The Poverello

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Minister's Letter

BLESSED ADVENT AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

DECEMBER 11- St. Joseph in Art Study Day; Sign-up on Eventbrite

Sisters and Brothers,

Here we are at the end the year. Christmas is upon us and 2022 is just around the corner. As we say goodbye to 2021 let us remember how many blessings our dear Lord has sent. Let us look forward to 2022 with confidence in our God. Let's hope and pray COVID lessens its grip on the world and the fear in people's hearts is replaced with love and a greater trust in God.

Attention Adorers -- First Friday Adoration!

December 3 and January 7 Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 to 4:00pm -- Contact Eileen to sign-up
At noon there will be benediction. We are partnering with the friars in this endeavor. Even if you aren't signed-up join us for adoration. I'm hoping to get more than 1 Secular Franciscan in the chapel for each hour. Come and participate. This is considered service and a spiritual work of mercy.

IT's NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!!

December 11 St. Joseph in Art Study Day – Signup on Eventbrite.
We are co-hosting with the Solanus Center an advent day of reflection – St. Joseph in Art. It promises to be a fun-filled day. We are responsible for the continental breakfast items. We are providing the Continental Breakfast. Please remember to bring an item to share.

This event replaces our December 19 gathering. There will be no December 19 gathering.

Please sign-up on Eventbrite. There is a $20.00 sign-up donation to cover the cost of lunch and Solanus Center expenses. Eventbrite link:
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-joseph-in-art-study-day-tickets-200031127487

Schedule

- 9:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Session 1
- 11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Break
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Session 2
- 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Session 3
- 2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Session 4
- 4:00 p.m. Mass for 3rd Sunday of Advent in Church

We continue to collect white towels and socks for the Capuchin Shower Program.

Wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will" (Lk. 2:14).

Peace and Blessings,
Eileen

REFLECTION

In turning on the light of the Christmas tree, we wish for the light of Christ to be in us. A Christmas without light is not Christmas. Let there be light in the soul, in the heart; let there be forgiveness to others; let there be no hostilities or darkness. … Let there be the beautiful light of Jesus. This is my wish for all of you, when you turn on the light of the Christmas tree. — *Address of His Holiness Pope Francis On the Occasion of the Lighting of the Christmas Tree in Gubbio (Italy), Dec. 7, 2014*

Joy is the true gift of Christmas, not expensive presents that demand time and money. We can transmit this joy simply: with a smile, with a kind gesture, with some small help, with forgiveness. Let us give this joy and the joy given will be returned to us. Let us seek in particular to communicate the deepest joy, that of knowing God in Christ. Let us pray that this presence of God's liberating joy will shine out in our lives. — *Homily of His Holiness Benedict XVI, Fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec. 18, 2005*

2021 Fraternity Calendar

January

Saturday	8	9:30 am - Noon	Leadership Council Meeting
Sunday	16	1:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Fraternity Gathering
Fri-Sun	28-30	All Day	Couples Retreat - Washington Retreat Center

February

Saturday	12	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Leadership Council Meeting
Sunday	20	1:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Fraternity Gathering

March

Saturday	12	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Leadership Council Meeting
Sunday	20	11:00 am - 4:00 pm	Fraternity Day of Reflection

April

Saturday	9	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Leadership Council Meeting
Sunday Easter)	10	1:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Fraternity Gathering (2nd Sunday due to
Fri-Sun	22-24	All Day	Women's Retreat - Washington Retreat Center

May

Saturday	14	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Leadership Council Meeting
Sunday	15	1:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Fraternity Gathering - Jubilarian Mass

June

Saturday	11	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Leadership Council Meeting
Sunday Day)	12	1:30 pm - 4 :00 pm	Fraternity Gathering (2nd Sunday due to Father's

July

Saturday	9	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Leadership Council Meeting
Sunday	17	1:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Fraternity Gathering (Picnic ?)

