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# THE DOVERFIELD

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We have all seen Cimabue's St. Francis from the lower basilica of St. Francis Basilica in Assisi. The image of Francis, however, is part of this larger scene of Our Lady holding the Holy Child, enthroned and surrounded by angels and St. Francis.



Assisi is at its most beautiful in May when fields of red poppies blanket the landscape.

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# MINISTER'S LETTER

My dear brothers and sisters,

Before Mass this morning, the idea came to me to write about “companions on the journey.” I reflected on the individuals who are my companions on the journey – my family, friends, coworkers, and you, my Franciscan brothers and sisters. By your gifts of friendship, prayers, sharing of stories, laughter and time spent together, you have made my journey more joyful and my burdens lighter.

As people of faith, we believe in the communion of saints. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* speaks about this communion in these words: “We believe in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church; and we believe that in this communion, the merciful love of God and his saints is always [attentive] to our prayers” (30).

As I reflected, I thought of all the people who have been my companions on the journey, who have walked with me during times of joy and sorrow, who have shared their gift of faith, taught me valuable life lessons, and helped me to become a better person. Even though they are now experiencing the joy of everlasting life, their love and support continue to guide and strengthen me.

I also remembered two of my constant companions who we will honor during the month of May – the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother. Like so many of you, I, too, have always had a strong devotion to our Blessed Mother. When I was a young child, I remember watching my Busia kneeling at the side of her bed praying the rosary in Polish. I remember attending Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novenas with my Mom on Tuesday evenings. Our family would make a pilgrimage once a year to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio. Even though I still continue to have a strong devotion to our Blessed Mother and to the rosary, I have come to know Mary as a companion and a woman whom I love and admire. Through her example, Mary has taught me:

- **The importance of faith, to trust in God, and humility.** At the conclusion of the Annunciation story, even though Mary was afraid and did not understand all that the angel had told her, she placed her trust confidently in God and uttered her *fiat*: “I am the Lord’s servant. Let it be done to me as you have said” (Lk 1:38). Mary was content to be a servant of God.

- **To be a person of meditation and reflection.** “So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart” (Lk 2:16-19).

- **To keep myself always rooted in the Word of God, to listen with an open heart, and to respond confidently.**

In a few weeks, we will celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, the birth of the Church, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples.

I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.... The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name – will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I live with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid (Jn 14:15-18, 26-27).

The Holy Spirit is the source of my peace when I am filled with useless worry, who provides me with strength and wisdom as I face the challenges of daily life, who enlightens and guides as I read and reflect on Scripture, and fills my heart with joy. **Question to ponder:** Who are *your* companions on the journey? How have they helped you on your journey? I give thanks to God for all of you, my companions on life’s journey. May our Lady, the protectress and advocate of Secular Franciscans, pray for us.

Your sister in St. Francis, Maryann

# Brothers and Sisters

Here it is the month of May and the best thing about May, besides looking at God's creation with everything either budding or in bloom is that it is the month of the great feast of Pentecost and Mother's Day, for which I wish all you mothers a very Happy Mother's Day.



In April we celebrated the Jubilee of SFO Professions of members of our St. Bonaventure Fraternity. The liturgy for the joyful occasion was very beautiful. **Fr. Tod Laverly** – the Regional Spiritual Assistant of the Divine Mercy SFO Region – presided at the celebration. His homily began and ended with a warm, “Happy Easter.” Fr. Tod is working with a group in the Woodbridge community to clear up the blight of abandoned tires in that neighborhood. He connected this beautiful world God has given to us to our responsibility as Franciscans to care about our surroundings and work to overcome blight and to restore God's creation for the good of all. It was a blessing to have Fr. Tod celebrate with us, and we are appreciative of his sincere and heartfelt message.

**Jim Heymes, Terry Haas and Frank Liccardello** were honored for 60 years as Secular Franciscans; **Marilyn Ricard** for 50 years; **Mary Poole** for 40 years; **Ralph Mason** for 30 years; and **Debra McCann** for 10 years. Others who were honored but unable to attend included: 60-year jubilarians **Terry Pfaendtner, Betty Ann Barnowsky** and **Marie Fontanive**; 50-year jubilarians **Robert Snyder** and **Elizabeth Housey**; 40-years jubilarian **Mary LaBudie**; Silver Jubilarians **Dora Sue Jay** and **Joseph Pierce**; 20-years jubilarians **Ona Harris Wilson** and **Clara O'Keefe**; and 10-year jubilarian **Claudia Damian**. *Congratulations to all of you!* The cover of our worship aid was in glorious color and depicted St. Francis and St. Clare and the holy sites of Assisi.

