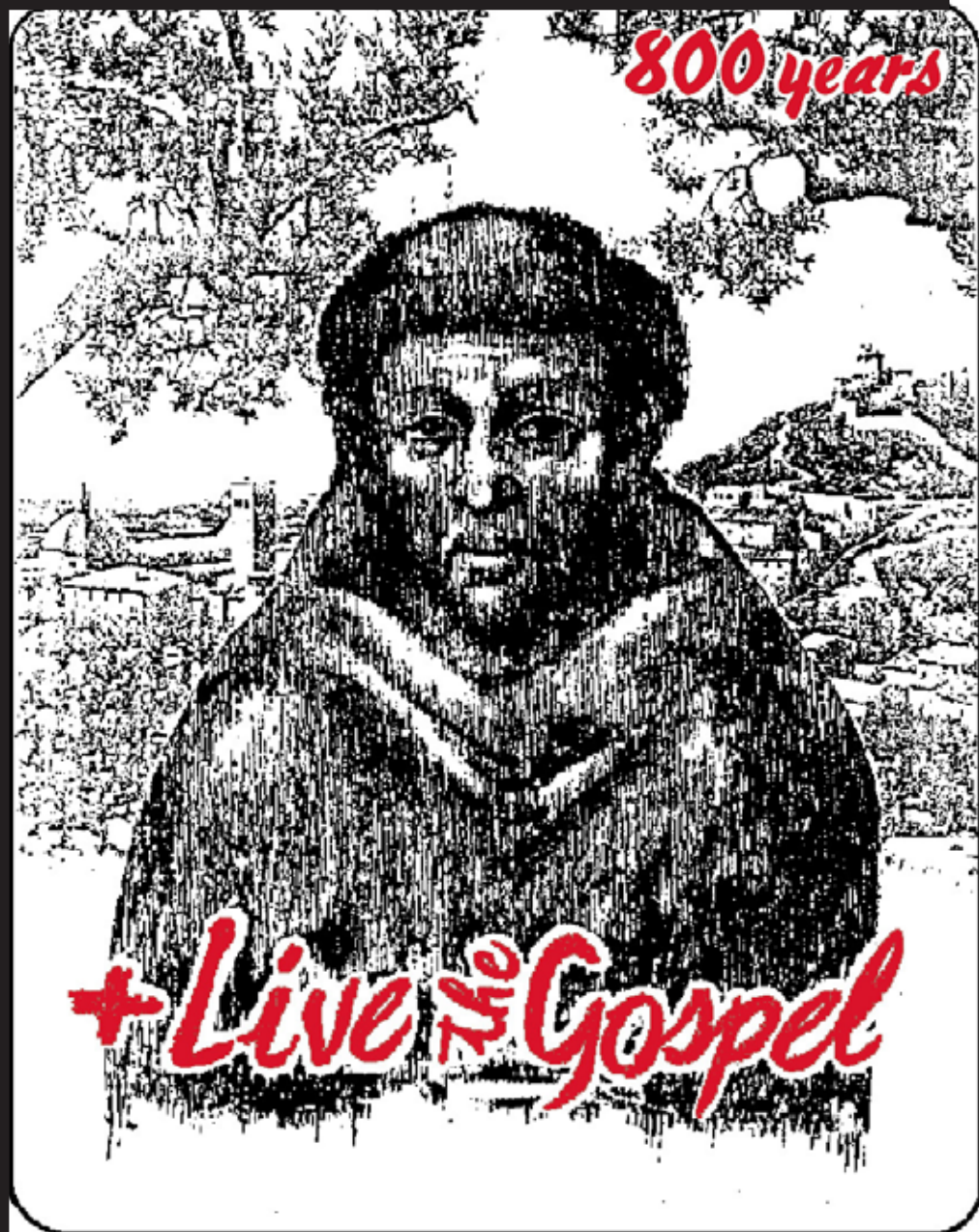




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Brothers and Sisters

The Mass celebrating the Profession anniversaries on April 19th was most inspiring. Congratulations and best wishes to all of the jubilarians! Many had family and friends present who testified as to how they live the Gospels daily. One of our jubilarians, **Paul Ivan**, was celebrating 60 years in the SFO while his wife was professed 65 years ago. To those jubilarians who were not able to be with us — some for reasons of health or, like **Tom Ricard** attending the Baptism of his 10th grandchild, Katlin Rose (5 boys and 5 girls), — we want you to know that we remembered you and prayed for you. Thanks to Br. Pat, **Janet Bodell** and all who worked to make the Mass and the fellowship so beautiful, with special thanks to Janet for the beautiful job she did on the programs and certificates. Congratulations and best wishes also to **Janice Litch** who was professed on November 19th, 20 ago this year!

