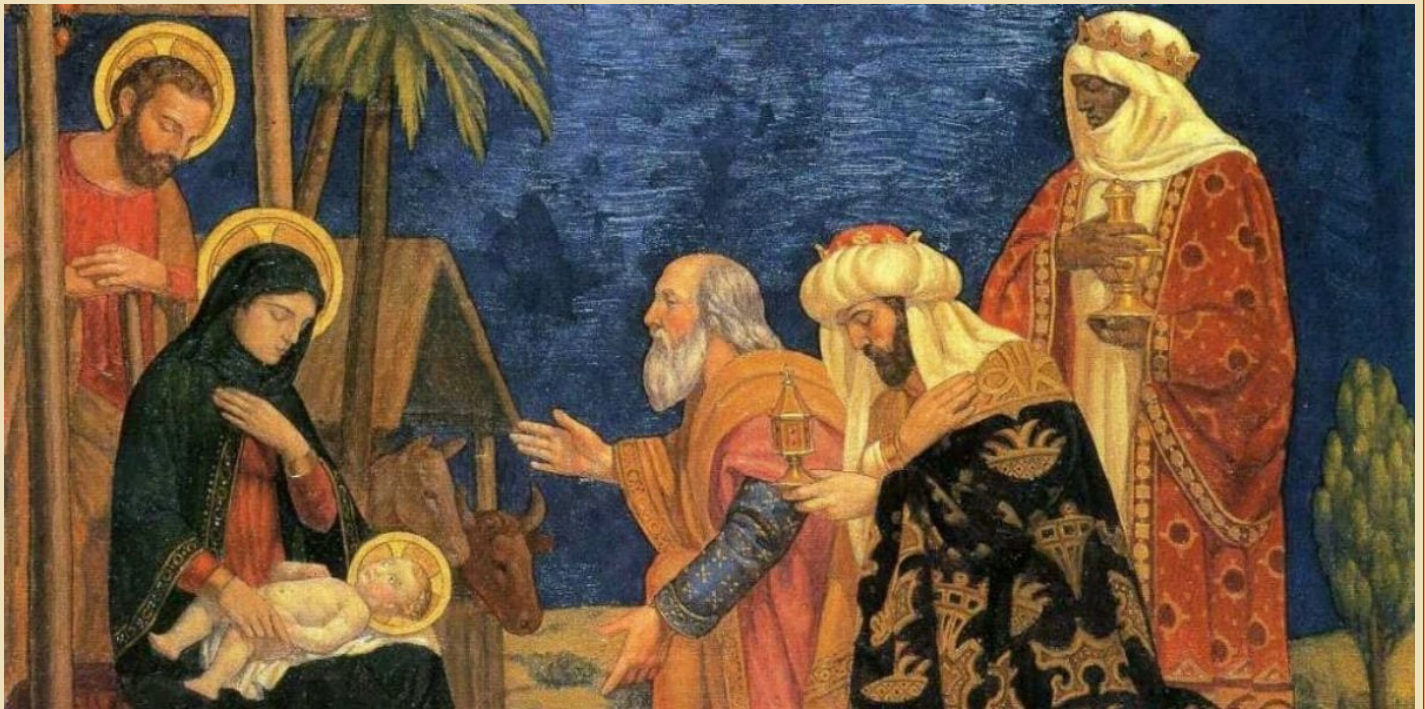


# The Poverello

St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans ✠ Detroit, Michigan

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*They were overjoyed at seeing the star,  
and on entering the house  
they saw the child with Mary his mother.*

# Minister's Letter

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!  
Sunday January 15 Gathering

*“Wherever we are, in every place, at every hour, at every time of the day, every day and continually, let all of us truly and humbly believe, hold in our heart and love, honor, adore, serve, praise and bless, glorify and exalt, magnify and give thanks to the Most High and Supreme Eternal God Trinity and Unity.” (St. Francis of Assisi, The Prophet page 85)*

Sisters and Brothers,

Our Christmas Concert was a big success! Many thanks to Santos Alvarez and Amoris Lingua and all who attended and shared in our hospitality.

As we begin this new year it is a good time to examine our Fraternity lives and our relationship to St. Bonaventure Fraternity. What did we do in the last year to make our “privileged place” better? Below is a list of examens. **Check the ones you did do.** Have you ended up with more “I didn’t do that” than “I did that?” As we move into the New Year, what are you going to do about it? Are you doing your share?