August

Saturday	13	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Leadership Council Meeting
Sunday	21	1:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Fraternity Gathering

September

Saturday	10	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Leadership Council Meeting
Fri-Sun	TBD	All Day	Men's Retreat - Washington Retreat Center
Sunday	18	11:00 am - 4:00 pm	Fraternity Gathering Day of Reflection

October

Monday	3	6:30 pm	Transitus Holy Hour
Tuesday	4	TBD	Friars Feast Day Mass
Saturday	8	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Leadership Council Meeting
Sunday	13	1:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Fraternity Gathering

November

Saturday	12	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Leadership Council Meeting
Saturday	19	10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Profession Retreat
Sunday	20	1:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Fraternity Gathering - Profession Mass
Saturday	26	10:00 am	Mass for Deceased - Friars Chapel

December

Saturday	10	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Leadership Council Meeting
Sunday	18	1:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Fraternity Gathering (Christmas Concert?)

Pictures of Profession

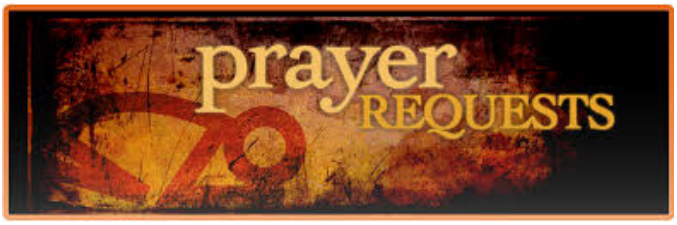
December Monthly Prayer Request for Priests

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Rev. A. Blount, S.O.L.T.	2 Rev. A. Bondy, Rev. S. Bonner	3 Rev. M. Borkowski	4 Rev. G. Boyine, O.F.M. CAP
5 Rev. M. Brauer	6 Rev. P. Brennan, C.P.	7 Rev. S. Briffa, Rev. J. Brooks, L.C.	8 Msgr. R. Browne	9 Rev. J. Brzezinski	10 Rev. R. Bucon	11 Msgr. J. Budde
12 Rev. M. Buentello, C.S.B.	13 Rev. D. Buersmeyer	14 Msgr. G.M. Bugarin	15 Rev. D. Burgard, Rev. S. Burr	16 Rev. J. Bustamante	17 Rev. F. Cabras, O.F.M. CAP	18 Rev. L. Cachat, S.J.
19 Rev. A. Camilleri	20 Rev. F. Canfield, S.J.	21 Rev. J. Carlin, Rev. R. Cassidy	22 Rev. G. Cavanagh, S.J.	23 Rev. R. Cavellier	24 Most Rev. J. Cepeda	25 Rev. B. Chabala, Rev. J. Chakian
26 Rev. G. Charnley, Rev. K. Chase	27 Rev. P. Chateau	28 Rev. J. Child	29 Rev. P. Ching	30 Rev. M. Chircop, C.S.B	31 Rev. J Chmura, Rev. V. Clore	

FRANCISCAN Holy Days

2. Bl Mary Angela Astorch, Poor Clare nun, d. 1665
2. Bl. Raphael Chylinski, First Order friar, d. 1741
5. Bl. Peter of Siena, Secular Franciscan, d. 1289
9. Bl. Clara Isabella Fornari, Poor Clare nun, d. 1744
10. Bl. Conrad of Offida, First Order friar, d. 1306
11. Bl. Hugolinus Magalotti, Secular Franciscan, d. 1373
12. Discovery of the Tomb of St. Francis (1820)
14. Bl. Bartholomew Buonpedini of San Gimignano, Secular Franciscan priest, d. 1300
15. Bl. Mary Frances Schervier, Third Order religious, d. 1876
19. Bl. Jean Discalceat, First Order friar, d. 1349
23. Bl. Nicolas Factor, First Order friar, d. 1583
24. Bl. Bentivolio Buoni, First Order friar, d. 1231
25. The Nativity of the Lord Jesus (first Christmas crèche at Greccio, 1223)
28. Bl. Matthia Nazzarei, Poor Clare nun, d. 1319
29. Bl Gerard Cagnoli, First Order friar, d. 1342
30. Bl. Margaret Colonna, Poor Clare nun, d. 1284

3.....Dorothy Stapel
6.....Mary Saber
7.....Mary Ann Kristensen
11.....Ralph Mason
12.....Irene Mecha
14.....Jacqueline Hale
15.....Steven Elsey
17.....Leticia Aguilar
17.....Hank Forys
20.....Chuck Sapian
25.....Gerald Borycz
25.....Patricia Meldrum
31.....Sylvia Snigier



