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Minister's Letter

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY- JUNE 19!!!!
COME HOLY SPIRIT!! – PENTECOST JUNE 5
Chapter Reports June 12 at 1:30pm

Sisters and Brothers,

We celebrate our fathers, husbands, grandfathers, Godfathers, uncles, priests and all the great spiritual fathers in our life. Fatherhood is a blessing from God. St. Francis held a deep conviction of God's Fatherhood allowing him to live the gospel radically in total dependence on His providence. Francis believed the Father had shared every good thing in the gift of His crucified son Christ Jesus. St. Francis our brother in Christ shows us how to love encouraging each other to live the gospel leading others to Christ. Praise God for our fathers and their life-giving encouragement and example.

June 3 First Friday Adoration – Everyone is invited

9:30am Sidney, Susan Ayoub
10:00am Joe Quesnelle
11:00am Mary Myler
Noon Julia E-Donahue, Ron and Sharon Kessler
1:00pm Paula Jerzy
2:00pm Bernadette Mikowski
3:00pm Eileen Smith

If you are unable to make your appointed time let me know.

June 9, 2022 the **On the Rise Bakery** is moving from its present location on Gratiot and will open in the Solanus Center. Soon we will have a café to share hospitality.

At our **June 12** Gathering we will have the presentation of our Chapter Reports. There is a zoom option for those unable to attend in person. Our July picnic is planned for **July 17** at the Solanus Center. **Ron and Sharon Kessler** will have picnic food signup sheets at our June gathering.

Friday June 24 at Noon – Mass on the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the Solanus Center in the chapel.

REMINDER: White Towel and Socks Collection at our Gatherings for the Capuchin Shower Program.

Final Thoughts

I look at our country and try to make sense out of the horrific shootings in Texas where 19 children and 2 teachers were murdered and in New York City where a father was murdered going to Sunday brunch with his family. I know God's permissive will allows this to happen so a greater good can come out of it. But it doesn't make it any easier and I find myself mourning with the families whose lives have been torn apart due to the evil actions of men.

“For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.” Eph 6:13

Francis and Clare saw a lot of killing in their day and fought against it through their way of life. They lived the gospel values radically and brought Jesus Christ to those around them. I am grateful for our way of life. We too are seeing a lot of meaningless killing. Now more than ever we have to be faithful to our gospel living and bring

the love, hope and joy of our savior Jesus Christ to those around us. It is only through our faith in Jesus Christ that we can begin to hope in a better future. Don't be afraid to preach the gospel, study the catechism, learn scripture and live our Rule. Stay faithful to prayer and pray for courage and wisdom. Come Holy Spirit Come and Renew the Face of the Earth!!

Peace and Blessings,

Eileen

MEDITATION

Formation Friday

What Makes Secular Franciscans Different from Other Catholics? (Part Two)

Our Fraternity Life—How can anyone be a Franciscan without fraternity? As much as St. Francis loved to find solitary places to pray, he always had friars nearby, and he always returned to fraternity life. He tells us, “The Lord gave me brothers...” (Testament)

Article 24 of our OFS Rule speaks of fraternity: “To foster communion among members, the council should organize regular and frequent meetings of the community as well as meeting with other Franciscan groups, especially with youth groups. It should adopt appropriate means for growth in Franciscan and ecclesial life and encourage everyone to a life of fraternity. This communion continues with deceased brothers and sisters through prayer for them.”

“Fraternity is...a call to build a community of love in harmony with all of God's children and all of God's creation to reflect Love back to the God of Love: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.” (FUN Manual “Fraternity and Francis” by Tom Bello, OFS—former National Minister)

For most of us, our experience of fraternity comes at the local level. Although we find fraternity at the regional, national, and international levels, the local fraternity is the heartbeat of the Order. It is where we find mutual support in our faith. It is where we learn to carry out the promises we made at profession. Fraternity is like a workshop where we practice universal kinship; patience; humility; simplicity; and acceptance of others. It is where we keep our vocation alive. If fraternity life is well-lived, we will learn how to pray together and to work together to move the fraternity and the Church forward. We learn what it is to be a Franciscan by how we listen to one another, accept those who are different than we are, and by how we learn about the Franciscan charism together. Fraternity nourishes our vocation and helps us to bring the joy of knowing Christ to others both inside the fraternity and outside in our daily lives.

