

The Poverello

St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans ✠ Detroit, Michigan

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Minister's Letter

Congratulations to Our Jubilarians!! August 15th Jubilarian Mass at 1:30pm.

Solanus Feast Day – July 30, 2021!!

“What a marvelously different society we’d have here, and what an ideal world to live in, if we’d all keep in mind the assurances of Jesus: ‘What you have done to the least of my brethren you have done to me.’” Blessed Solanus Casey

Sisters and Brothers,

At our **June Gathering** we welcomed **Steven Elsey** and **Nicole H. Hamper** to our Inquiry Class and we admitted **Anna Ortego-Seitz** and **Salina Delarosa** to our Candidacy Class. We will have the admission ceremony at our **July Gathering** for **Lisa Whiting-Dobson**. Please support and encourage them as they continue on with the formation process into the Secular Franciscan Order.

Good News – The Solanus Center restrictions have been fully lifted. At our **July 18th Gathering** we can have hospitality again. You are welcome to bring snacks to share. **Brittney Walendzik** will present Fratelli Tutti. At our **August 15th Gathering** we will celebrate our **2020 and 2021 Jubilarians** at our **Jubilarian Mass at 1:30pm in the St. Bonaventure Chapel**. **Bro. Bill Hugo, OFM Cap** is the celebrant. We will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please plan to attend in person. The Mass will not be livestreamed. We will have hospitality after the Mass.

2020 Jubilarians

James Hymes – 70 Years

Theresa Haas – 70 Years

Marilyn Ricard – 60 Years

Mary Poole – 50 Years

Ralph Mason – 40 Years

Teresa Westbrook-Lienert – 25 Years

Ilene Manning – 10 Years

Patricia Cardellio – 10 Years

Mary Williams – 10 Years

2021 Jubilarians

Charlotte Hymes – 70 Years

Jo Marie Nardi – 60 Years

Connie Musial – 25 Years

Joyce Kaminski – 20 Years

Maryann Kummer – 20 Years

Sheryl Nordstrom -- 20 Years

Diane Raymond – 20 Years

Laura Sapian – 10 Years

Joseph Sapian – 10 Years

Blessed Solanus Casey Feast Day July 30th – You’re Invited --The Solanus Casey Center will celebrate the feast day with 3 Masses: **7:30AM (Archbishop Allen Vigneron), Noon (Br. Mark Joseph Costello) and 7PM (Br. Steve Kropp)**. The morning and evening masses will be livestreamed on the Solanus Center Facebook page and website, www.solanuscenter.org.

July 22—29: Solanus Feast Day Novena “Stretch out Your Hand to Heal” is the theme of this year’s novena. Each day is dedicated to a different area of healing.

The Masses will be celebrated at 7:30 AM and Noon.

The 7:30 AM Mass will be livestreamed. The public is welcome to attend either Mass.

July 22: God’s Desire to Heal – Fr. Dan Crosby

July 23: Healing of Mental Illnesses, Emotional hurt, & Addictions Fr. Jim Hast

July 24: Healing of Grief and Loss – Fr. Tom Nguyen

July 25: Healing for the Universal Church – Fr. Larry Webber

July 26: Healing of Marriages and Families – Fr. Dan Fox

July 27: Healing of Sexual Abuses – Fr. Mike Sullivan (7:30 AM) Fr. Bill Hugo (Noon Mass)

July 28: Healing of Physical Illnesses – Fr. Ed Foley

July 29: Healing from Racial Division – Fr. David Preuss

August 2 – Franciscan Feast of the Portiuncula and Plenary Indulgence

Reminder: Please send your monthly contributions to: St. Bonaventure Secular Fraternity, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 Attention: Doris Allen, Treasurer.

Please take time to review the **prayer list** and send updates to me.

Also, I’m looking for someone to keep up our **bulletin board** at the Solanus Casey Center in the hallway by the dining room. It would be good to have it updated monthly. It is a great way to give our fraternity visibility among the Center’s visitors. If you are interested, please let me know.

Our library is open. After the Gathering you are welcome to puruse the books. Let me know if you are interested.

Nominations are open for our October election at our August gathering. Please confirm with the person that they accept the nomination before officially nominating them at our gathering. **At our September and October gatherings, nominations are also accepted. Please keep our election process in prayer.**

I continue to keep you all in prayer and look forward to seeing you at our **July Gathering on July 18**. We are able to have hospitality. You are welcome to bring in snacks to share. Please mark your calendar for **August 15** for our **Jubilarian Mass**.

Peace and Blessings,

Eileen

Reflection from Sally McCuen

Reflection: Choose Life

Movie trailers for horror movies often tease with a ghoulish video segment that simultaneously makes one want to turn away and be drawn in to see more. Whenever the trailer begins, people who are sensitive to visual images learn to close their eyes and shut their ears to avoid the horrifying scene. Those folks know that they will be tormented by the image popping up in their minds at unexpected times, and their levels of anxiety will be heightened. They choose to limit their exposure to scary images.

