

# The Poverello

St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans ☩ Detroit, Michigan

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# Minister's Letter

## PROFESSION MASS NOVEMBER 20!!! CONGRATULATIONS PATRICIA HOWARD AND ELIZABETH ZARANEK

Sisters and Brothers,

When we refer to ourselves as Secular Franciscans, our name identifies our relationship within the Franciscan family and the word Order after our name connects us to the Catholic Church. Secular binds us to a large group of people called by God to live the Franciscan charism in ordinary daily lives. A fraction of these people we know, but many more we will never meet in this life. When we use the name Secular Franciscan, we reveal an identity to others that tells them quite a lot about who we are and to whom we are related. If this name plays a major role in our identity, it will affect everything we do. (FUN Manual page 137)

**The Profession Mass for Patricia Howard and Elizabeth Zaranek is Sunday November 20 at 1:30pm.** This liturgy fulfills our Sunday obligation for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Our celebration continues afterwards with a catered dinner in the dining room.

**Pray for Michigan – Eucharist Adoration – Tuesday November 8 after 7:30am Mass until Noon.** This is our time of reflection imploring our Lord for his blessings on our state.

**Saturday November 26 at 10:00AM Mass for Our Deceased Members** (Article 24 OFS Rule). Laura Sapien our Infirmarian is accepting memorial requests. Please contact **Laura** with your requests. The names of your family and friends will be included in our liturgy. Laura is also planning hospitality after mass in the dining room.

**Send offerings for your memorial requests** to St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 Attention Susan Ayoub. Also, make the check payable to St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity and on the memo-line indicate memorial offering.

**DECEMBER 18 at 2pm** –Our Christmas Concert featuring Amoris Lingua. Promote this event to your family and friends and at your parish. There will be flyers at our November gathering and an email will be sent with the flyer, too.

**December 3 from 10:30-12:30 Celebrate the Solanus Casey Center 20th Anniversary** - The Capuchin Franciscan Brothers invite you to the blessing and rededication of the Solanus Casey Center in honor of the 20th Anniversary of their ministry and the 5th Anniversary of the Beatification of Blessed Solanus! Be sure to wear your fraternity apparel.

**Bring your donation for the Franciscan Ministries Annual Christmas Appeal to our November gathering** and we will take them to Mike Carsten. Items requested: Hoodies, White Tube Socks, Heavy Winter Coats, Sleeping Bags for cold extreme weather, Winter Boots, Hand Warmers, Gift Cards: Walmart, Kroger, Gordons Food Service, Target.

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

**November is National Black Catholic History Month** celebrating the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics. Following is an excerpt from “Created in Christ” by Sophia Press regarding slavery and the writings of the early Church Fathers.

Christianity recognizes all people share an equal dignity as creatures made in the image of God. The early Christians might have owned slaves or been enslaved, but the Church did not discriminate based on social condition. Slaves could marry, be ordained, and be buried in the same cemetery as free people. In its sacramental life, the Church planted a seed by simply ignoring worldly distinctions between slaves and slave owners. The Church Fathers even addressed slavery in their writings:

Church Father Lactantius explained in “Divine Institutes” (A.D. 303) there were no natural slaves or slave owners in Christ: “God who produces and gives breath to men, willed that all should be equal...He promised immortality to all; no one is cut off from His heavenly benefits...In his sight no one is a slave, no one a master; for if we have all the same Father, by an equal right we are all children.”

St. Basil declared in “On the Holy Spirit” (A.D. 364) that slavery was unnatural: “Among men no one is a slave by nature. For men are either brought under a yoke of slavery by conquest, as when prisoners are taken in war; or they are enslaved on account of poverty, as the Egyptians were oppressed by Pharaoh.”

St. Augustine saw slavery as part of our fallen condition. He wrote in “City of God” (A.D. 426): “we do not find the word ‘slave’ in any part of Scripture until righteous Noah branded the sin of his son with this name. It is a name, therefore, introduced by sin and not by nature.”

Let’s remember the teachings of our Church Fathers and like them plant the seeds of love and dignity to everyone we meet.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone that participated in the National Fraternity Day Away on October 14. I received many compliments from our visitors on our welcoming spirit and overall enjoyable visit.

Peace and Blessings,  
Eileen

November 4 First Friday Adoration – Everyone is invited; Wear Brown or other fraternity apparel.