Joe and I brought a copy of the worship aid and Jubilee Certificate to **Terry Pfaendtner** who is in St. Mary's Nursing and Rehab Center and **Jo Marie Nardi** will bring them to **Marie Fontanive**. All the others will be mailed. Terry was very pleased to receive these mementos. She will have the Certificate framed and hung on the wall with the other things that are most precious to her.

**Michael Goga** is beaming these days because he and his wife, Andrea, are the proud grandparents of a beautiful baby girl, Madison Marie (5 lbs, 7 oz; 19½ inches). Congratulations to them and to their oldest daughter, Brandy, and her husband!





## 2010 TOWEL DRIVE

If you haven't already done so, please remember to donate new, white towels and washcloths to our 2010 Towel Drive. The towels will be collected at our May gathering and donated to the Shower Program of the Meldrum Street Capuchin Soup Kitchen in June. To drop off towels at some other time, you can contact beforehand Br. Pat McSherry at (313) 579-2100, ext. 141. Thanks a bundle!

## Mark Your Calendars

**May 2 ..... Leadership Council meeting (2:30 p.m.)**

**May 14 ..... Christian Service at the Meldrum Soup Kitchen (10:30 am - 1 pm)**

**May 16 ..... Third Sunday gathering (Formation at noon, everyone at 1:30 p.m.)**

### **Will 3 years old Optic Pathway Glioma**



When he was 7 months old, Will fell out of his car seat. His parents took him to their local emergency room and as a precaution, doctors performed a CT scan. The scan was clear of any injury from the fall, but Will's parents were shocked to learn what it had revealed—a mass growing on their baby's brain. Will was diagnosed with an optic pathway glioma, which is a type of tumor that grows on the pathway connecting the eyes to the brain. He underwent surgery to remove as much of the tumor as possible, but because there was a large artery running through the tumor, it was too dangerous to remove it entirely. Doctors referred Will to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for ongoing care.

At St. Jude, Will began chemotherapy and routine scans to monitor the tumor. He responded well to treatment, but in the fall of 2009, an MRI revealed that the tumor was growing back. "We felt like we'd been kicked in the stomach," his mom said. Just before his third birthday, Will underwent another surgery to resect the tumor, but once again, some of it could not be removed. Because the tumor is still present, his mom said, "This will be a lifetime medical issue for Will, but we'll always have St. Jude."

Will's parents know he's in the best place for his treatment. They also take comfort in the environment at St. Jude. Of the first few days the family spent at St. Jude, Will's mom remembered, "We quickly realized that St. Jude was going to be the place to help our baby. That was the most important thing. And I realized he was going to enjoy his time at St. Jude. With all the things they have geared toward kids. They want to help these kids live lives that are as happy and as normal as possible."

Will is a bright and energetic boy who loves to play with his toy guitar.



**Deceased Members:**

Marcie (Youngblood) Rathsburg (†9 April 2010)  
 Anne Samulak (†12 April 2010)

**Deceased Relative:**

Frances Wicks, wife of Bill, former SFO National Minister

**Members needing prayers:**

Wilhelmina Adkins	Les and Josie Lafata
Peter Aluzzo	Tony Lienert
Jan Atkinson	Janice Litch
Kay Balas	Rose Longo
Gertrude Beattie	Ilene Manning
Evelyn Bishop	Joseph Marra
Janet & John Bodell	Sophie Martin
Rocco Cesaro	Maria McNally
Loretta Chmielarczyk	Genevieve Ochenkowski
Julia Erzbischoff-Donahue	Rosie Patin
Clara Falzone	Dolores & Bob Peckham
Wesley Faust	Theresa Pfaendtner
Marie Fontanive	Joseph Pierce
Mary Gillen	Diane Raymond
Natalie Grabowski	Valerie Ridley
James Heymes	Mary Saber
Caroline Hojna	Gene Snyders
Anna May Jezak	Alice Vier
Donna Marie Johnston	Helen Wardowski
Denise Joseph	Joseph Wisk
Mary Klein	Stephen Yuhase
Maryann Kummer	