Choosing what we expose ourselves to is a powerful tool to creating our interior landscape. What we see, hear, and read take up residence in our memory cells and can have sway over our thinking patterns long after we have removed ourselves from the object. We all know that some things cannot be unseen. The vision lodges itself in our brain.

Many years ago when I was taking a workshop entitled, "Change your mind, change your life," I was made aware of how our brains function much like computers. You put in the data, you get results. The instructor was helping us become aware of the memories or "photos" we kept in our mental photo albums. She explained that we used those photos to tell ourselves who we were and how we were to act. She said that if you want to change your life and your way of interacting to the situations in your life, change the pictures in your mental photo book. If you are thinking about an incident that made you mad, and ruminating on the incident, you only fuel the storyline of being mad.

Often times when Fr. Solanus was counseling someone, he would recommend that they read *The Mystical City of God*. The book is understood to be the written



revelation from the Blessed Mother to Blessed Mary Agreda in the 1600's. The four book collection describes the extraordinary happenings in the Blessed Mother's life prior to her conception all the way to her coronation as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

The descriptions of the Virgin Mary include angelic protection and ethereal happenstances. As one reads this heavenly depiction, one is transported in their imagination out of time and space to simple beauty. The mind senses these higher and holy thoughts and conveys a sense of peace, joy, and hope. The world's grip loosens and the reader is given a glimpse of a heavenly reality that is happening while we are undergoing difficulties. The reader's mind and spirit are elevated.

Fr. Solanus is said to have read the four volume revelation numerous times. A number of those readings took place before the tabernacle on his knees. It would make sense that after spending a day listening to people's tragic stories, he would let go of the world's grip and immerse himself in the spiritual world of the Blessed Mother.

Fr. Solanus made a choice to fill his mind and imagination with holy images and thoughts. He put positive pictures in his mental photo album. He chose to dwell on the rich spirituality of Christ and the Blessed Mother.

We, too, have a choice to fill our minds with good and holy thoughts and images. That simple choice can influence so much in our interior disposition. It is a simple choice, but it has great power over our happiness. The bible recommends, "Choose life."

What life giving sights and sounds have you exposed yourself to today?





THE WORD
PORTIUNCULA
 means "little portion"
 in Italian.

In 1216, in a vision, it was reported that St. Francis obtained from Jesus himself the **Indulgence of the Pardon of Assisi**.

"Lord Jesus, I pray that anyone who enters this little chapel with a contrite heart and has received pardon through the sacrament of confession will surely go to heaven. And I pray that the Blessed Virgin Mary may intercede on my behalf."

- **St. Francis of Assisi**

The Blessing of the Portiuncula



Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula is an ancient abandoned church dedicated to the Mother of God, Assisi, Italy; venerated for the apparition of Angels, belonging to the Benedictine monks of Subasio. The Chapel was restored by St. Francis and is where he founded the Order of the Friars Minor (1209). The Chapel is situated inside the Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels.

SOURCE: COMMUNIO.STBLOGS.ORG

To avail of the Plenary Indulgence of the Portiuncula

- 1 Confess your sins to the priest.
- 2 Attend the Holy Eucharist & receive communion on any of these dates from **July 25** until **August 10**:
- 3 And pray the following prayers:
 - The Apostles Creed
 - Our Father
 - Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.

LET US PRAY

O God, Who dost permit us annually to celebrate anew the dedication day of the Little Portion of Our Lady of the Angels: graciously hear the prayers of Thy people and grant that all who enter that chapel or another as representing it, to ask mercy and graces, may rejoice in the plenary answer to their prayers. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



July 2021
The Monthly Prayer Request for Priests
ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT, MI

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Rev. Zaid Chabaan	2 Rev. John Dudek	3 Rev. Robert Voiland
4 Rev. D. Redwanski	5 Most Rev. F. Reiss	6 Rev. F. Restrepo, Rev. J. Riccardo	7 Msgr. T. Rice, Rev. R. Richards	8 Rev. A. Richter	9 Rev. W. Riegel, C.S.B.	10 Rev. T. Robinson
11 Rev. K. Roelant	12 Rev. R. Rokusek	13 Rev. J. Romano	14 Rev. H. Roodbeen	15 Rev. G. Rozborski	16 Rev. R. Ruedisueli	17 Rev. P. Ryan, S.J.
18 Rev. J. Sabadell, L.C.	19 Msgr. R. Sable, Rev. L. Sabourin	20 Rev. T. Salazar, L.C.	21 Rev. J. Saliba, S.J.	22 Rev. A. Sandor, O.F.M., CAP	23 Rev. M. Sands, Rev. L. Sanford, S.J.	24 Rev. D. Santoro, O.P.
25 Rev. M. Savickas	26 Rev. J. Saviour, O.F.M., CAP	27 Rev. R. Sayers	28 Rev. B. Schaeffer, S.J.	29 Rev. J. Scheeler, O.F.M.	30 Rev. J. Scheick, Rev. R. Schikora	31 Rev. R. Schramm, O.S.F.S

Please pray for the newly ordained priests: **Rev. Zaid Chabaan** (Ordained May 15, 2021), **Rev. John Dudek** (Ordained May 22, 2021), and **Rev. Robert Voiland** (Ordained May 22, 2021).

