



# NEWSLETTER OF THE SAINT BONAVENTURE FRATERNITY SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

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## CALENDAR

<b>Sept 1</b>	Blessed BEATRICE OF SILVA
<b>Sept 2</b>	Blessed JOHN FRANCIS BURTE, Blessed SEVERIN GIRAULT & COMPANIONS
<b>Sept 4</b>	Saint ROSE OF VITERBO
<b>Sept 8</b>	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Sept 12 12:00 p.m.</b>	Saint Bonaventure Fraternity Annual Family Picnic – McGuire Park
<b>Sept 17</b>	STIGMATA OF OUR HOLY FATHER FRANCIS
<b>Sept 18</b>	Saint JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO
<b>Sept 20</b>	Saint FRANCIS MARY OF CAMPOROSSO
<b>Sept 23</b>	FINDING THE BODY OF Saint CLARE
<b>Sept 26</b>	Saint ELZEAR OF SABRAN & Blessed DELPHINE
<b>Sept 30 6:30 p.m.</b>	Fraternity Council meeting via Google meet

**Fraternity Visit.** Our fraternity is scheduled for a fraternal and pastoral visitation at our regular gathering on **Sunday, October 10**. 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.

## 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/>



## FRATERNITY GATHERINGS

Our September gathering will be held on **Sunday, September 12** at **McGuire Park in Loretto**. This is our annual family picnic. The gathering begins with Mass at 12:00 p.m. followed by a potluck. Burgers, hot dogs, rolls, and drinks provided. Sides, desserts and paper products are needed. **Please bring a lawn or folding chair.**

Please contact Mary Jo by **September 5th** to confirm if you are attending, how many family members, and what you are bringing.

## COUNCIL AND GATHERING NOTES

Fraternity Council met on Thursday, August 5 at 6:30 via Google meet. Pat Serotkin shared the treasurer’s report. The checkbook balance as of June 30 was \$ 1,020.62. With receipts and expenses in July the checkbook balance July 31 was \$ 880.62. The common fund balance as of June 30 was \$2,580.80 and at July 31 was \$2,440.80.

Our August gathering was held at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 22 at St. Francis Friary at Mt.

Assisi, Loretto. All members participated in discussion of the Formation Friday topic for August 6, 2021 – the letters of St. Clare to Agnes of Prague.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

The Q date- August 3-7, 2022

### **CELEBRATIONS !!**

Happy Birthday to **Mary Jo Fiore on September 13 and Betty Soisson on September 20.** Happy Wedding Anniversary to **Anita and Chris Baumann on September 23, Barb and Rich Bender on September 25, Heather and Darin Meck on September 17 and Beth and Tom Woods on September 21.**

### **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**

We would appreciate suggestions for apostolates. Please contact Marie Bettwy if you have ideas.

One suggestion could be ways our fraternity members can help those impacted by Hurricane Ida.



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

In September Franciscans remember the 17<sup>th</sup> as the day Saint Francis received the stigmata. Sources say the actual date was the 14<sup>th</sup>. Francis was the first saint recorded to have received the miracle of stigmata.

St Bonaventure states while Francis was in prayer this day a six-winged seraph, fiery as well as brilliant, descend from the grandeur of Heaven. As the vision was disappearing it left in Francis's heart a marvelous fire and imprinted in his flesh likeness of signs no less marvelous.

Brothers and sisters, St. Bonaventure shares the following words as a reminder that we can reach out to Christ so we can be transformed just like Francis.

“Christ on the cross bows his head, waiting for you, that he may kiss you; his arms are outstretched, that he may embrace you, his hands are open, that he may enrich you; his body spread out, that he may give himself totally; his feet nailed, that he may stay there, his side open for you, that he may let you enter there.”

