us, our lives are claimed for God's purposes, saved by God's forgiveness. Not only is physical death not the end of our lives, but every experience of death—limitation, failure, discouragement, loneliness, the urgency toward sin—is likewise overcome. The covenant of Christ's blood transforms every loss into gain, as Christ's own passion was transfigured into joy.

The feast we celebrate today isn't just about bread and wine we share in the Eucharist, but the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ we are to one another. We share one life, one suffering, and one victory. Look at the Cross. See not only sorrow, but triumph.

## FRATERNITY GATHERING

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

**1:30 Sunday 6 June 2021**

San Damiano Hall  
Reunion welcome!

**1:45 Liturgy of the Hours**

Evening Prayer II,  
Psalms and Antiphons—Page 658  
Song: "I Am the Bread of Life--#114  
Magnificat—Page 696

**2:00 Ongoing Formation**

Franciscan Prayer

**2:45 Break**

**3:00 Business Meeting**

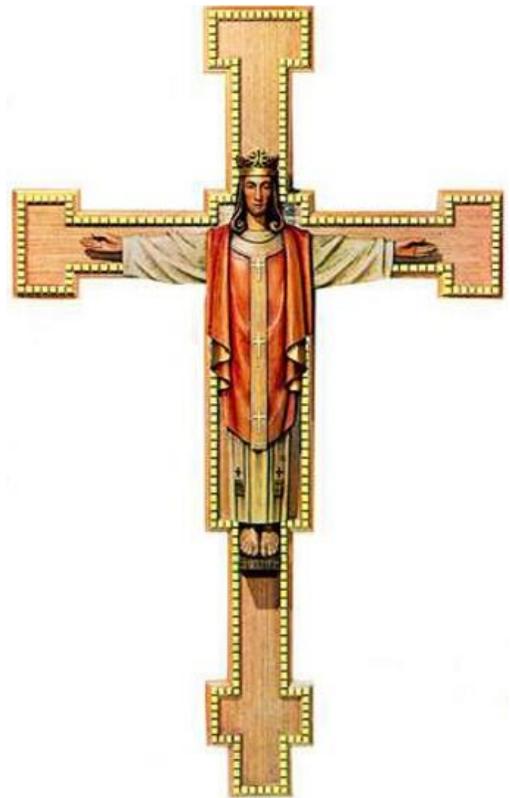
Opening Prayer from the Ritual  
Update of previous minutes  
Treasurer's Report  
Apostolates: ELM (Every Life Matters) Bottles; Appalachian Project; H2O Project

**3:30 Adjournment**

Closing Prayer from the Ritual  
Blessing

**Next Fraternity Gathering**

**Sunday 11 July 2021** (Sunday following 4 July weekend)



## ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

As a renowned follower of St Francis of Assisi, St Anthony, known as the Evangelical Doctor, plays an important role in the development of Franciscan theology through his ministry as preacher, teacher, and formator. What may come to us as both surprise and disappointment is that St Anthony does not emerge as a wonder-worker during his lifetime. He lived in a turbulent age, at the crossroads between Moslem and Christian culture. Peeling away the layers of popular legend and devotion which have encased the figure of Anthony for so many years will reveal the true depth and worth of his life.



Perhaps we would never have heard of Anthony if he hadn't gone to an ordination of Dominicans and Franciscans in 1222. As they gathered for a meal afterwards, the provincial suggested that one of the friars give a short sermon. Quite typically, everyone ducked. So Anthony was asked to give "just something simple," since he presumably had no education. Anthony, too, demurred, but finally began to speak in a simple, artless way. The fire within him became evident. His knowledge was unmistakable, but his holiness was what really impressed everyone there.

The problem with many preachers in Anthony's day contrasted sharply with that of the poor people to whom they preached. Anthony saw that words were obviously not enough. He showed the people Gospel poverty. People wanted more than self-discipline, even penitent clergy. They wanted genuine Gospel living. They found it in St Anthony. They were moved by who he was, more than what he said.

Two notable events: first, despite his efforts, not everyone listened (nothing new here)! Legend has it that one day, faced with people with deaf ears, Anthony went to the river and preached to the fish. That got everyone's attention; second, as a public preacher and professor of theology, while he was visiting Rome, he met Pope Gregory IX—faithful friend and advisor to St Francis—and was invited to speak. He answered the request humbly. The response was so great that people later said that it seemed the miracle of Pentecost was repeated.