- we can attend Gatherings regularly. We can’t participate unless we are physically present...AM I?
- we must keep in mind the purpose of belonging to a Fraternity...WHY AM I HERE?
- we must live up to the duties of membership and leadership responsibilities when needed...DO I?
- we must show a personal interest...DO I?
- we must develop the ability to communicate... HAVE I?
- we must think for ourselves and not just follow the crowd...DO I?
- we must promote a spirit of team work...DO I?
- we must tactfully encourage and stir up listless members...DO I?
- we must do our “homework” for each Gathering...DO I?
- we must always be peacemakers and cause no dissension...DO I?
- we must not lose our sense of humor...HAVE I?
- we must not dodge “thankless jobs” that must be done, such as committee work, or clean-up...HAVE I?
- we must back our words with deeds by participating in Apostolic Ministries...DO I?
- we must not just talk about problems; we should find solutions...DO I?
- we must not expect someone else to “do the work”...DO I?
- we must persevere; we must be ready to start over and over again...AM I?

HOW DID YOU DO? RATE YOURSELF 1-5, ONE BEING I AM AWESOME!!! TO “BOY DO I NEED TO SET SOME GOALS FOR MYSELF IN 2023!” If you need to set goals, pick the hardest one for you and work at it honestly.

I want to thank **Anne and Carl Piontkowski** for generously stocking our hospitality cabinet with various items for our Healing Service Hospitality on Wednesdays. Our Wednesday hospitality is going well. On the Rise Café provides us with cookies each week at a discounted price. The attendance at the hospitality is on average 30-40 people. **Ron Kessler** is looking for an additional 2-3 volunteers for this ministry. If interested contact Ron.

The leadership team is aware of your interest in volunteering at the Solanus Center, Soup Kitchen and Capuchin Service Center. We will provide dates for these opportunities at our Gatherings.

Continue to pray for those on our prayer list and for the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. May his soul rest in peace.

For those of you who follow the Chosen series. Series 3 is now being streamed for free and can be watched on any device. Some of you may have seen it in theaters over Christmas.

Peace and Blessings,

Eileen

## NEW ZOOM LINKS FOR 2023

**Please keep the information for the new Zoom links for this year. We will be using two different meeting links for the Sunday Formation and the Sunday Gathering. These two different meeting links are not the same from the previous years.**

**Topic: Sunday Formation, Time: Noon to 1:15**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84425868395?pwd=K1djL1BNbXplclVEc3JUK01QaFlGQT09>

Meeting ID: 844 2586 8395

Passcode: 371131

Conference Call: 929-205-6099 US

Meeting ID: 844 2586 8395

Passcode: 371131

**Topic: Sunday Gathering, Time: 1:30pm to 4:00pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87175112963?pwd=Um83M0kwL2Y1bnVZUjF0dm1jQmtWdz09>

Meeting ID: 871 7511 2963

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### Franciscan January Feast Days

7. St. Angela of Foligno(III)
8. Bl. Eurosia Fabris(III)
12. St. Bernard of Corleone(I)
14. Bl. Odoric of Pordenone(I)
16. Saint Berard and Companions(I)
18. Saint Charles of Sezzo(I)
19. Ven. Juliette Colbert Faletti di Barolo(III)
20. Saint Eustochia Calafato(II)
21. Juan de Padilla(I)
22. St. Vincent Pallotti(III)
28. Brother Juniper(I)
30. Saint Hyancitha of Mariscotti(III)

## Reflection (Formation Friday)

Why was the TAU Cross so important to St. Francis? Why do we OFS wear the TAU?

The TAU, as a symbol of sanctity, comes from Ezekiel 9:4:

“Go through the city of Jerusalem and put a TAU on the foreheads of those who grieve and lament over all the detestable things that are done in it.” It is the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet and looks very much like the letter “T”.

- Franciscan scholarship points to St. Francis’s being present at the Lateran Council in 1215
- While attending he would have heard Pope Innocent III announce that every Catholic should take the TAU Cross as the symbol of their Passover. “The Pope set forth the Tau as a sign of penance and renewal in Christ. Francis embraced this sign as an expression of Christ’s cross. In hearing the story, Francis experienced a confirmation of the LIFE and MISSION of his new order. The Tau became for him a symbol of exodus and pilgrimage with which he wanted his companions signed as ‘the new and humble people of God.’” He would have heard that the elect, the chosen will be marked with the sign of the TAU (Ezekiel 9:4)
- He would have heard the pope say that the TAU has the form of the Cross on which our Lord was crucified and that those who had mortified their flesh and conformed their life to that of Christ crucified will obtain mercy.
- From then on, the TAU became Francis’s own coat of arms and he often used it in his writings as his personal signature.