**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

Lucy Devus  
 Rose Dreissen, wife of Joseph  
 Duane Duchene, father of Clare Falzone  
 Barbara Erzbischoff, mother of Julia E-Donahue  
 Beverly & Mike Falzone, parents of Clara  
 Sylvia Rosales-Fike  
 Karen Fitzpatrick, daughter of Mary Klein  
 Stefan Florescu, husband of Caroline  
 Bob Fontanive, husband of Marie  
 Leo Frangos, nephew of Donna Marie Johnston  
 Doreen Gerwollis, daughter of Sophie Martin  
 Billy Gerwollis, son-in-law of Sophie Martin  
 John Gold, husband of Rose  
 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  
 Tyrone Mack, brother of Anna Tyler  
 Manning Family, especially Bill, son of Ilene  
 Melanie McAleer, sister of Alice Vier  
 Charlie McCaay & Family of Ilene Manning  
 John McCaay, 5-yr-old with brain cancer  
 Marilyn Nichols, daughter of Anthony Brodeur  
 Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas  
 Teresa Poole, mother of Mary  
 Simone Robinson, mother of Joanne Schumacher  
 Amy Schumacher, daughter of Joanne  
 Bob Stevenson, son-in-law of John and Janet Bodell  
 Dan Tyrna, grandson of Mary Hebert  
 Chester Wisk, brother of Joe

**Those serving in the Armed Forces:**

Andrew Arcznski	Thomas Greenia
Christopher Beattie	John Marra III
James Anthony Brannigan	Joseph Marra, Jr.
Thomas Chmielarczyk	Gerard Williams

**We ask, however, that you pray for ALL who have asked for our prayers.**

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

# *Franciscan Saints of May*

- May 1 ..... **Bl. Vivaldo of San Gimignano ( - 1320) Secular Franciscan Hermit**  
Bl. Petronilla of Moncel, Poor Clare Abbess
- May 3 ..... **Bl. Jerome Galli ( -1485) Franciscan priest**  
Bl. Alexander Vincioli, Franciscan Bishop of Nocera
- May 4 ..... **Bl. Ceferino “El Pelé” Giménes Malla (1861-1936) Secular Franciscan spouse and martyr**  
**Bl. Edward Joseph Rosaz (1830-1903) Secular Franciscan bishop, founder**  
**Bl. Marie-Léonie Paradis (1840-1912) Secular Franciscan, Founder**  
Bb. Thomas, Henry, Arthur, John and Charles “The Franciscan Martyrs of England”  
Bl. Julian Cesarello of Valle d’Istria, Franciscan priest  
Bl. Ladislaus of Gielniów (1440-1505) Franciscan friar, priest, “The Apostle of Lithuania”  
Bl. Mark Ongaro of Conegliano ( -1248) Franciscan friar  
Bl. Gregory Celli of Verucchio ( -1343) Franciscan
- May 5 ..... **Bl. Benvenute Mareri of Recanati (-1269), Franciscan friar**
- May 6 ..... **Bl. Mary Catharine Troiani (1813-1887) Secular Franciscan, Founder**  
**Bl. Anna Rosa Gattorno (1831-1900) Secular Franciscan, Wife, Mother, Religious, Founder**  
**Bl. Gerard of Lunel (1275-1298) Secular Franciscan, hermit, pilgrim**  
Bl. Bartholomew Pucci ( -1330) Franciscan priest
- May 7 ..... **Bl. Agnellus of Pisa (c1195-1236), Franciscan, founder of the English Province**
- May 8 ..... **Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces**  
Bl. Jeremiah of Walachia (1556-1625) Capuchin Franciscan friar  
Bl. John of Stroncone ( -1418) Franciscan
- May 9 ..... **St. Catherine of Bolgona, Poor Clare, virgin**
- May 10 ..... **Bl. Andrew of Colle Val d’Elsa (-1476) Franciscan**
- May 11 ..... **St. Ignatius of Làconi, Capuchin Franciscan**
- May 12 ..... **St. Leopold Mandic of Herzegovina, Capuchin Franciscan friar and priest**
- May 14 .... **Bl. Michael Garicoïts, Secular Franciscan priest, founder**  
Bl. John Bonvisi of Lucca (-1472) Franciscan
- May 15 .... **Bl. Amado Ronconi of Saludeccio, Secular Franciscan**  
Bl. Anthony Tegrini of Pisa (-1313) Franciscan  
Bl. Bernardine of Bibbiena (-1490) Franciscan priest  
Bl. Diego of Valdieri and Bl. Clement of Bressanone, Franciscans, martyrs
- May 16 .... **St. Margaret Bartolomé of Cortona, (1247-1297), Secular Franciscan**  
Bl. Adam degli Adami (c1285) Franciscan preacher
- May 17 ..... **St. Paschal Baylón, Franciscan**  
Bl. Mariano of Chiusi (-1476), Franciscan
- May 18 ..... **St. Felix of Cantalice, Capuchin Franciscan**
- May 19 .... **St. Yves of Brittany (1253-1303) Secular Franciscan, priest, lawyer**  
**Bl. Mary Bernard Bütler, Secular Franciscan, Virgin, Founder**  
**Bl. Humiliana Cerchi of Florence (1219-1246) Widow, Secular Franciscan**  
St. Crispin of Viterbo, Capuchin Franciscan friar  
St. Theophilus of Corte (-1740) Franciscan priest  
Bl. John of Cetina and Bl. Peter of Dueñas, Conventual Franciscans, martyrs
- May 20 .... **B. Josepha Hendrina Stenmanns (1852-1903) Secular Franciscan, Founder**  
St. Bernardine of Siena (-1444) Franciscan priest
- May 22 ..... **Bl. John Forest, Franciscan priest, martyr**