The structure and flow of our gatherings can help us to achieve what is outlined above. Belonging to a club or attending a business meeting is (or should be) a very different experience from participating in a fraternity gathering. In fraternity, we pray together with one another and with the whole church. We strengthen our vocation by learning about the Franciscan charism and the gospel during our ongoing formation sessions; and we experience conversion of heart as we interact with our brothers and sisters and reach out to others through our apostolates. Fraternity life is a gift!

For discussion or to answer in your journal

+What is your favorite part of your local fraternity gathering? How does it strengthen your life as a Franciscan?
+ What suggestions would you make to your local council to make your monthly gatherings even better? Be sure to tell why this would be valuable and how you would get it done.
+Thinking about positive experiences you have had of fraternity (remember, fraternity is not only the monthly gathering, but it is found wherever Franciscans gather), list two or three and try to say why they had a special impact on you.

Congrats to our Jubilarians!







From Beverly Sapien (was unable to attend):

I was attracted to Franciscan spirituality. The simplicity, humility, and poverty of the Franciscans was inspiring and was the way Jesus taught us to live. I thought the Franciscan family was only for priests and religious, not me. The example of the Capuchins made me see that the Franciscans are authentic and Christlike. I loved receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation at the Solanus Center.

I was very excited when I learned St. Francis established the OFS, and it was a true order in the Roman Catholic Church. I thank God for giving me a vocation to the OFS. Twenty-five years ago, I made my profession at the beautiful St. Bonaventure Chapel. After the Profession Mass, one of the Capuchins greeted me and said, “Welcome to the Franciscan family.” My dream had come true and my joy was complete.

I am thankful for the gift of a Franciscan vocation and the brothers and sisters who are on this journey with me. I taught Children’s Liturgy, Religious Education, and some formation classes in the OFS. Because of my health condition. I am not able to meet in person at our gatherings. I look forward to the day when I can be at the meetings again. Right now zoom is a blessing.

I read the gospels every day, apply the message to my life, listen to God, and do whatever he tells me to do that day. One step at a time, we Franciscans are on a journey of conversion. God gives us grace and strength to follow in the steps of St. Francis and be His witnesses today.





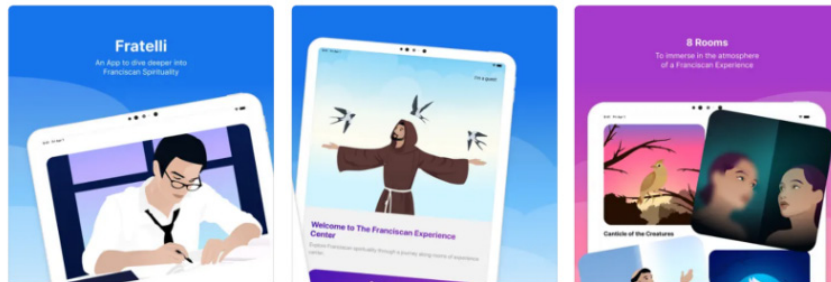
Join us this summer at Capuchin Retreat for our wine and cheese fundraiser and open house! We're going big for this event with live music in the garden, hors d'oeuvres, guided tours of the property and our facility, a live raffle drawing, and much more! Tickets are \$50 per person and are limited for this event! Ticket sales are in advance only, so make sure to sign up early! Opportunities for sponsorship are also available. For more information, call (248) 651-4826.