The Jubilee Mass was followed by a fraternal visit with our Regional Minister, **Mary Bittner**, who greatly inspired us by her words of encouragement and by the lives of our sisters and brothers who answered Mary's question: "How are you living out the charism of a Secular Franciscan?"

We're happy to report that **Fr. Joe Maloney's** knee replacement surgery was very successful as was **Fr. Phillip Naessens'** surgical procedure on his hip.

Mary Ann and Hugh Montpetit went to North Carolina in May to celebrate the graduation of their daughter, Ann, with a Master of Arts degree in Liberal Studies with a concentration on Health Care from Duke University. Ann will be returning to school in September for another degree to become a physician's assistant.

Rose Driessen had orthoscopic knee surgery and was in the hospital at the time her husband, **Joe**, was honored for his 60 years as a Secular Franciscan. Rose contracted an infection and was later transferred to Oakwood Commons Nursing Home for two months of IV therapy for rehab.

Please remember in your prayers **Tony Leinert**, who had surgery and, as of this writing, has a staph infection and is in Botsford Hospital. Also, **Jim Heymes** is still fighting the infection in his ankle and he and his daughter, **Therese Blondell**, would certainly appreciate our prayers. Therese has Stage IV breast cancer and is currently undergoing chemo, to be followed by surgery and radiation.

Our May fraternal gathering, as most of our gatherings, was planned by **Maryann Kummer**, director of continuing formation. After a period of sharing led by **John Bodell** about having a personal relationship with Jesus (which led to a lively discussion), Maryann told us about a women's retreat she had attended on the writings of St. Paul. This being the Year of St. Paul, she thought of us living from gospel to life and life to gospel and invited two Bernardine Franciscan Sisters, Sr. Elena and Sr. Marie to give a presentation. Sr. Elena gave some pertinent historical background notes on Paul while Sr. Marie shared with us some of the highlights of Pauline spirituality. After sharing with us five points for our daily living, the Sisters were kind enough to give each of us remembrance cards for the Pauline Year and a handy list of quotations from St. Paul.

Beverly Sapien spoke briefly about plans for the Third Annual Remembering Fr. Solanus – A Simple Man – Concert. As you know, proceeds from the event help defray the costs of the fraternity's Fair Share obligation. The Concert will be held on September 13, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. and will feature the Fr. Solanus Choir, with Mike Glaser, pianist; and the New Spirit Singers. If you would like to purchase tickets for your own use or as a donation, I would be happy to send them to you.

Please check elsewhere in this *Poverello* for the questions we will be addressing at our June fraternal gathering, with an eye to our October elections. As always in June – to avoid a conflict with Father's Day – our gathering date is changed to the 2nd Sunday – June 14th.

Marge D'Hulster has indicated that there is still room at the Women's Retreat on May 29th, 30th and 31st. Just call Marge at (586) 228-0016, if you want to attend.

Send news items about our members to Faye Kluk Boland at:
(tel) 586-939-3342 or (e-mail) Boland14@sbcglobal.net



Deceased former Member:

Dominic Cusumano (professed in 1976)

Members needing prayers:

Wilhelmina Adkins	Denise Joseph
Peter Aluzzo	Maryann Kummer
Jan Atkinson	Les and Josie Lafata
Kay Balas	Tony Lienert
Gertrude Beattie	Janice Litch
Evelyn Bishop	Rose Longo
Janet & John Bodell	Joseph Marra
Anthony Brodeur	Sophie Martin
Loretta Chmielarczyk	Maria McNally
Laurie Drobnicki	Genevieve Ochenkowski
Clara Falzone	Rosie Patin
Wesley Faust	Dolores & Bob Peckham
Marie Fontanive	Theresa Pfaendtner
Natalie Grabowski	Joseph Pierce
James Heymes	Valerie Ridley
Caroline Hojna	Mary Saber
Anna May Jesak	Helen Wardowski
Donna Marie Johnston	Joseph Wisk
	Stephen Yuhase

Relatives needing prayers:

Susan Arcznski, cousin of the Atkinsons
Mary Ann Avery, niece of Lorraine Korte
Avian, great nephew of the Atkinsons
Angel Bettin and Donna Mitchell,
daughters of Caroline Hojna
Melanie Bruss, niece of Dan and Jan Atkinson
Angelina and Joey Daleo,
daughter-in-law & son of Josie and Les Lafata
Starr Dehn, niece of Mary Poole
Raymond Donahue, husband of Julia E-Donahue
Rose Dreissen, wife of Joseph