**May 24 .... Dedication of the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi**

Bl. Baldassar of Florence (-1493) Franciscan friar

Bl. John of Prado, Franciscan priest, martyr

**May 25 .... Bl. Gerard Mecatti of Villamagna (1174-c. 1270) Pilgrim, hermit, Secular Franciscan**

**Bl. Gerard of Lunelio, Secular Franciscan**

Bl. Bartholomew Magi of Anghiari (1509) Franciscan friar

**May 27 .... Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces, Franciscan Memorial**

**May 28 .... St. Maryann of Jesus Paredes Flores (1618-1645), Virgin, Secular Franciscan**

**Ven. James Gaglione (1896-1962) Secular Franciscan**

Bl. Herculan of Piagale ( -1541) Franciscan priest

Bb. Philip, Benedict and Mark Massaini, Franciscan friars

**May 29 ..... Bl. Stephen of Narbonne and Raymond of Carbonier and Companions, Franciscans, “Martyrs of Toulouse”**

**May 30 .... St. Fernando III of Castile (1198-1252) Secular Franciscan, Ruler**

St. Camilla Baptista of Varano, Virgin, Poor Clare

Bl. Marie-Céline Castang (1878-1897) Virgin, Poor Clare

Bl. Mariano Di Nicolantonio of Roccasale (1778-1866) Franciscan friar

**May 31 ..... Bl. James of Pavia (-1492) Franciscan friar**

## Rule Reflection for May

### SFO Rule, Ch. 2, Article 19

Mindful that they are bearers of peace which must be built up unceasingly, they should seek out ways of unity and fraternal harmony through dialogue, trusting in the presence of the divine seed in everyone and in the transforming power of love and pardon. Messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, they should strive to bring joy and hope to others. Since they are immersed in the resurrection of Christ, which gives true meaning to Sister Death, let them serenely tend toward the ultimate encounter with the Father.

#### **SFO Constitutions: Article 19:**

1. *see Rule 14* Secular Franciscans should always act as a leaven in the environment in which they live through the witness of their fraternal love and clear Christian motivations.
2. In the spirit of minority, they should opt for relationships which give preference to the poor and to those on the fringe of society, whether these be individuals or categories of persons or an entire people; they should collaborate in overcoming the exclusion of others and those forms of poverty that are the fruit of inefficiency and injustice.

#### **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND SHARING**

- 1) Do you really feel that the “divine seed” is present in everyone, and that everyone and everything can be transformed by love and pardon?
- 2) How do you relate to those on the fringe of society? In all facets of life, Franciscans tend to include, rather than exclude people. How inclusive or exclusive are you of people who are different?



## Celebrating Stephen and Veronica Yuhase



Stephen and Veronica Yuhase are permanently excused members of our fraternity and the parents of **Claire Johnson**. Steve was born on October 11, 1915 in Trenton, New Jersey. Ronnie [nee: Monforton] was born on December 13, 1915 in Tecumseh, Ontario, Canada. Steve is the youngest of four children. Ronnie is the middle child of three children.

