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*And whoever observes these things,
let him be blessed in heaven
with the blessing of the Most High Father,
and on earth
with the blessing of His Beloved Son
with the Most Holy Spirit, the Paraclete,
and all the powers of heaven
and with all the saints.
And, as far as I can,
I, little brother Francis, your servant,
confirm for you both within and without,
this most holy blessing.*

- Testament

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MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear brothers and sisters,

May our Lord's peace and all good be with you!

This month is an important time for our fraternity. Our **Chapter of Elections** will take place at our Third Sunday gathering. The fraternity will necessarily move in new directions and be energized with new ideas as a new Council assumes the servant-leader role for our Fraternity.

As I think back over the last six years as your Minister, I remember the challenges of bringing the SFO offices up to date, learning to run meetings by consensus, working together to celebrate the 120th anniversary of St. Bonaventure fraternity, getting Br. Pat as our Spiritual Assistant, seeing what *The Poverello* could be with his expertise were all exceedingly exciting to me. However, what has been my most rewarding gift is to see how all of you – brothers and sisters of this fraternity – have made this **YOUR** fraternity by participating so fully in our life and activities!

Remember the John Michael Talbot Concert, the Soup Kitchen ministry, the healing services' social ministry, the gift shop ministry, getting *The Poverello* processed, the concerts [Christmas Benefit Concert and Fr. Solanus Casey: A Simple Man concerts], the fraternity picnics, days of reflection [we've had some great speakers!], the times we've come together to lay to rest an SFO brother or sister [like **Maxine Piacсны, Joe Doeren, Paul Monat**, and I'll never forget driving with **Mary Hebert** in a blinding snow storm to do the wake service for **Irma Barlage!**].

I have given the fraternity my best. I only pray that it was enough. I give my full support to our new Minister and Council and thank them for saying "Yes."

I thank all of you for supporting me during the last six years. I especially want to thank **Mary Hebert** for being my constant companion and advisor, driving with me downtown each Wednesday morning at 6:30 am; **Jerry Marsh** for being my legal consultant; **Tom Ricard** for his advice and counsel; **Br. Pat** and all the **Capuchins** who I have really come to know as "brothers"; **Gene Snyders** who worked closely with me on Wednesdays and all the times we had coffee at the Paris Café and Main Street Café, **Mary Williams** and **Mary Hebert** who joined us for coffee; **Pat Meldrum, Ona Harris, Frank B. Kraimer**, and **Gene Snyders** who joined me for dinner at Sinbad's before the Council meetings; all whom I had the blessing of working with on the past two Councils. We worked together, we prayed together, and we had fun!!!

May our Lord's blessings be showered on the new Council that St. Bonaventure SFO Fraternity may continue to be ever more and more in the Lord's service.

Also, your patience and prayers during this time of our house being so terribly damaged by a tornado is greatly appreciated! God bless you, dear ones . . .

Peace, good, love and prayers,

Janet



From the Friars' Choir

Every day you should reach out
and touch someone.
People love a warm hug
or just a friendly pat on the back.

~ Maya Angelou

Brothers and Sisters

The big news this month is our **Chapter of Elections**, the **Transitus**, and the visit of our former director (1964-'66; 1967-'69), **Fr. Carmel Flora**. **A little reception for Fr. Carmel will be held in the Solanus Casey dining room immediately following the Transitus celebration on October 3 (Transitus begins at 7 PM).**

Fr. Jogues had hip replacement surgery and is recuperating at a rehab center in Troy. Kindly keep him in your prayers; cards can be sent to him at the Capuchin Retreat Center in Washington, MI. **Fr. Ray (Ramiro) Trejo** is hospitalized and not doing well; please keep him in your prayers, as well.

The Fr. Solanus Concert was a big hit! **Mary Ann Montpetit** remarked: "the Fr. Solanus Casey Choir, directed by Dennis Choiniere, with its soaring, angelic voices filled the chapel. Particularly beautiful was its rendition of the Litany of the Saints. Exquisite selections were played with tenderness and deep feeling by the obviously gifted young pianist, Michael Glaser. It seemed like the audience held its collective breath as one after another gorgeous piece was played, ending with Glaser's own rendition of "Ave Maria." A spontaneous standing ovation followed. The magnificent pipe organ, masterfully played by Patrick Macoska, bellowed with remarkable power and brilliance. Finally, we were treated to The New Spirit Singers – a dedicated group of folk singers. Their sweet and melodic songs ended with a community singing of the Peace Prayer of St. Francis. Fellowship and goodies provided by dedicated SFO volunteers completed the afternoon."