Duane Duchene, father of Clare Falzone
Barbara Erzbischoff, mother of Julia E-Donahue
John Erzbischoff, cousin of Julia E-Donahue
Beverly Falzone, mother of Clara
Stefan Florescu, husband of Caroline
Bob Fontanive, husband of Marie
Doreen Gerwollis, daughter of Sophie Martin
Billy Gerwollis, son-in-law of Sophie Martin
Judy Hojna, Caroline's sister-in-law
Ted Hojna, husband of Caroline
Esther Mae Kelly, wife of Charles
Fred LaChance, brother of Donna Marie Johnston
June Litch, mother of Janice
Tyrone Mack, brother of Anna Tyler
Marilyn Nichols, daughter of Anthony Brodeur
Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas
Teresa Poole, mother of Mary
Ed Raymond, husband of Diane
Dan Tyrna, grandson of Mary Hebert
Chester Wisk, brother of Joe

Memorials:

Rosario Lopez, mother of Rose Maroto),
offered by Jo Marie Nardi
Colleen Melisko, offered by Lois Streit
Ray Morehead, offered by the Lienerts
Raymond Seig, offered by Jo Marie Nardi

Those serving in the Armed Forces:

Andrew Arcznski
Christopher Beattie
Francisco Biber
James Anthony Brannigan
Thomas Chmielarczyk
Thomas Greenia
Edward Kluk
John Kristensen
John Marra III
Joseph Marra, Jr.

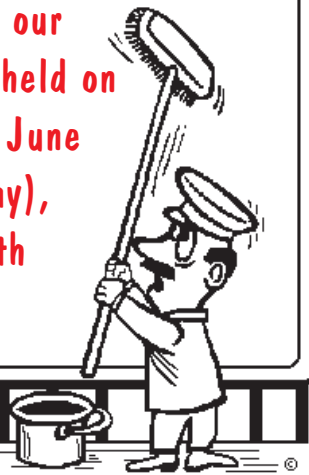
**Pray for ALL
who have entrusted themselves to our prayer.**

Help keep our list up-to-date,
to remove or add names, call:
Jo Marie Nardi at 586-978-2335

MARK YOUR 2009 CALENDARS

- June 12 Christian Service at the Meldrum Kitchen (10:30 AM-1:00 PM)
June 14 3rd Sunday Meeting (Formation at Noon; everyone at 1:30 pm)
June 17 Council Meeting (6:30 pm)
June 27 SFO Mass for our Deceased (10 am)
July 10 Christian Service at the Meldrum Kitchen (10:30 AM-1:00 PM)
July 15 Council Meeting (6:30 pm)
July 19 Fraternity Annual Picnic (Formation at Noon; everyone at 1:30 pm)
August 14 Christian Service at the Meldrum Kitchen (10:30 AM-1:00 PM)
August 16 3rd Sunday Meeting (Formation at Noon; everyone at 1:30 pm)
August 19 Council Meeting (6:30 pm)
September 11 Christian Service at the Meldrum Kitchen (10:30 AM-1:00 PM)
September 16 Council Meeting (6:30 pm)
September 20 SFO Day of Reflection (everyone at 11 am) - NO Mass; bring bag lunch
October 9 Christian Service at the Meldrum Kitchen (10:30 AM-1:00 PM)
October 18 CHAPTER OF ELECTIONS
October 21 Council Meeting (6:30 pm)
October 24 SFO Mass for All Deceased Franciscans (10 am)
November 13 Christian Service at the Meldrum Kitchen (10:30 AM-1:00 PM)
November 15 SFO Renewal Mass (Formation at Noon; everyone at 1:30 pm)
November 18 Council Meeting (6:30 pm)
December 11 Christian Service at the Meldrum Kitchen (10:30 AM-1:00 PM)
December 16 Council Meeting (6:30 pm)
December 20 3rd Sunday Meeting - Christmas Concert (Formation at Noon; everyone at 1:30 pm)

Please remember that our
June meeting will be held on
the Second Sunday of June
(not on the 3rd Sunday),
to avoid a conflict with
Fathers Day.