App Store Preview



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Bro. Igor de Bliquey, OFM Cap was featured in the Detroit Catholic, with an article about the Fr@telli app that he developed. Please take a look at the article online at the Detroit Catholic website:

<https://www.detroitcatholic.com/>

The Fr@telli app is available for download on Android and Apple devices.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



5 Joe Sopian
11 Melissa Lindow
15 Claire Boutain
20 Patricia Long
23 Theresa Haas
29 Paul Ivan

Franciscan Holy Days

June 1 – St. Felix of Nicosia
June 5 – Pentecost
June 12 – Trinity Sunday
June 13 – St. Anthony of Padua
June 19 – Corpus Christi Sunday
June 22 – St. Thomas More
June 30 – Bl. Raymond Lull



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

Laura Sopian

Members of our Fraternity

Dan and Jan Atkinson
Claire Boutain
Joyce Brouillette
Jerry Borycz
Daniel Gabriel
James Heymes
Gary Johnson
Joyce Kaminski
Mary Krempasky
Esther Kelley
Patricia Long
Ilene Manning
Ray Mylenek
Mary Poole
Barbara Pardington
Mary Saber
Bridget Schultz
Ben Stapel
Terry Westbrook-Lienart

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
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

June 2022 Prayer Request for Priests

ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT, MI

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Rev. S. Kropp, O.F.M. Cap	2 Rev. L. Krotkiewicz	3 Rev. H.T. Kuehnemund	4 Rev. R. Kurzawa
5 Rev. T. Laboe, Rev. R. Lacroix	6 Rev. D. Lacuesta	7 Rev. J. Ladd	8 Rev. T. Lajiness	9 Rev. H. Lam, Rev. J. Lang	10 Rev. L. Lapeyre	11 Rev. G. Leboeuf
12 Msgr. M. Lefevre	13 Rev. R. Leliaert	14 Rev. M. Lenz, O.F.M.	15 Rev. D. Lesniak	16 Rev. R. Lewandowski	17 Rev. J. Libens, S.J.	18 Rev. D. Liderbach, S.J.
19 Rev. A. Ligeti, O.F.M.	20 Rev. S.J. Lim	21 Rev. James Livingston	22 Rev. Mark Livingston	23 Rev. A. Logan, O.C.S.O.	24 Rev. J. Lopez	25 Rev. B. Louzon, O.F.M. Cap
26 Rev. J. Lowe, C.C.	27 Rev. M. Loyson	28 Rev. R. Lucasinsky, C.M.M.	29 Rev. T. Lumpkin	30 Rev. A. Mabee		





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			1	2	3	4
5 PENTECOST BD: Joe Sapian <i>Pss Prop</i>	6	7	8	9	10	11 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Council Meeting BD: Melissa Lindow
12 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY FRATERNITY GATHERING 1:30 P.M. <i>Pss Prop</i>	13	14	15 BD: Claire Boutain	16	17	18
19 CORPUS CHRISTI FATHER'S DAY JUNETEENTH <i>Pss Prop</i>	20 BD: Patricia Long	21	22	23 BD: Theresa Haas	24	25
26 <i>Pss I</i>	27	28	29 BD: Paul Ivan	30		

Fax et Phonum

Minister

Eileen Smith

Vice Minister

Joe Quesnelle.....

Treasurer

Sue Ayoub.....

Secretary

Bernie Mikowski.....

Formation Minister

Sylvia Snigier.....

Councilors:

Doris Allen.....

Ron Kessler.....

Sharon Kessler.....

Brittney Walenzik

Spiritual Assistant:

Fr. Bill Hugo

APPOINTMENTS

Continuing Formation Coordinator:

Joe Quesnelle.....

Gospel Happenings Coordinators &

Healing Service Social Coordinators:

Ron Kessler

Sharon Kessler.....

Hospitality co-Coordinator:

Ona Moore.....

Julia Ertzbischoff-Donohue

Infirmarian:

Laura Sapien.....

Caring Hearts

Anna Tyler.....

JPIC Coordinator:

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, at Noon, 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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