Ronnie attended St. Joseph Elementary School and a public high school through Grade 13 in Windsor. Steve attended St. Stephen Elementary School and Immaculate Conception High School in Trenton, NJ. He attended Lawrence Institute of Technology in Southfield for two years.



Steve worked as a die maker at Impression Die Company located, for many years, at Forest and Bellevue in Detroit. For the last few years of his employment, Steve served as a partner in the company. Prior to getting married, Ronnie worked for a foot doctor. After she married Steve, Ronnie dedicated herself full time as a homemaker.

Both were living in Detroit when they met at a hiking club. They were married on September 18, 1940 at Immaculate Conception Church in Windsor. In October of this year, they will celebrate 70 years of marriage. They have been blessed with four children (two daughters and two sons), 7 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Steve and Ronnie learned about the Secular Franciscan Order from their friends, Charles and Angeline Juneau. They were professed into the St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity in 1952. At the time of their profession, the members were required to take a religious name. Ronnie took the name "Lucy". Because it was the feast of St. Agnes and Steve did not want to take the name "Francis", like all of the other men, he took the name, "Agnes".

Over the years, Steve and Ronnie belonged to the following parishes: Assumption Grotto, Guardian Angels (Detroit) – where Steve served as President of the St. Vincent dePaul Society for many years –, St. Margaret of Scotland (St. Clair Shores), St. Denis (Lexington), St. Edward's (Lakeport), Our Lady, Queen of Creation (New Baltimore), and are currently parishioners of Our Lady, Star of the Sea in Grosse Pointe. Following Steve's retirement, the couple resides in Michigan for six months of the year, and the other six months are spent in Florida. In Florida, they call St. Brendan's Church in Clearwater home.

Steve and Ronnie have been avid hikers all of their lives. Their hobbies have included: ballroom dancing, square dancing, crossword puzzles, card games (Euchre, solitary), and golf.

Both are 94 years old, and because of recent health issues, they are now living with their daughter, Joan, in Grosse Pointe.

We love you, Steve and Ronnie!





### From the Friars' Choir

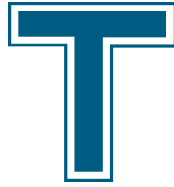
**Be kinder than necessary,  
because everyone you meet  
is fighting some kind of battle.**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> EASTER V Pss 1  SFO COUNCIL: 2:30 PM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> EASTER VI Pss Wk 2  MOTHERS DAY	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> St. Joan of Arc: 1 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> MELDRUM KITCHEN 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM Solanus Cell: (Ricards) 7:30 PM	<b>15</b> Armed Forces Day
<b>16</b> ASCENSION Pss Proper  FRATERNITY GATHERING Candidates: Noon MASS: 1:30 PM	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> EMB Board: 10 AM	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> PENTECOST Pss Proper	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Bl. Luchesio: 7:30 PM	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> HOLY TRINITY	<b>31</b> Memorial Day					

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#### Infirmarians:

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#### Continuing Formation Commission:

Chuck & Bev Sopian (chairs)

#### Christian Service Commission:

Patricia Munafo (chair)

#### Hospitality Commission:

Teresa Westbrook-Lienert

& Tony Lienert (chairs)

#### Vocations Ministry Commission:

Janet Bodell (chair)

#### Eucharistic Mission Band (EMB):

To be announced

### MAKING FRATERNITY HAPPEN

The entire St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity gathers on the Third Sunday of every month. For more information, contact:

Chuck & Bev Sopian

In addition to our monthly Fraternity gathering, some members also gather in small groups:

**Fr. Solanus Cell (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 7:30 pm):**

Faye Boland

**St. Joan of Arc Satellite (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 1 pm):**

Frank Liccardello

**Bl. Luchesio Cell (4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 7:30 pm):**

Connie Musial

### FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

Meldrum Soup Kitchen

Usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month.

&

Healing Service Social

Patricia Munafo (contact)

### OTHER SFO-AFFILIATED GROUPS:

Interfaith Justice & Peace Group:

Jo Marie Nardi

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**HE LIT A FIRE IN THEIR HEARTS.**

That burns in those who love him.

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