Please plan on participating
in our June

SFO Mass for our Deceased

Saturday, June 27

10 AM

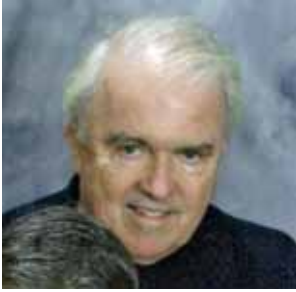
in the friars' choir

Reception follows Mass

Finger foods are always welcome!



Celebrating John Bodell



John was born on January 8, 1943 in Reed City, Michigan to Leon and Marie Bodell. He has one brother, Tom, a retired principal of the Utica school system. John attended Reed City Schools, Blanchard Elementary School and Clinton HS. He

graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Michigan State University in 1965. He attended NE Missouri State University and enrolled in their Masters program in psychology. He graduated from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCOM) in 1971. John has pursued studies toward a degree in theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

Upon graduating from medical school, John was employed as a resident/intern at Riverside Osteopathic Hospital. After completing his internship, he worked as a resident in surgery at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital and Riverside Osteopathic Hospital. John has a general surgery practice in Trenton, Michigan and a cosmetic surgery practice since completing a Fellowship in 1991.

Besides being regional dean at KCOM, John is a professor of surgery at both KCOM and at Michigan State University, College of Osteopathic Medicine. He serves as a board member for the American Osteopathic Association, Michigan Osteopathic Association, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Oakwood/Southshore Hospital, and Michigan Health and Safety Coalition. He also serves on the Ethics Committees for Oakwood/Southshore Hospital, Henry Ford/Wyandotte General

Hospital, and the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons. For the past 11 years, John has led a medical mission team to Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. He has performed many surgeries – from repairing hernias to cleft palates.

Following his wife Janet’s profession, John began to attend SFO meetings with her. In 2000, he converted to the Catholic faith, and that same year became an inquirer in the Secular Franciscan Order. John was professed in November 2003 at St. Bonaventure’s. Since his profession, John has united the churches of St. Louis du Nord in an ecumenical force to care for the poor through feeding and clothing the poor. In 2004, John became a member of our formation team and has served on the Ecology Commission as well as the Peace and Justice Commission. In October 2006, John was elected to the leadership council and serves as Director of Initial Formation. He has also participated in serving dinners at the Meldrum and Conner Soup Kitchens.

John and Janet were married on June 15, 1973 at Grosse Ile. They have one daughter, Dawn, who is married to Bob Stephenson, and two precious granddaughters, Madison and Sophie, who live in Eugene, Oregon.

John serves as a commentator, Eucharistic Minister and lector at his parish, Our Lady of the Woods in Woodhaven, and participates in the RCIA program. During his “free time”, John enjoys golfing, fitness, fishing, skiing, reading, playing the trumpet and photography.

We love you, John!



Ellen Taylor

5 years old

Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

The mother of 3-year-old Ellen was plagued with worry over her daughter’s swollen lymph nodes. Ellen’s primary care doctor examined the bump on her head and sent them immediately to the local children’s hospital, where the family was devastated to learn their little girl had non-Hodgkin lymphoma. Ellen’s mom remembered how terrified she and her husband were when they arrived to St. Jude. “We were at the security gate, and you could see the devastation on our faces. The security guard put his hand on my husband’s and said, ‘You are in the right place.’” Ellen’s mom says there are two miracles at St. Jude: the cures

the hospital provides and the beautiful people she’s met during this experience with her daughter—people like the doctors and nurses who care for her daughter, as well as the volunteers and donors who give so generously to St. Jude. Ellen is responding well to treatment, and her prognosis is good.

OUR FRATERNAL GATHERING IN JUNE (SUNDAY, JUNE 14)

This meeting is part of our communal discernment process for our Chapter of Elections in October. In preparation, please reflect on the following two questions which will be the focus of our sharing:

- **What are the main areas that our fraternity needs to focus on during the next three years?**
- **What qualities and/or skills would be helpful in our leaders [i.e., minister and councilors] to achieve these goals?**

Rule Reflections for June 2009

Article 7 (Penance and Conversion)

“United by their vocation as ‘brothers and sisters of penance,’ and motivated by the dynamic power of the gospel, let them conform their thoughts and deeds to those of Christ by means of that radical interior change which the gospel itself calls ‘conversion.’ Human frailty makes it necessary that this conversion be carried out daily. On this road to renewal the sacrament of reconciliation is the privileged sign of the Father’s mercy and the source of grace.”