Why do many Secular Franciscans wear the TAU cross?

- Article 43 of the General Constitutions establishes that: “The distinctive sign of belonging to the Order (the “TAU” or other Franciscan symbol).
- Article 16.4 of the National Statutes of the United States states: “The external sign of the OFS in the United States is the TAU.

“The Tau Cross [adapted from Catch Me A Rainbow Too by Fr. Lester Bach, O.F.M. Cap.] Franciscans use the Tau as a symbol of commitment to Jesus through the OFS. Way of Life. The Tau cross is the sign of the OFS in this country, not the San Damiano crucifix, not a medal of St. Francis, not a scapular and cord (such as were mandated under the Rule of 1883), and not a modified religious habit such as friars wear! The Tau is worn with pride and joy. Francis saw the Tau as a symbol of the cross of Christ. It was the sign of salvation. It was a sign of belonging to God, being chosen and saved. Francis embraced it with love. It was pregnant with meaning for him. Franciscans wear it as a sign of their commitment to Jesus and the Gospel way of life.”

Direct quotes from: Tau Cross Statements by Deacon Dave and Thérèse Ream, OFS

The following questions are for discussion in fraternity, with a prayer partner, or to answer in your journal.

- +Do you always wear your TAU cross? Why or why not?
- +When you received your TAU at the Rite of Admission, what did it symbolize to you?
- +If someone asks you what the TAU is and why you wear it, what is your answer to them?

# Servant of God Julia Greeley, O.F.S.

Doris 'Thunder Feather' Allen, OFS



Julia Greeley was born into slavery between 1833 and 1848 in Hannibal, Missouri. She was brutally mistreated by a cruel slave master and was left disabled and blind in one eye. Julia Greeley is the American slave who could become a Saint. After being freed at the end of the Civil War, Julia became a cook and nanny to Julia Dickerson. Later MS. Dickerson married William Gilpin, who had been appointed territorial Governor of Colorado. Julia Greeley moved with the family to Denver, Colorado.

Julia was baptized into the Catholic Church on June 26, 1880 at Sacred Heart Church in Denver. She became devoted to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Holy Eucharist. Despite having painful arthritis, she walked the streets distributing literature to Catholic and non-Catholics alike.

In 1901, Julia joined the Secular Franciscans and remained an active member for the rest of her life. Greeley spent the majority of her time helping others and completing church duties. For years, Julia was a welcome and familiar sight on Denver's streets. When she appeared, wearing her signature floppy black hat and lugging a little red wagon, it meant she was on her way to bring food, clothing and encouragement to somebody in need. "Old Julia," as she came to be known, did her ministry at night, hobbling on a lame foot, after she had worked all day as a housekeeper, cook and "nanny" to the prominent Gilpin family. She made her rounds after dark so as not to embarrass white families ashamed to accept charity from a poor, black woman. She became known as Denver's Angel of Charity. She also visited Denver Fire Houses and was honored by Denver firefighters on the 100th anniversary of her death.

Greeley died on June 7, 1918 (on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus) and lay in repose in Loyola Chapel (a first for a layperson in Denver that has not been repeated. She was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery. A thousand mourners gathered at her funeral, to pay respects to the woman who showed love for the poor.

In January 2014, the Archdiocese of Denver opened an investigation for her sainthood. Her body was moved to Denver's Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in 2017. She is the first person to be interred there since it opened in 1912.

Julia is remembered for her great love for neighbor and unselfish devotion to the Christian faith. When serving the poor, Julia never questioned their creed or belief. She wanted to lift up anyone in need. Julia's devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus filled her with love for every human being.

Julia is a role model and inspiration for everyone. Let us go forth like our Secular Franciscan sister, Julia, believing in the intrinsic worth of each individual, no matter what their background, creed or race.



**Brenden Welper**

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Cardinal Mooney coach Joe Quesnelle talks to his team during a game in 2021. Quesnelle, who has coached high school football since 1986, retired Thursday after five seasons with the Cardinals. *Brandon Folsom/Port Huron Times Herald*

One of the most experienced football coaches in the Blue Water Area has called it a career.

Cardinal Mooney's Joe Quesnelle announced his retirement last Thursday. He spent five seasons with the program and has coached the sport since 1986.

"It just was time," Quesnelle said. "I'm going to be 70 years old next month. It was time. I don't think I'll ever stop what I'm doing. I'll probably find some place that needs some cheap help and volunteer. But not full-time anymore."

