



**NEWSLETTER OF THE
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CALENDAR

June 3	Corpus Christi
June 10	Fraternity Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. via Google Meet
June 11	Sacred Heart of Jesus
June 12	Blessed Jolenta
June 13	St. Anthony of Padua
June 13	1:30 p.m. Fraternity Gathering – in person! ☺ Location to be announced.
June 20	<i>Father's Day</i>
June 20	Pentecost
June 22	St. Thomas More
June 24	St. John the Baptist
June 29	Feast day of Saints Peter and Paul
June 30	Blessed Raymond Lull

FRATERNITY GATHERINGS

Fraternity gatherings are held the second Sunday of each month. We are excited to announce that our June gathering will be held **in person** at 1:30 p.m. on **Sunday, June 13.** (Location to be announced).

If you are not able to attend please contact Mary Jo beforehand.

During our gathering we will be doing the candle ceremony. We will also have ongoing formation by reflecting on questions from the Lamb's Supper reading.

We invite all members and inquirers of St. Bonaventure Fraternity to our gatherings.

If you are an inactive member but would like to attend or become active again, please let Mary Jo know.

FORMATION NEWS

Ongoing Formation: Please read **Part 3 Chapters 3-4** of "The Lamb's Supper" book for discussion at the June gathering. This will complete the book.

CELEBRATIONS!!

We wish a happy belated birthday to Meg Hough on May 18. Congratulations to **Fr. Kevin Queally, TOR** on celebrating 51 years of religious profession on **June 1.** A Happy 19th profession anniversary to **Pat Fitzgerald and Rita Kline on June 9,** a Happy Wedding Anniversary to **Dawn and Barry Mellott on June 11,** **Julie and Bob Crusciel on June 25,** and **Marie and Shawn Bettwy on June 25** as well as a Happy Birthday to **Fr. Nathan Malavolti on June 19.**

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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. Pray for those who have been impacted by COVID-19 and their families, and

those who have been impacted by violence and hatred. As always, please forward your special intentions to the Fraternity Minister for inclusion in our prayers.



But ask the animals, and they will teach you;
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
ask the plants of the earth, and they will
teach you;
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.
Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the Lord has done this?
In his hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of every human being.

- Job 12, 7 - 10

COMMON FUND REMINDER

Just a reminder that even though our fraternity has not been meeting face-to-face, we are still obligated to contribute as our means allow to the common fund.

Please send your monthly contribution to Patricia Serotkin, OFS, Fraternity Treasurer at 1072 N. Center St. Ebensburg, PA 15931.

ST. BONAVENTURE FRATERNITY FACEBOOK PAGE

Our Fraternity has a Facebook page! Anyone can find this group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/652880388194184/?ref=share>

Watch for Fr. Kevin's minute meditations!

FROM THE RULE

Title I, Article 10, Rule 10 "Christ, poor and crucified, victor over death and rise, the greatest manifestation of the love of God for humanity, is the "book" in which the brothers and sisters, in imitation of Francis, learn the purpose and the way of living, loving and suffering. They discover in Him the value of contradictions for the sake of justice and the meaning of the difficulties and the crosses of daily life. With Him, they can accept the will of the Father even under the most difficult circumstances and live the Franciscan spirit of peace, rejecting every doctrine contrary to human dignity.



UPCOMING EVENTS

OFS Summer Seminar will be held at Saint Francis University via ZOOM **July 8-10, 2021. July 8 will be a welcome with sessions held on July 9 and 10.**

The Quinquennial Congress confirmed date: **August 3-7, 2022**

ADMONITION..... Mary Jo, OFS

Last year at the beginning of the pandemic I took an eight -week online course offered by Center of Action and Contemplation. The subject speakers for the course were Mirabai Starr and James Finley. This course has been the beginning of my journey into the life of St Teresa and rereading *The Interior Castle*.

This sixteenth- century work was inspired by a mystical vision of the saint. The vision was a castle made of a single diamond or very clear crystal composed of seven rooms or “mansions. Each mansion represents a different stage of the soul’s development. St. Teresa explains that one enters the castle through prayer and meditation. The human spirit roams through the rooms as it experiences humility, suffering, and ultimately, self-knowledge. As the soul continues toward the center of the castle, it comes closer to achieving perfect peace. And finally, divine communion with God.

James Finley paraphrases St. Teresa’s passages and says we are always moving through the different rooms. His word of advice is the Union of God is nowhere other than where you are now. God always loves us where we are. He asks us, “ what does it feel like to be you?” His answer is to slow down, be gentle, honest, and receptive to it. Also be quietly aware that God is with you where you are.

Finley also reviewed different types of contemplative practice guidelines. The one practice he uses to lead his centering prayer group touched my heart using one of my favorite psalms. He suggests sitting in childlike sincerity for 10 to 20 minutes. Bring your whole being to God and have a receptive openness to God. He begins with the words:

Be still and know I am God.
Be Still and know I am
Be still and know
Be still
Be

May you journey through your castle knowing God is longing for you to be with Him.