Symbols reveal more than they signify. When observing an image of St Anthony, he is depicted as *holding the Christ-child*—great preacher of the Gospel, a brilliant communicator of the Incarnate Word, Jesus is the very embodiment of the Word of God; as *holding a stem of lilies*—his purity of mind and heart; as *giving of bread*—the Saint's love for the poor; as *with an open book*—"man of the Gospel," his knowledge, his teaching, and his preaching.

## FRATERNITY ELECTIVE CHAPTER 2021

The Lady Poverty Regional Council met on 22 April—Earth Day—via Zoom conference call for their regular business meeting. The Visitation/Election Schedule was reviewed. **Our fraternity is due this year for election of new leadership.**

This global pandemic has caused such disruption: personally, socially, and fraternally. Closure restrictions further drove us to isolate from one another. Our homes became classrooms, office spaces, play areas; the family car became the power of sanctuary. We ache for hugs and kisses. We professed to belong to each other.

The severity of imposed restrictions is lessening. Vaccinations are making it possible for gathering together. Masses with regular attendance are being celebrated. Gathering spaces are beginning to open up. **For the Elective Chapter to be a valid event, members of the fraternity need to be present in person.**

As we begin the preparations for this Elective Chapter, pray. Consider the gifts poured into you by the Holy Spirit, gifts meant to be shared with your sisters and brothers. The Apostles questioned and doubted, they didn't expect to be leaders. Yet their character was strengthened by their imitation of Jesus, and by the fellowship they shared with each other.



- *May 2021* Fraternity Council meets;  
Reading of GC Article 76 of General Constitutions (GC);
- *June 2021* Fraternity gathers for regular meeting;  
Reading of GC Article 77,1; Nominating Committee is formed;
- *July 2021* Fraternity gathers for elections of new leadership;  
slate of nominees is presented;  
Reading of GC Articles 78 and 79.

These next days, bring to your prayer the offering of yourself in service to the fraternity.

## THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH—Pope Francis' Meditation

The Evil One makes us see and condemn our frailty, whereas the Spirit brings it to light with tender love. Tenderness is the best way to touch the frailty within us. Pointing fingers and judging others are frequently signs of an inability to accept our own weaknesses, our own frailty. Only tender love will save us from the snares of the devil. That is why it is so important to encounter God's mercy, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we experience God's truth and tenderness.



St Joseph,  
model of patience † pillar of families † hope of the sick † patron of the dying,  
pray for us

## SAINTS and BLESSEDS of the FRANCISCAN FAMILY in June 2021

- 01 Bl John Pelingotto, Secular Franciscan, 1304
- 02 St Felix of Nicosta, First Order Friar, 1787
- 03 Bl Andrew of Spello, First Order Friar, 1254
- 05 Bl Pacific of Cerano, First Order Friar, 1482
- 07 *The Most Holy Trinity*
- 07 Bl Humiliana of Cerchi, Secular Franciscan, 1246
- 08 Bl Nicholas of Gesturi, First Order Friar, 1958
- 10 Bl Edouard Poppe, Secular Franciscan, 1924
- 11 Bl Yolanda of Hungary, Poor Clare Nun, 1298
- 12 Bl Florida Cevoli, Poor Clare Nun, 1767
- 12 Bl Polish Martyrs of the Nazis, 1940-43
- 13 St Anthony of Padua, First Order Friar, 1231
- 14 *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*
- 16 Bl John of Parma, First Order Friar, 1289
- 17 Bl Albert Chmielowski, Secular Franciscan, 1916
- 17 Bl Peter Gambacorti, Third Order Religious, 1435
- 18 Bl Guy of Cortona, First Order Friar, 1250
- 19 *Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*
- 20 *Immaculate Heart of Mary*
- 20 Bl Michelina of Pesaro, Secular Franciscan, 1356
- 20 Bl Martyrs of Ireland, 1579-1653
- 21 *Father's Day*
- 22 St Thomas More, Secular Franciscan, 1535
- 23 St Joseph Cafasso, Secular Franciscan Priest, 1860
- 24 Nativity of St John the Baptist
- 25 Bl Benvenuto of Gubbio, First Order Friar, 1232
- 26 Bl Andrew Hyacinth Lomghin, First Order Bishop, 1936
- 26 Bl James Haddad of Ghazir, First Order Friar, 1954
- 27 Bl Davanzato of Poggibonzi, Secular Franciscan Priest, 1295
- 27 Bl Marguerite Baeyes, Secular Franciscan, 1879
- 30 Bl Raymond Lull, Third Order Regular, Martyr, 1315



*O Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mercy  
You are all grace, all mercy, all love, let my heart be joined to yours.  
(Feast Days 19 and 20 June)*