On September 19, my daughters and daughters-in-law threw a surprise Hawaiian-themed 75th birthday party for me. I was greeted with a lei and a kiss and then dressed in a grass skirt and top; Joe was given a Hawaiian shirt to wear. We had a delicious gourmet dinner, topped off with a stupendous Bavarian filling birthday cake, and followed by exceptionally-talented Polynesian dancers for our entertainment.

Our September Day of Reflection on "Servant Leadership" was fantastic. The first speaker was **Sally McCuen** whose talk was given as a tribute to her deceased Secular Franciscan mother, **Lois Henning**. The presentation was dynamic and inspirational as she spoke about five scripturally-based attitudes that mark servant

leadership, based on **1 Samuel 3:1-10; Matthew 4:1-11; Isaiah 42:1-4; Mark 6:34-44; and John 13:1-15** (which happens to be the gospel Francis asked to be read as he lay dying). As Sally was speaking, I couldn't help but think how much those qualities are evident in our present leaders, especially in our minister, **Janet Bodell**, and also in those who have been nominated, especially **Maryann Kummer**. After singing, "The Servant Song", the current Capuchin provincial minister, **Fr. John Celichowski**, was introduced. Fr. John's presentation focused on the more practical side of Servant Leadership. Using resources from the Greenleaf Institute and the NebGuide of the University of Nebraska, we looked at the 11 dimensions that typically characterize a servant leader, including inherent traits and learned skills, and several practical ways to develop skills necessary for this leadership style. Fr. John then delved into an understanding of how people move from perception to behavior, and the art of empowering. Leaders have a fundamental choice to make: manipulation, intimidation, or leadership. Lastly, Fr. John shared with us the seven step to resolving conflict based on **Matthew 18:15-20**: (1) If there is conflict, (2) you (3) go (4) to the person (5) in private (6) and discuss the problem (7) for the purpose of reconciliation. After each presentation the tables were abuzz with discussion and a spirited, good sharing followed.

Married couples might be interested in 3-evening series being offered at the Capuchin Retreat Center. A candlelight dinner will be followed by input, discussion and prayer led by **Fred Cavaiani**. Each evening will begin at 5 p.m. and conclude by 8 p.m. The focus will be on The Three Intimacies of Marriage: Emotional (October 11), Sexual (November 15) and Spiritual (December 13). The cost is only \$55 per couple per evening (\$150 for all three). Call Rose Ann at the Retreat House (248) 651-4826 for further information.

Lastly, I hope everyone read the stupendous article on the **Eucharistic Mission Band** in the Senior Living supplement to the September 25th edition of the Michigan Catholic (see p. 9B). Now everyone in metro-Detroit knows what a precious treasure we have in the EMB.

Love, Faye

**Send news items about our members to Faye Kluk Boland at:
(tel) 586-939-3342 or (e-mail) Boland14@sbcglobal.net**



Members needing prayers:

Wilhelmina Adkins	Denise Joseph
Peter Aluzzo	Maryann Kummer
Jan Atkinson	Les and Josie Lafata
Kay Balas	Tony Lienert
Gertrude Beattie	Janice Litch
Evelyn Bishop	Rose Longo
Janet & John Bodell	Ilene Manning
Anthony Brodeur	Joseph Marra
Rocco Cesaro	Sophie Martin
Loretta Chmielarczyk	Maria McNally
Julia Erzbischoff-Donahue	Genevieve Ochenkowski
Laurie Drobnicki	Rosie Patin
Clara Falzone	Dolores & Bob Peckham
Wesley Faust	Theresa Pfaendtner
Marie Fontanive	Joseph Pierce
Mary Gillen	Valerie Ridley
Natalie Grabowski	Mary Saber
James Heymes	Alice Vier
Caroline Hojna	Helen Wardowski
Anna May Jesak	Joseph Wisk
Donna Marie Johnston	Stephen Yuhase

Relatives needing prayers:

Susan Arcznski, cousin of the Atkinsons
 Mary Ann Avery, niece of Lorraine Korte
 Avian, great nephew of the Atkinsons
 Angel Bettin and Donna Mitchell,
 daughters of Caroline Hojna
 Melanie Bruss, niece of Dan and Jan Atkinson
 Angelina and Joey Daleo,
 daughter-in-law & son of Josie and Les Lafata
 Starr Dehn, niece of Mary Poole
 Rose Dreissen, wife of Joseph
 Duane Duchene, father of Clare Falzone
 Barbara Erzbischoff, mother of Julia E-Donahue

John Erzbischoff, cousin of Julia E-Donahue
 Beverly Falzone, mother of Clara
 Louis Falzone, uncle of Clara
 Mike Falzone, father of Clara
 Stefan Florescu, husband of Caroline
 Bob Fontanive, husband of Marie
 Doreen Gerwollis, daughter of Sophie Martin
 Billy Gerwollis, son-in-law of Sophie Martin
 Judy Hojna, Caroline's sister-in-law
 Ted Hojna, husband of Caroline
 Esther Mae Kelly, wife of Charles
 Fred LaChance, brother of Donna Marie Johnston
 Loretta LaChance, sister-in-law of Donna Marie Johnston
 Melanie McAleer, sister of Alice Vier
 Marilyn Nichols, daughter of Anthony Brodeur
 Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas
 Teresa Poole, mother of Mary
 Max Pulgar Vidal Biber, dying cousin of Br. Pat
 Ed Raymond, husband of Diane
 Adam Rea, nephew of Norma
 Bob Stevenson, son-in-law of John and Janet Bodell
 Dan Tyrna, grandson of Mary Hebert
 Chester Wisk, brother of Joe
 Fr. Ramiro "Ray" Trejo, OFM Cap
 Fr. Jogues Constance, OFM Cap

Those serving in the Armed Forces:

Andrew Arcznski
 Christopher Beattie
 James Anthony Brannigan
 Thomas Chmielarczyk
 Thomas Greenia
 Edward Kluk
 John Marra III
 Joseph Marra, Jr.

Memorials:

Elsie Lockstadt, offered by Jo Marie Nardi

**Pray for ALL
 who have entrusted themselves to our prayer.**

Help keep our list up-to-date,
 to remove or add names, call:
Jo Marie Nardi at 586-978-2335

Chapter of Elections

Our Chapter of Elections will begin at 11:00 AM. on Sunday, October 18. We cannot start until we have a quorum (based on the number of our active members). So please make it a point to come at least on time, if not early. Thanks!

Nominations may be made up to the Day of the Elections, prior to each balloting. These are those who have been nominated thus far:



For the Office of Minister (1)

My name is **Maryann Kummer**. I have served as Councilor responsible for Continuing Formation/Education for these past three years. The vision I have for our fraternity includes the following:

- to have a committed and engaged leadership team;
- to encourage and empower all of our members to be of service to the fraternity;
- to increase the visibility of the fraternity in the larger community in order to attract new members; and
- to have our fraternity gatherings be informative [growth-focused] by including practical applications for fraternity members on how we can live the Gospel values in our daily lives.

For the Office of Vice Minister (1)



My name is **Beverly Sapian**, and I have been a member of the Secular Franciscan Fraternity for 11 years. Together with my husband, Chuck, I coordinated this year's Fr. Solanus Concert. I believe that our current Minister and Council have done an outstanding job of leading our fraternity. I would like to see our fraternity continue in this positive direction by:

- Continuing to make **initial formation and continuing formation** a priority;
- Continuing to make **Christian Service** one of our priorities; and
- Making our fraternity more visible in order to **attract quality vocations to the SFO**.



My name is **Teresa Westbrook-Lienert**. I was professed in November of 1995 and have served as a 3rd Sunday Meeting leader and on the St. Bonaventure SFO Council from 2001 to 2003. When I first became an SFO, I helped out with evangelization with Faye and Joe Boland from 1995-1996. For the past three years I have been an active participant on the Special Events Committee. I wish to lead in St. Bonaventure Fraternity by serving others and sharing ideas and promoting ideas. Also, by servanthood, I can direct others to the true path of peace and brother-/sisterhood.

PLEASE NOTE:

Only one person can be elected to the office of Vice Minister. Who is not elected may be nominated for the position of councilor-at-large. It remains the individual's choice, however, to accept or not accept a nomination.

For the Office of Treasurer (1)



My name is **Joe Portugal**. I have been active in our fraternity by:

- Volunteering at the Soup Kitchen,
- Volunteering to help record attendance
- Promoting the fraternity while volunteering in the Solanus Center Gift Shop and giving tours.