Franciscan Holy Days

- July 8 – St. Gregory Grassi
- July 9 – St. Nicholas Pick and Companions
- July 12 – Sts. John Jones and John Wall
- July 13 – St. Angeline of Marciano
- July 14– St. Francis Solano
- July 15 – St. Bonaventure
- July 21 – St. Lawrence of Brindisi
- July 23 – St. Cunegunda
St. Bridget of Sweden
- July 24 – Blessed Louise of Savoy
- July 27 – Bl. Mary Magdalene Martinegro

August 2021
The Monthly Prayer Request for Priests
ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT, MI

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Rev. T. Schubeck, S.J.	2 Rev. G. Schulte	3 Rev. R. Scullin, S.J.	4 Rev. Rev. Canon A. Sequeira	5 Rev. J. Serrick, S.J.	6 Rev. B. Shackett	7 Rev. R. Shafer
8 Rev. M. Sheehy, C.M.M.	9 Rev. R. Shen, S.J.	10 Rev. J. Shimkus, O.S.B.	11 Rev. W. Siebert	12 Rev. J. Siedlarz, S.CHR	13 Rev. W. Sinatra, Rev. R. Slaton	14 Rev. A Slominski, S.CHR
15 Rev. J. Slowinski	16 Rev. T. Slowinski	17 Rev. J. Smalarz	18 Msgr. G. Smetanka	19 Rev. J. Smith, L.C.	20 Rev. P. Snyder, Rev. R. Spezia	21 Rev. R. Stadmeyer, O.F.M. CAP
22 Rev. J. Staudenmaier, S.J.	23 Rev. Canon M. Stein	24 Rev. G.A. Steinmiller, C.P.	25 Rev. P. Stoffer, O.F.M. CONV	26 Rev. J. Strasz, S.M.	27 Rev. D. Strzalkowski	28 Rev. M. Suhy, Rev. A. Sulkowski
29 Rev. J. Sullivan	30 Rev. M. Sullivan, O.F.M. CAP	31 Rev. G. Sunghera, S.J.				

Francican Holy Days

- August 2 – Our Lady of the Angels of Portiuncula
- August 4 – St. John Baptist Mary of Vianney
- August 7 – Bls. Agathanelus and Cassias
- August 8 – Holy Father Dominic
- August 11 – St. Clare of Assisi
- August 14 – St. Maximilian Kolbe
- August 15 – Feast of the Assumption
- August 17 – St. Roch
- August 19 – St. Louis of Toulouse
- August 21 – St. Pius X
- August 25 – St. Louis IX



July

- 1 Daniel Atkinson
- 6 Sophia Cisneros
- 9 Joyce Kaminski
- 11 Anthony Cerroni
- 15 John Gillen
- 22 Beverly Sapien
- 24 Barbara Pardington

August

- 9 Anna Tyler
- 13 Janet Atkinson
- 22 Mary Poole
- 25 Patricia Munafa
- 30..... Marilyn Ricard
- 30..... Susan Barna Ayoub

*Please help to keep our prayer list up-to-date. Call:
Jackie Hale at*



Members of our Fraternity

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

Our Deceased Members

Our Deceased Relatives

Relatives needing prayers

- Tiffany Fogg, niece of Daniel Gabriel
- Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forys
- Denise Joseph, daughter of Louis
- David Kaminski, son of Joyce Joe Quesnelle
- Frances Krempasky, daughter 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
- 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 Walenzik

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 ST. JUNIPERO SERRA BD: Daniel Atkinson	2	3
4 <i>Pss Proper II</i>	5	6 BD: Sophia Cisneros	7	8	9 BD: Joyce Kaminski	10 10:00 am - 11:30 am Council Meeting
11 BD: Anthony Cerroni <i>Pss Proper III</i>	12	13	14	15 ST. BONAVENTURE BD: John Gillen	16	17
18 FRATERNITY GATHERING 1:30 P.M. <i>Pss Proper IV</i>	19	20	21	22 BD: Beverly Sapian	23	24 BD: Barbara Pardington
25 <i>Pss Prover I</i>	26	27	28	29	30  BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY	31



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Pss Proper II</i>	2 FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS OF THE PORTIUNCULA	3	4	5	6	7 10:00 am - 11:30 am Council Meeting
8 <i>Pss Proper III</i>	9 BD: Anna Tyler	10	11 ST. CLARE OF ASSISI	12	13 BD: Janet Atkinson	14
15 ASSUMPTION FRATERNITY GATHERING 1:30 P.M. <i>Pss Proper IV</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 BD: Mary Poole <i>Pss Wk 1</i>	23	24	25 BD: Patricia Munafò	26	27	28
29 <i>Pss Proper II</i>	30 BD: Marilyn Ricard BD: Sue Barna Ayoub	31				

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Ron Kessler

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Julia Ertzbischoff-Donohue

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Jackie Hale

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Melissa Lindow

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Doris Allen

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
Contact

FRANCISCAN BOOK DISCUSSION

Prior to each of our monthly meetings, from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, 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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