Please help to keep our prayer list up-to-date. Call:

Eileen Smith

Members of our Fraternity

Lettie Aguilar
Dan and Jan Atkinson
Claire Boutain
Joyce Brouillette
Jerry Borycz
Pat Cardellio
Sophia Cisneros
Sidney Davis
Salina De La Rosa
Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue
Daniel Gabriel
James Heymes
Gary Johnson
Joyce Kaminski
Esther Kelley
Patricia Long
Ilene Manning & Family
Ralph Marson
Stella Mordarski
Ray Mylenek
Jo Marie Nardi
Mary Poole
Barbara Pardington
Diane Raymond
Marilyn Ricard
Mary Saber
Joe Sapian
Bridget Schultz
Ben Stapel
Anna Tyler
Terry Westbrook-Lienert

Relatives needing prayers

Theresa Brannigan, daughter-in-law of Marguerite
Tiffany Fogg, niece of Daniel Gabriel
Ron Gray, friend of Melissa Lindow
Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forys
Denise Joseph, daughter of Louis
David Kaminsky, son of Joyce Kaminsky
Frances Krempasky, daughter of Mary Krempasky
Luke, grandson of Mary Krempasky
Patricia McCleary, mother of Therese Joseph
Thomas McCleary, brother of Therese Joseph
Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas Nozewski
Kathleen Penridge, cousin of Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue
Melinda Ann, daughter of Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue
Karen Plousse, daughter of Joyce Kaminsky
Theresa Poole, mother of Mary
Jim Smith, grandson of Claire Boutain
Tom Sherfield, son-in-law of Claire Boutain
Sandra Woods Family
Denise Maltese, mother of Brittney Walendzik
Melanie Corcoran, sister of Brittney Walendzik

Students, Faculty, and Staff of Regina High School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 BD: Dorothy Stapel	4
5 ADVENT WEEK 2 *Pss Wk 2*	6 BD: Mary Saber	7 BD: Mary Ann Kristensen	8 **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** *Holy Day of Obligation*	9	10	11 **ST. JOSEPH IN ART DAY/ FRATERNITY GATHERING 9:30 a.m.** BD: Ralph Mason
12 BD:Irene Mecha ADVENT WEEK 3 *Pss Wk 3*	13	14 **COUNCIL MEETING 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** BD:Jacqueline Hale	15 BD: Steven Elsey	16	17 BD: Lettie Aguilar BD: Hank Forys	18
19 ADVENT WEEK 4 *Pss Wk 4*	20 BD: Chuck Sapian	21	22	23	24	25 **NATIVITY OF THE LORD** BD: Gerald Borycz BD: Patricia Meldrum
26 *Pss Prop*	27	28	29	30 **HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH**	31 BD: Sylvia Snigier	

Fax et Phonum

Minister
Eileen Smith .....
Vice Minister
Joe Quesnell .....
Treasurer
Sue Barna Ayoub .....
Secretary
Bernie Mikowski .....
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Sylvia Sniger .....
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Doris Allen .....
Ron Kessler .....
Sharon Kessler.....
Brittney Walendzik .....
Spiritual Assistant:
Fr. Bill Hugo .....

APPOINTMENTS

Continuing Formation Coordinator:
Joe Quesnelle.....
Gospel Happenings/Healing Service Social Coordinators:
Ron & Sharon Kessler .....
Hospitality co-Coordinator:
Julia Ertzbischoff-Donohue
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Infirmarian:
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Caring Hearts
Anna Tyler.....
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MAKING FRATERNITY HAPPEN

Our Fraternity gathers on the Third Sunday of every month. For more information, contact:

Eileen Smith.....

FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE SOCIAL

Wednesdays at 2 PM

FRANCISCAN MINISTRIES

2nd Saturday of each month
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Franciscan Ministries Office next to St. Aloysius

FRANCISCAN BOOK DISCUSSION

Prior to each of our monthly meetings, from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m., a Franciscan Book Discussion group gathers in the Solanus Center Library for anyone interested. For more information, contact:

Jacqueline Hale at

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