Suggested Scripture: Mt 18:1-10, Acts 9:1-9, Rm 12:1-2; Col 1:21-23; 1 Cor 10:31-33

For your Meditation:

The Church considers the sacrament of reconciliation as a means of perfecting the grace of baptism and of making more visible the life of Jesus in the penitent. Share your thoughts on the daily examination of conscience and the sacrament of reconciliation.

Focus for our Group reflection:

How do you mold or shape your thoughts, feelings and actions to be more Christlike, i.e. to be conformed to Christ?

Please be very specific, for example,

“when I feel ___ (e.g., worried, angry, frustrated, happy, etc...), this is what I do to become more Christlike ___.

MINISTER'S ADDRESS AT THE JUBILARIAN MASS

Dear brothers and sisters, friends and family of our Jubilarians, and a special welcome to our Regional Minister, Mary Bittner, who has blessed us today with her Fraternal visit.

Early in salvation history, in Leviticus, Chapter 25, to be exact, we find the Lord speaking to Moses and giving precise instructions to the people about the number of years to pass and certain actions that the people must do to make a certain year sacred . . . and he said, "It shall be a jubilee for you!" God also said that the "trumpets shall blast and the trumpets resound." This decree of the Lord was not an option for the people but rather a command [what the Jews call mitzvot]. But what actually is a jubilee?

In Smith's English-Latin Dictionary, I found the word jubilee [jubileus] explained as coming from the Latin word "iubilum, meaning a cry of joy". Then the Latin word "iubilo" is to raise a cry of joy. Today we are into the first week of Easter and perhaps you have heard or remember the song, Jubilate Deo Omnes Terra! [Raise a cry of joy to the Lord, All the earth!]

So we honor our jubilarians today, but first and foremost in this celebration, we are raising a cry of joy to the Lord in thanksgiving for his grace that has brought them to this moment in which we recognize the examples they have given us of faith, faithfulness, perseverance, joy, hope and single-mindedness in living the SFO Rule.

When I looked at the list of jubilarians, I could not help but marvel at the longevity of the faithfulness that is represented. These are brothers and sisters who have not only embraced the changes in the Church and the Order over these many years, but actually were frontrunners in those changes. Namely, 60-year jubilarian, **Tom Ricard** who was instrumental in writing and bringing forth the SFO Rule of 1978 which brought the entire Third Order of St. Francis up to date with Vatican II to become The Secular Franciscan Order. **Joe Wisk** who helped to modernize our St. Bonaventure Fraternity and bring it into the Third Millennium by writing the text for our fraternity brochure and participating in the first website development committee, among the many other things Joe does for the fraternity and for individual brothers and sisters in the fraternity. **Joe Dreissen** was one of the first volunteers for the Healing Service Social which was started several years ago. He did not have to be asked twice. In fact, I do not think he had to be asked at all! **Bill Haas** is a faithful volunteer at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. **Marguerite Brannigan** has gone to Lourdes, France for years to help the sick. These are only a few of the jubilarians, but each one has their story to tell about their years in the Lord's service as Secular Franciscans in St. Bonaventure Fraternity of Detroit. They are all actively contributing members to this fraternity, helping it to stay alive in these troubled times of our world, working to rebuild the Church and society within this Franciscan charism into which they were professed so many years ago.

Today, at this Jubilarian Mass, let us **RAISE THE CRY OF JOY** to our Risen Lord for these, his faithful Secular Franciscan servants.



From the Friars' Choir

You can tell a lot about a person
by the way he/she handles these three things:

- a rainy day,
- lost luggage, and
- tangled Christmas tree lights.

– Maya Angelou

HOMILY AT THE JUBILARIAN MASS

April 19, 2009

Br. Pat McSherry, OFM Cap

I don't know how many of you have been following the readings for Mass during this past week, but there's a very interesting pattern and lesson apparent during the Easter Octave. Last Sunday we heard the glorious news that Jesus was raised from the dead. You might have expected to hear how everyone was insanely happy over the news – Jewish Christians turning to their Jewish leaders, sticking their tongues out and saying, "See, I told you so!" Believers "high-fiving" each other on the street. But the readings have relayed quite a different story.

Early in the week, we'd had two contrasting stories told to us. The gospel readings have underscored how the followers of Jesus were not ecstatic, in fact, they had very mixed emotions and reactions to the resurrection and the risen Christ. There were afraid, surprised, incredulous. The first readings, however, have relayed how Peter and the other disciples were going around boldly proclaiming Jesus as Lord. On the one hand, the gospels insist that no one saw Jesus physically rise from the dead, while in the first readings Peter and the other apostles and disciples are proclaiming "We are witnesses of all this." There appear to be two very different accounts of what happened after the resurrection Jesus. How do we account for it?

