

# The Poverello

St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans ✠ Detroit, Michigan

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# Minister's Letter

Lent Begins February 22!!!

Black Portraits to Visit Solanus Center!

**Sunday February 19 Gathering – Conversations on Racism**

“O God, You have come to us as one of us that we might come back to you, and so we pray: During this holy season of Lent, may your grace penetrate deep within our lives and transform us for the service of your Gospel.” (Franciscan Praise)

Sisters and Brothers,

Our January 8 St. Charles Luncheon was a great success. Many thanks to **Sharon, Maryann and Ron** for organizing and for **all who volunteered**. It was wonderful having so many members show up to serve. The spirit of fraternity was alive!

We have an exciting February at the Solanus Center. **We are hosting Black Catholic Heroes Art Exhibit from February 10-12 and 14-20.** There are 69 portraits of Black Catholics chosen, researched, and painted by 12 young Detroiters employed by the College for Creative Studies' Detroit Neighborhood Art Corps.

We have been asked to be greeters at this event to promote the portraits. Greeters would be needed during peak visiting hours. Please check your schedule and let me know your availability.

**At our gathering on Sunday February 19, we are hosting “Conversations on Racism” presented by Madonna University’s Black Student Union facilitated by Jesse Cox Madonna’s Chief Diversity Officer.** There is hospitality after the event for our guests. Please bring food for our hospitality. Included in this edition is a flyer for the event. Please promote this event to your family, friends and parish.

**Doug Gordon our Vocations Coordinator is looking for a couple members to help him in this effort.** I’m hoping we can form a vocations committee of three. Please contact Doug for details.

**Ron Kessler is looking for 2 additional people to fill in when needed with the Healing Service Hospitality on Wednesdays.** Please contact Ron Kessler.

I hope you took the time to reflect on the fraternity examen in January’s Poverello. As you see we have many opportunities to serve within our fraternity and at the Solanus Center. This includes serving as a greeter at the Sunday’s Healing Service from 1 to 3pm. I ask you to take your calendar to prayer and discern if there are opportunities where you can serve in a greater capacity.

**I want to welcome Karen Parsons to our fraternity.** She has officially transferred from St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity in Texas. She brings with her much fraternity experience. Welcome Karen!

Continue to pray for all those on our sick list.

Peace and Blessings,  
Eileen

## Reflection

A Litany and Examination of Conscience based on the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order (Anonymous)

Response: Lord, have mercy

1. For all the ways I have brought division to my family, my community, my parish, or my fraternity...R
2. For all the ways I have not been life-giving, making present the charism of St. Francis to my family, friends, and fraternity brothers and sisters...R
3. For all the ways I have failed to strive for holiness...R
4. For all the ways I have not appreciated the unique gifts of each individual...R
5. For the times I have not looked to St. Francis as a model and source of inspiration...R
6. For the times I did not strive for perfect charity...R
7. For the ways I did not live the Gospel in the manner of St. Francis, from Gospel to life and life to Gospel...R
8. For the times that Christ—the Way, Truth, and Life—has not been the center of my life...R
9. For the times I have not been alive with the Spirit of St. Francis...R
10. For the times the Eucharist has not been my key encounter with the living Christ, after the example of St. Francis...R
11. For the times I have not looked for Christ in Scripture, in Eucharist, in Reconciliation and other Sacraments and in my brothers and sisters...R
12. For the times I have not proclaimed Christ by my life and my words...R
13. For the times I have not responded to the call to “rebuild the Church”...R
14. For the ways I have not lived in full communion with the Pope, bishops, and priests...R
15. For the times I have neglected the source of grace and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation...R
16. For the times I have failed to worship the Father in prayer.
17. For the times I have stifled the interior call to conversion...R
18. For the times I have not showed my love for Mary by imitating her self-giving and confident prayer...R
19. For the times I have not faithfully fulfilled the duties of my state of life...R
20. For the times I did not witness like the poor and crucified Christ in difficulties...R
21. For the times I did not simplify my own material needs after Christ’s example of poverty...R
22. For the times I failed to be a good steward of God’s gifts...R
23. For the times I did not believe that living the Beatitudes would make me happy...R
24. For the times I have not embraced my vocation with purity of heart...R
25. For the times I have not gently and courteously welcomed every person as a gift from the Lord and as an image of Christ...R
26. For the times I have not encouraged proper use and protection of natural resources...R
27. For the times I have not been a peacemaker, seeking ways of unity and harmony through dialogue...R
28. For the times I have not been a messenger of perfect joy, striving to bring joy and hope to others...R