The Cardinals went 22-23 during Quesnelle's tenure, which included three playoff appearances. In 2022, they finished 8-3 for the program's best season since 2001. A 48-24 win over Marlette on Oct. 29 was Cardinal Mooney's first postseason win in 11-player football since 2005.

"It's easy working with great kids who come from great families," Quesnelle said. "This year put the icing on the cake. We had our first win ever over (Clarkston) Everest. And then the last time we'd beaten beat (Royal Oak) Shrine was 30 years ago ... a lot of good things happened this year."

In addition to the team's success, senior running back Brendan Haisenleder rushed for a school-record 2,302 yards. That helped the Cardinals reach the Catholic League Prep Bowl for the first time in 21 years. While they ultimately lost to Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 27-13, Quesnelle will never forget their response after halftime.

"One of the things I'm most proud of is the last two years we were academic all-state," Quesnelle said. "Last year we had a 4.0 (grade-point average) for the top 11 players. And this year it was a 3.984."

That holistic approach was first introduced to Quesnelle in 1986, when he interviewed for an assistant coach role at Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher with then-coach George Sahadi.

"We talked for an hour and a half and we never mentioned Xs or Os," Quesnelle said. "But the one thing he said that still stays with me was, 'Joe, our report card isn't complete until 10 years after the kids leave us. What kind of men did we put out?' That's always been in the back of my mind."

After stints at Bishop Gallagher and Eastpointe as an assistant, Quesnelle was the head coach at Detroit Holy Redeemer from 1995-2004. He then served as an assistant with Shrine from 2005-17.

"Nobody wants to win more than I do," Quesnelle said. "But the important thing is, are we creating good men? Looking at the kids from Cardinal Mooney, it was mission accomplished."

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Cardinal Mooney coach Joe Quesnelle watches a drill during football practice on Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2021, at Camp Cavell in Lexington. The Cardinals went 22-23 during his tenure and made the playoffs three times. *Brandon Folsom/Port Huron Times Herald*

# Monthly Prayer Request for Priests

## ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT,

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Rev. R. Zablocki	2 Rev. D. Zaleski	3 Rev. E. Zaorski	4 Rev. T. Zelinski, O.F.M. Cap.	5 Msgr. J. Zenz	6 Rev. F. Zielinski	7 Rev. A. Zobler, O.S.F.S.
8 Rev. Z. Zomerfeld	9 Rev. M. Zuelch	10 Rev. N. Zukowski	11 Rev. L. Zurawski	12 Rev. L. Acervo	13 Rev. R. Adams	14 Rev. E. Addari, S.D.C.
15 Rev. D. Aherns, S.J.	16 Rev. R. Albright, S.J.	17 Rev. J. Allan	18 Rev. C. Altermatt	19 Rev. M. Amore	20 Rev. M. Anagbogu	21 Rev. R. Anderson
22 Rev. J. Andres, O.F.M. Cap	23 Rev. D. Archambault	24 Rev. K. Arokiasamy	25 Rev. Raymond Arwady	26 Rev. James Arwady	27 Rev. P. Ballien	28 Rev. G. Banazak
29 Rev. A. Baranoski	30 Rev. R. Bartoszek	31 Most Rev. G. Battersby				



# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

2..... Bernadette Mikowski  
4..... Carl Piontkowski  
7..... Gary Johnson  
10..... Bridget Schultz  
12..... Betty Zaranek  
22..... Ben Stapel  
25..... Thomas Nozewski  
25..... Paul Catrow  
26..... Florence Hayman  
30..... Patricia Vale  
30..... Joseph Quesnelle

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

**Laura Sapian 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
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**

Diane Raymond

## **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



# JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</b> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> <i>Pss Proper</i>	<b>2</b> BD: Bernadette Mikowski	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> BD: BCarl Piontkowski	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> BD: Gary Johnson
<b>8</b> <b>EPIPHANY</b> <i>Pss Proper</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> BD: Bridget Schultz	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> BD: Betty Zaraneck	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Council Meeting
<b>15</b> <b>FRATERNITY GATHERING</b> 1:30 P.M. <b>IN-PERSON &amp; ZOOM</b> <i>Pss II</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> BD: Ben Stapel <i>Pss III</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> BD: Paul Catrow BD: Thomas Nozewski	<b>26</b> BD: Florence Hayman	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <i>Pss IV</i>	<b>30</b> BD: Joe Quesnelle BD: Patricia Vale	<b>31</b>				

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### Infirmarian:

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Anna Tyler .....

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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.

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