The context for what is said in the first readings was laid out in the opening line of the readings both on last Monday and Tuesday. The readings began with the words, "On Pentecost". Pentecost is, of course, the fiftieth day after the resurrection. So, the Octave readings relate a period of gradual growth in faith that took place between the time when Christ rose from the dead and Pentecost. During that period, Christ is appearing to the disciples and through those experiences faith came alive in them. That growth did not happen because they prayed more or because they thought about it more, but because they had personal experiences of the risen Lord. And that is the fundamental pattern of gospel faith. If you haven't experienced the Lord personally, you can't really witness to him. At best, all you can do is talk about him, relaying what you've heard from other sources.

It is interesting, especially for you Secular Franciscans, to note where the disciples personally experienced the

risen Jesus? The post-resurrection appearances tell us that they experienced the risen Lord out in the garden while they were looking for and expecting something else (see Jn 20:11-16 and Lk 24:1ff), at work while they were catching fish (Jn 21:1ff), walking down the street chatting about the latest news, – in their normal everyday routine (Lk 24:13ff; Mt 16:12-13), etc.

The same Jesus they knew on earth appeared to them; he was the same person they knew alive, but somehow different – he was now glorified; he no longer came and went, he was just simply present to them; and it was he who revealed to them the meaning of Scripture, the meaning of life. Because he was no longer bound by human limitations – sin, death, time and space – he is Lord of all people of all time, present in every situation and circumstance.

So real was their experience of the risen Lord that, even though they did not see him physically rise from the dead, they did not hesitate to claim to be witnesses of the risen Christ.

That pattern was also evident in the life of St. Francis. He had gone to church for years. He knew his prayers. He was a "good kid" – not bad, just typical. But kneeling before the Crucifix at San Damiano, Christ came live for him. Faith was no longer something he had heard from others and memorized, something he knew about, but something that was real, something that had touched his heart and soul. When Francis looked upon the Crucifix, he prayed that he might experience in his own flesh the depth of love that Christ had for him. And once his soul was set ablaze with the love of Christ, Francis could not contain it, he had to share it, he had to do something. His gratitude overflowed to others, especially to the poor and needy, the sick and downtrodden. He kissed a leper and later took care of the lepers. When people saw Francis and how alive faith was in his life, they were attracted to him, and not just to him as a person. They wanted to experience for themselves the love of Christ that Francis had experienced for himself. They yearned to know the Lord and the power of his resurrection (Phil 3:10).

Many saints – spiritual giants – gave their followers some guidelines for how to live their lives. Francis simply

picked up the gospel and said: “Live it!” Don’t debate it; don’t try to explain it away. Don’t merely think about it. Don’t intellectualize it. Don’t spiritualize it. Don’t try to improve on it. **Just do it!** Put it into action. Francis took the pattern of the earliest Church, the earliest community of believers – that of the apostles – and embraced their lifestyle – the apostolic life – for himself and for those who wished to follow him.

This year we’re very privileged to be celebrating our SFO jubilees in conjunction with the **800th anniversary of the Approval of the Rule of St. Francis**. That Rule is sometimes called the **Primitive Rule**, or the **Propositum Vitae** – their resolution, their way of life. We have no copies of the Primitive Rule, only descriptions. That Rule – which is at the center of this year’s 8th centenary celebration predates and is not to be confused with what is referred to as the **Earlier Rule** of the friars (i.e., the *Regula non Bullata*), which wasn’t written until 1221.

Twelve years before that **Earlier Rule** of the friars, in 1209, Francis welcomed his 11th companion – making a total of 12. Because of the parallelism between the 12 apostles and his little band of followers who wished to live the apostolic life, Francis and those early companions walked from Assisi to Rome and presented themselves to the Pope asking for his approval and blessing on this movement, this new lifestyle. We’re told that Francis wrote down a few gospel verses and said to the Pope: “This is what we want to do.” That was Francis’ **propositum vitae** – his resolve – to live the gospel. And even though we don’t know the precise gospel verses that Francis highlighted [they were eventually incorporated into the later Rules], we know that behind them was Francis’ desire to live the gospel simply and “without gloss”. **Just do it!**

Those early companions of Francis had no superiors, no friaries, no vows other than to live the gospel, no fixed places to stay. They kept their day jobs and gathered together before and after work for prayer and fraternity. Some people erroneously believe that the **Primitive Rule** – that original Franciscan way of life – was just about the friars. But that’s not accurate. The **Primitive Rule** is about all who follow Francis.