I believe that important goals for our fraternity include:

- increased exposure and promotion of who we are and what we do
- Getting more members involved in group project;
- Exploring the volunteer possibilities in more “unique” situations, like the Muslim women who volunteer at St. Leo’s Soup Kitchen.

I earned a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree with a major in ORIS (Operations Research and Information Systems) from Eastern Michigan University and used to work as a Database Administrator.

For the Office of Formation Director (1)



My name is **John Bodell**. I have served on the Council for the past three years as Formation Director. Over that time period a Formation Council was formed to better coordinate our formation program and to review, critique and improve our program. In addition, we have tried to build bridges between those who are looking to become Secular Franciscans and our Professed members by introducing the Rule Reflections as a regular feature of our Third Sunday gatherings.

For the Office of Secretary (1)



My name is **Patricia Meldrum**. I have served on the Council as Secretary for the past three years. In that capacity I have not only taken minutes and filed documents, but also helped out in various other ways with the mailing of *The Poverello*, etc. I also am part of the group of Secular Franciscans who help with the hospitality service offered after the Healing Services.

For the Office of Councilors-at-Large (6)



My name is **Stephen Haycox**. I have served one term previously on the Council and headed the Christian Service Commission. I will assist our fraternity, working together with the council and with our members to make ours the best fraternity possible. Priorities in my life include: living out my faith, engaging in corporal and spiritual works of mercy and helping with the unique needs of our fraternity.



My name is **Tony Lienert**. I am 46 years old and was professed in 1996. I have served as:

- Speaker for SFO information sermons,
- Teaching various topics for Third Sunday meetings
- Currently in music ministry at St. Gregory the Great Parish.

I view the Fraternity as a family in which we accept one another and our differences while remaining united in living the spirit of St. Francis. We accept each others' weaknesses – and acknowledge our own – as we accept the Secular Franciscan vocation of continuous conversion. When we live up to our Franciscan calling we will be witnesses of God's love in our parishes, our workplaces and in the public square.



My name is **Patricia Munafa**. I made profession in 2005. Since then I have helped out in the kitchen during and after our fraternity meetings. I am also currently working with Joe Portugal in putting the attendance records into the computer. For three years I have volunteered in the Solanus Casey Gift Shop every other Thursday, and also at the Meldrum Soup Kitchen once a month with my Secular Franciscan Family and, on occasion, have worked extra when needed. My vision for our Fraternity is to bring new members into the Order. One way for accomplishing this is to have some of our better [public] speakers visit area parishes to let people know that we are here and what we are all about. A team of three could go together to support each other. Another idea I would like to have happen is to have our members start praying the rosary together before each meeting, asking our Blessed Mother for her intercession in obtaining new members and also praying for our members and the needs of our fraternity. "The family that prays together, stays together."



My name is **Chuck Sapian**, and I have been a member of the Secular Franciscan Fraternity for almost two years. I believe that the two top goals that our Fraternity needs to pursue are:

- To encourage our members to recognize their gifts and talents and to use them for the good of our Fraternity; and
- To be creative in reaching out to young adults and promoting vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order.

PLEASE NOTE:

A full complement of councilors-at-large is comprised of six (6) individuals. Only four have been nominated thus far. There are, therefore, two openings. Please consider answering a call to this role of service.



Celebrating Robert Peckham



Bob was born on November 8, 1932 to Joseph and Othello (a SFO member) Peckham at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital on Grand Blvd. He is the eldest of four boys (Thomas, who was ordained a priest in 1960 and left the priesthood in 1970; James, the athlete of the family; and David, a school principal in Warren).

After attending St. Rita Grade School, Bob enrolled as a high school freshman in Sacred Heart Seminary. He graduated in 1954 and, after 1 1/3 years of theological training, decided to leave the seminary at Christmas time 1955. He enrolled at the University of Detroit where he earned an M.A. in English in 1959 and was an instructor there for three years. Bob then attended Notre Dame University in 1961 and received a doctorate in English Literature in 1965. He was hired as a professor of English at Sacred Heart Seminary in 1963, and retired in 1996.