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 9:30am  | Sidney Davis/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 contact Eileen

# Reflection

12 Weeks of Franciscan Peace

**Evangelical Love.** St. Bernard the Abbot stated: “Love is sufficient of itself, it gives pleasure by itself and because of itself. It is its own merit, its own reward. Love looks for no cause outside itself, no effect beyond itself. Its profit lies in its practice.... For when God loves, all he desires is to be loved in return; the sole purpose of his love is to be loved, in the knowledge that those who love him are made happy by their love of him.”

Unconditional love, or **agapé**, rooted in behavior toward others without regard to their due is the love with which Jesus loves and speaks; Gospel love: agapé. This is the love that expects nothing from the one loved. It is the love of deliberate choice.

**Jesus left us two great Commandments:** Love God and love our neighbor as ourselves. So, the greatest commandment is to love. It does seem a little silly to try to command somebody to feel a certain way for someone else. But Jesus is saying that we ought to behave well toward them. I cannot always control how I feel about other people but I am in control of how I behave toward other people.

**Saint Francis** went about loving the brothers and sisters of Assisi. He greeted each one with “Pace e bene!” “Peace and good!” When you can greet another with the greeting of peace, then you will not have malice in your heart.

**Thomas Merton** wrote, “The beginning of love is to let those we love be perfectly themselves, and not to twist them to fit our own image. Otherwise we love only the reflection of ourselves we find in them.”

**Psalm Fragment:** “The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; The Lord raises those who are bowed down; The Lord loves the righteous.” ~ Psalm 146:8

**Reflection Question:** How many people have you acknowledged today with a greeting of peace? Will I love as Jesus loves – expecting nothing in return and only wanting the best for the person loved. Journal how this experience affected you.

“I will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable.” [Psalm 145:1-3]



Sunday, December 18, 2022 at 2pm

At St Bonaventure Monastery & Solanus Casey Center, Detroit

## A Christmas Concert

featuring Santos Alvarez and Amorís LÍngua.

\*\*\*The goal is simple, bring souls to God\*\*\*

Music for the Holidays from Our Latin American Friends

\*\*\*presented by the Third Order Franciscans of St Bonaventure\*\*\*

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## November Monthly Prayer Request for Priests

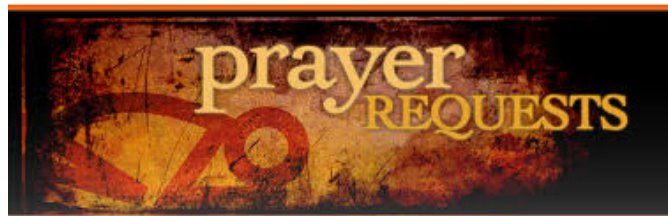
| Sunday                                      | Monday                                       | Tuesday                                    | Wednesday                                  | Thursday                                 | Friday                                  | Saturday                                    |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|---|
|   |  | 1<br>Rev. G. Snyder,<br>P.I.M.E.           | 2<br>Rev. Robert Spezia                    | 3<br>Rev. R. Stadmeyer,<br>O.F.M. Cap.   | 4<br>Rev. J. Staudenmaier,<br>S.J.      | 5<br>Rev. G. Steinmiller,<br>C.P.           |
| 6<br>Rev. Arthur Steslicki                  | 7<br>Rev. P. Stoffer,<br>O.F.M. Conv.        | 8<br>Rev. James, Strasz, S.M.              | 9<br>Rev. D. Strzalkowski,<br>Rev. M. Suhy | 10<br>Rev. A. Sulkowski                  | 11<br>Rev. M. Sullivan,<br>O.F.M. Cap.  | 12<br>Rev. John Sullivan                    |
| 13<br>Rev. G. Sunghera, S.J.                | 14<br>Rev. Thomas Sutherland                 | 15<br>Rev. Joseph Szweczyk                 | 16<br>Rev. Thomas Szura, C.M.M.            | 17<br>Rev. C. Talbot,<br>Rev. P. Tanzini | 18<br>Rev. S. Taube,<br>Rev. D. Terrien | 19<br>Rev. D. Theroux,<br>Rev. S. Thibodeau |
| 20<br>Rev. Norman Thomas                    | 21<br>Rev. Kevin Thomas,<br>Rev. M. Tibai    | 22<br>Rev. G. Tierney,<br>Msgr. W. Tindall | 23<br>Msgr. A. Tocco,<br>Rev. G. Tokarski  | 24<br>Rev. Stan Tokarski                 | 25<br>Rev. David Tomaszycski            | 26<br>Msgr. D. Trapp,<br>Rev. R. Tremi      |
| 27<br>Rev. T. Treppa,<br>Rev. J. Tuskiewicz | 28<br>Rev. R. Twohig, S.J.,<br>Rev. S. Ulman | 29<br>Rev. T. Urban,<br>Rev. W. Ureel      | 30<br>Rev. J. Vanassche                    |  |   |   |