When the first woman asked to follow Francis, many people – including the Pope himself – tried to force her to accept the Benedictine Rule. Clare resisted – she resisted even the Pope! Why? Because she knew who she was. Her identity was clear and uncompromising. Although her circumstances differed from that of the friars, her way of

life was the same as the one Francis had proposed from the very beginning: to live the gospel. Forty years later, when Clare wrote the Rule for the Sisters, she began with these words – exactly the same words as those that begin the Earlier and Later Rules of the friars, and which begin your Secular Franciscan Rule: “**This is the Rule and life [of the Poor Ladies]: to live the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.**”

As Secular Franciscans, you too must know who you are. Your circumstances are different than those of the friars and the nuns, but your identity is firmly rooted in the exact same way of the life – the **Propositum vitae** of St. Francis – that we celebrate this year. “This is the Rule and life of the Secular Franciscans: to live the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Sisters and brothers in Francis, you are not an afterthought; you are not an addendum – tacked on incidentally. You are not mini-friars or quasi-nuns. You are not half religious and half secular. You are fully authentic Franciscans; you have a place at the table; you are an integral part of this Family. Without you and the secular dimension of the Franciscan charism, **WE** are not whole.

As the friars are rooted in community life and the nuns are anchored to the cloister, your lives are rooted in the world. And it is there that you are called to experience personally the risen Lord and the power of his resurrection ... in the garden while you’re looking for or expecting something else; ...on the street while discussing the latest news; ...at work while catching fish, or whatever else it is that you do. And it is there that you are called to give your witness – your bold witness.

And so, this 800th anniversary of the approval of our Franciscan gospel way of life and Francis’ profession is not just about the friars, it’s about all of us and the entire Franciscan movement. To the friars, nuns, religious and seculars – each in their distinct circumstances – the call and the way of life that we share is one and the same: **live the Gospel!**

We celebrate today men and women, our brothers and sisters, who have sought to do exactly that. Their faith is very much alive and it overflows into the way they think, into the way they feel, and into the way they treat others. Not only are we proud of them, but we look to them as a source of motivation and encouragement for ourselves – friars, nuns and seculars alike – to continue to seek to have a living faith, to experience for ourselves Christ and the power of his resurrection, and to express that living faith in the way we live.

Who are We Secular Franciscans?

We are ordinary people who were gifted with a call to the Franciscan way of life. We didn't earn it or create it. It is God's gift. We accept responsibility for living it. We are people who wish to give birth to the spirit of Francis in our everyday lives. We find that to be a tough challenge. So we are joined with others who seek the same thing. We seek to gain a better understanding of the Bible, and especially the gospels, so we can express gospel values in our lives. We are committed to giving flesh to the gospel in our lives.

None of us leaves our places or homes where we live. We remain plumbers and postmen, housewives and teachers, executives and employees, bartenders and secretaries, mothers and fathers, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters. We do not jump out of the world but see it in a new light — the light of Jesus. We believe that the gospel is possible to live. We also believe it would be impossible without the Spirit of Jesus. We are unfinished products in the process of growing every day. We recognize that we are pilgrims and not always certain of the way, but we trust the Lord to do the leading through people and events and prayer and scripture and church and creation. We try to add the salt of the gospel to flavor life in this world.

– Part of a prayer-reflection used at the Divine Mercy Regional gathering
April 18, 2009 in Lansing