## March Wednesday Lenten Series - Volunteers Needed

Sally McCuen has requested our help with the Lenten Series. Contact Sally at with your availability. The dates are:

March 01 - "Spiritual Meaning of Lent" with Mrs. Sally McCuen OFS  
 March 08 - "Lenten Prayer" with Br. Igor De Bliques OFM Cap.  
 March 15 - "Fruits of Abstinence" with Br. Steve Kropp OFM Cap.  
 March 22 - "Works of Charity" with Br. Gary Wengner OFM Cap.  
 March 29 - "The Power of the Cross" with Br. Truyen Nguyen OFM Cap  
 April 05 - "The Victory of the Passion" with Br. Julius Milton OFM Cap

## Monthly Prayer Request for Priests ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT, MI

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Rev. K. Battu, S.A.C.	2 Rev. R. Bauer	3 Rev. Bechard	4 Rev. D. Bechill
5 Rev. K.R. Beezam, S.A.C.	6 Rev. Thomas Belczak	7 Rev. Edward Belczak	8 Rev. F. Benda, S.J.	9 Rev. G. Berendt, P.I.M.E.	10 Rev. J Bertin, M.C.	11 Rev. C. Bertolacci, M.C.
12 Rev. J. Bettin	13 Rev. D. Bignall	14 Rev. James Bilot	15 Rev. T. Birney	16 Rev. J. Bjorum	17 Rev. D. Blazek	18 Rev. R. Blondell
19 Rev. A. Blount, S.O.L.T.	20 Rev. A. Bondy	21 Rev. S. Bonner	22 Rev. M. Borkowski	23 Rev. G. Boyine, O.F.M. Cap.	24 Rev. M. Brauer	25 Rev. P. Brennan, C.P.
26 Rev. Salvina Briffa	27 Rev. J. Brooks, L.C.	28 Msgr. R. Browne				

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1.....Stephen Haycox  
28.....Teresa Westbrook-Lienert

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

**Laura Sapien**

## February Franciscan Calendar

1. Blessed Veridiana of Castel Fiornetino (3rd O)
2. Mother Alexia Hoell (3rd O)
4. St. Joseph of Leonissa (1st O)
5. Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel (3rd O)
6. Sts. Peter Baptist, Paul Miki andd Comp, Mm, (1st and 3rd O)
7. Saint Colette (2nd O)
8. Saint Giles Mary of St. Joseph (1st O)
19. St. Conrad off Piacenza, hermit (3rd O)
25. Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio (1st O)



### 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
Sophia Cisneros	Mary Poole
Norb Chmielarczyk	Barbara Pardington
Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue	Bridget Schultz
Daniel Gabriel	Ben Stapel
James Hymes	Terry Westbrook-Lienert

### Our Deceased Members

Mary Lipko  
Letizia (Joy) Lopiccolo

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

# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  BD: Stephen Haycox	2  PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	3	4
5  <i>Pss I</i>	6	7	8	9	10	11  10:30 am - 12:00 pm Council Meeting
12  <i>Pss II</i>	13	14	15	16	17	18
19  FRATERNITY GATHERING 1:30 P.M.  <i>Pss III</i>	20	21	22	23	24	25
26  <i>Pss IV</i>	27	28  BD: Teresa Westbrook-Lienert				



# Fax et Phonum

## Minister

Eileen Smith .....

## Vice Minister

Joe Quesnelle.....

## Treasurer

Sue Ayoub.....

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Bernie Mikowski .....

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Sylvia Snigier .....

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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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