## November Franciscan Holy Days

4. St. Charles Borromeo (3rd O)
5. All Souls of the Seraphic Order
7. St. Didacus of Alcala (1st O)
8. Blessed John Duns Scotus (1st O)
13. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, (3rd O)
14. St. Nicholas Tavelic and Comp. (1st O)
15. Mary of the Passion (3rd ))
16. Pamfilo da Magliano (1st O)
17. St. Elizabeth of Hungary (3rd O), Patroness of the Secular Franciscan Order
18. Bl. Salome (2nd O)
19. St. Agnes of Assisi (2nd O, TOR 3rd O)
24. Margaret Sinclair (2ndO )
25. Blessed Solanus Casey Birthdate (1st O)
26. St. Leonard of Port Maurice (1stO )
27. St. Francesco Antonio Fasani (1st O)
28. St. James of the Marche (1st O)
29. All Saints of the Seraphic Order
30. John of Monte Cervino (1st O)

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1.....Mary Williams
- 3.....Ron Kessler
- 4.....James Heymes
- 8.....Connie Musial
- 11.....Dan Gabriel
- 17.....Doris Stocker
- 22.....Caroline Florescu
- 23.....Nobert Chmielarczyk
- 23.....Salina De La Rosa
- 24.....Stella Mordarski
- 25.....Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue



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

**Laura Sapien at**

## **Members of our Fraternity**

|                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Doris Allen                | Gary Johnson           |
| Dan and Jan Atkinson       | Joyce Kaminski         |
| Claire Boutain             | Esther Kelley          |
| Joyce Brouillette          | Mary Krempasky         |
| Jerry Borycz               | Ilene Manning & Family |
| Norb Chmielarczyk          | Mary Poole             |
| Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue | Barbara Pardington     |
| Daniel Gabriel             | Bridget Schultz        |
| James Hymes                | Ben Stapel             |
|                            | Terry Westbrook-Liener |

## **Our Deceased Members**

Mary Saber

## **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 Forsy  
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  
Students, Faculty, and Staff of Regina High School

# November



| Sunday   | Monday                    | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday                       | Friday   | Saturday   |
|--|---------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|--|--|
|  |                           | 1<br><b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b><br>BD: Mary Williams | 2<br><b>ALL SOULS DAY</b>                                  | 3<br>BD: Ron Kessler           | 4<br>BD: James Heymes  | 5  |
| 6<br><br><i>Pss Wk IV</i>  | 7                         | 8<br><br>BD: Connie Musial                      | 9  | 10                             | 11<br><br>BD: Dan Gabriel  | 12   |
| 13<br><br><i>Pss Wk I</i>  | 14                        | 15  | 16<br><br>7:00 pm - 8:30 pm<br>Council Meeting<br>on Zoom  | 17                             | 18   | 19   |
| 20<br><br><b>PROFESSION MASS</b><br>1:30 p.m.<br><i>Pss Prop</i> | 21                        | 22<br><br>BD: Caroline Florescu                 | 23<br><br>BD: Nobert Chmielarczyk<br>BD: Salina De La Rosa | 24<br><br>BD: Stella Mordarski | 25<br><br><br>BD: Fr. Solanus<br>BD: Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue | 26<br><br><b>MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS</b><br>10:00 a.m. |
| 27<br><br><i>Pss Wk I</i>  | 28<br><br>BD: Paula Jerzy | 29  | 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 Walendzik.....

## Spiritual Assistant:

Fr. Peter Chinnappan

## APPOINTMENTS

### Continuing Formation Coordinator:

Joe Quesnelle.....

### Gospel Happenings Coordinators:

Ron Kessler .....

Sharon Kessler.....

### Healing Service Social Coordinators:

Ron Kessler .....

Sharon Kessler.....

### Hospitality co-Coordinators:

Julia Ertzbischoff-Donohue

Ona Moore .....

### 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

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