Franciscan Saints of June

- June 1 Bl. John Pelingotto (1240-1304) SFO**
June 2 Bl. Felix of Nicosia (1715-1787) Capuchin
June 3 St. Andrew Caccioli of Spello (1194-1254) priest, preacher, early companion of Francis
June 3 Bl. Diego Oddi of Bellegra (1839-1919) OFM religious
June 4 Bl. Pacific Ramati of Cerano (1426-1482) OFM priest, preacher
June 6 Bl. Lawrence de Masculis of Villamagna (1476-1535), Franciscan priest, preacher
June 6 Bl. Innocent Guz (1890-1940) Conventual priest and martyr
June 8 Bl. Nicholas Medda of GPsturi 1882(-1958) Capuchin
June 12 Bl. Yolanda of Hungary (Jolenta) (1235-1298) Virgin, Poor Clare
June 12 Bl. Florida CPvoli (1685-1767) Virgin, Capuchin Poor Clare
June 12 Bb. Antonine Bajewski and Companions, Conventual Martyrs
June 12 Bl. Mercedes of Jesus Molina (1828-1883) Founder of the Congregation of St. Maryann of Jesus
June 13 St. Anthony of Padua/Lisbon (1195-1231) Franciscan priest and Doctor of the Church
June 16 Bl. John of Parma (1209-1289) priest, OFM general minister (cel. March 20)
June 16 Bl. Guy (Guido) of Cortona (1187-1247) disciple of St. Francis, priest
June 16 Bb. Anizet Koplín (1875-1941) and Comp., “Capuchin Martyrs of the Nazi Persecution of Poland”
June 17 St. Albert Chmielowski (1845-1916) SFO, Founder and religious
June 19 Bl. Michaelina of Pesaro, SFO widow
Bl. Rose Flesch (1826-1906), Founder and religious
June 20 Bb. Patrick O’Healy, bishop, Conn O’Rourke, Conor O’Devany, bishop, and John Kearney,
“Franciscan martyrs of Ireland”
June 22 St. Thomas More (1478-1535) SFO, Martyr
June 23 St. Joseph Cafasso (1811-1860) SFO, priest
June 26 Bl. Andrew Hyacinth Longhin (1863-1936) Capuchin bishop
June 26 Bl. Jacob El-Haddad of Ghazir (1875-1954) Capuchin priest and religious founder
June 27 Bl. Marguerite Bays (1815-1879), SFO
June 27 Bl. Benvenute of Gubbio (-1232), OFM, companion of St. Francis
June 30 Bl. Raymond Lull (1232-1316) Third Order religious and martyr

POVERELLO DEADLINE PUSHED UP

Because Br. Pat will be out of town from June 19th until July 13th for a 10-day parish helpout in Little Falls, New Jersey, followed by two weeks' vacation with his family, all articles and news items for the July *Poverello* must be submitted at or before our June Fraternal Gathering on Sunday, June 14th. Everything is included: the regular features, including *Please Pray For*, *Minister's Letter*, *Celebrating...*, *Rule Reflections*, *Brothers and Sisters*, etc., as well as any new items. Thanks much for your cooperation.



Solanus Concert

**Tickets for this year's
Remembering Father Solanus – A Simple Man – Concert
will go on sale in June.**

**The Concert will take place
on September 13, 2009 at 3 P.M.**

Price: \$15.

A History of the Secular Franciscan Order in the United States ***Volume 1, 1917-1942*** ***by William Wicks, SFO***

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5TH ANNUAL FRATERNITY PICNIC



JULY 19TH

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS

Our annual picnic will be held on Sunday,
July 19 at 1:30 p.m.

Invite your family - Have a great time.

Any questions? Call Maryann Kummer at 734-427-8813.

JUNE 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Week 9 in Ord. Time Pss. - Wk 1	2	3	4	5	6
7 HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY	8 Week 10 in Ord. Time Pss. - Wk 2	9 St. Joan of Arc: 1 PM	10	11	12 Fr. Solanus Cell: 7:30 PM (Bourgau) CHRISTIAN SERVICE MELDRUM KITCHEN 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	13
14 BODY & BLOOD Flag Day Fraternity Gathering 12 - Formation 1:30 - Everyone	15 Week 11 in Ord. Time Pss. - Wk 3	16	17 SFO COUNCIL: 6:30 PM	18	19 Sacred Heart of Jesus	20 Immaculate Heart of Mary
21 WEEK 12 ORD. TIME Pss: Wk 4 Fathers' Day Summer begins	22	23	24	25 EMB Board: 10 AM	26 Bl. Luchesio: 7:30 PM Interfaith: 7 PM - 9 PM	27 MASS FOR SFO DECEASED 10 AM
28 WEEK 13 ORD. TIME Pss: Wk 1	29	30				

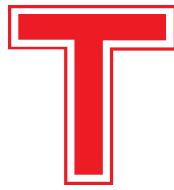
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(for Locations and Times of Meetings)

Fr. Solanus Cell (2nd Friday, 7:30 pm):

Faye Boland

St. Joan of Arc Satellite (2nd Tuesday, 1 pm):

Frank Liccardello

Third Sunday General SFO Meeting:

Maryann Kummer

Bl. Luchesio Cell (4th Friday, 7:30 pm):

Connie Musial

FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

Meldrum Soup Kitchen

See Fraternity Calendar

Frank B. Kraimer

OTHER SFO-AFFILIATED GROUPS:

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on Sunday, June 14, 2009.**

Remember Flag Day



June 14th

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