That same year, Bob met Dolores while singing in the Cathedral Chorale. They were married at Bl. Sacrament Cathedral on June 27, 1969. **Congratulations to Bob and Dolores on 40 years of marriage!** They have one son, John, who married Dr. Elizabeth [Liz] Lapoczka in August 2009 and one grandson, Michael Robert, who was named after his two grandfathers. Through his son's marriage, a second "Dr. Peckham" came into the family. Liz' doctorate is in pharmacology.

Bob entered the Third Order of St. Francis – as it was called at the time – as a seminarian in 1951. After he left the seminary, being a Secular Franciscan was all but forgotten until Dolores asked him to attend meetings with her. They tried to find records of his profession, but all of the records were apparently discarded. His profession was, however, recognized.

Bob served three terms as a member of our fraternity's leadership council, the first two terms under Richard Hulan as minister, and the third under Janet Bodell. Bob served during that period of turbulent transition that could have torn our Fraternity apart had it not been for the wise guidance of Br. Pat McSherry.

Since 2001, Bob has belonged to St. Jude Parish where he was quite active until Dolores became ill. He still serves as a Eucharistic minister and lector. Bob also assisted the parish's deacon run a program for men for a year or two.

Bob loves classical music and sang in choirs until a reflux ruined his voice. He plays the piano when no one is around. He does crossword puzzles and reads as much as he possibly can. He especially enjoys British mysteries and legal stories. Although not in the best of health himself, Bob has been a sterling witness to the enduring love, commitment, and service of married couples to each other in good times and bad, in sickness and in health, to his beloved Dolores.

We love you, Bob!



Commemoration of All Franciscan Deceased

Our fraternity will celebrate the annual Commemoration of all deceased Franciscans (of the entire Franciscan Family, including their parents and our benefactors) with a Mass at 10 AM on Saturday, October 24th, in the large chapel of St. Bonaventure's. Please plan on attending.

That same morning, at 10 AM, but in the friars' choir, another local SFO fraternity will be celebrating their professions.



October 1	Charles Kelley	October 19	Joseph Marra
October 4	Debra McCann	October 20	Thomas Ricard
October 7	Anthony Brodeur		Joanne Schumacher
October 8	Lawrencia Drobnicki	October 22	Janet Bodell
October 11	Stephen Yuhase	October 24	Anna May Jezak
	Eugene Snyders	October 27	Diane Raymond
October 15	Ralph Barnowsky	October 29	Mary Ruth Minnick
	Dorothy Mataragas		Ralph Marson
	Judith Vickerman		Nancy Fanning
October 18	Frank Liccardello		

MARK YOUR 2009 CALENDARS

- October 3** TRANSITUS at 7 PM & Reception for Fr. Carmel Flora afterward
- October 9** Christian Service at the Meldrum Kitchen (10:30 AM-1:00 PM)
- October 18** CHAPTER OF ELECTIONS (1:30 PM)
- October 21** Council Meeting (6:30 pm)
- October 24** SFO Mass for All Deceased Franciscans (10 am)
- November 13** Christian Service at the Meldrum Kitchen (10:30 AM-1:00 PM)
- November 15** SFO Renewal Mass (Formation at Noon; everyone at 1:30 pm)
- November 18** Council Meeting (6:30 pm)
- December 11** Christian Service at the Meldrum Kitchen (10:30 AM-1:00 PM)
- December 16** Council Meeting (6:30 pm)
- December 20** 3rd Sunday Meeting - Christmas Concert (Formation at Noon; everyone at 1:30 pm)

A Post-Concert Word of Thanks

We would like to thank all of you for helping with the Fr. Solanus Concert. We appreciate the hard work done by many people, including those who bought or sold tickets. We would like to single out the following people for their individual contributions: **John and Janet Bodell, Margaret D’Hulster, Joe Driessen, Julia Erzbishoff-Donahue, Roger Feldman, Caroline Florescu, Stephen Haycox, Mary Hebert, Maryann Kummer, Teresa Westbrook-Lienert and Tony Lienert, Br. Pat McSherry, Patricia Meldrum, Stella Mordarski, Joe and Laura Sapien, and Anna Tyler.** Together, we worked as a team which helped to make the concert a success! May God bless you all!

Chuck and Beverly Sapien

The fraternity’s thanks, too, to **Bev and Chuck** who spearheaded this fraternity event and not only worked extremely hard to make it a success, but also demonstrated their dedication and commitment to our fraternity.

Franciscan Saints of October

- Oct 1 Bb. Diego Botello, Fernando di Salcedo (-1516) and Companions, OFM martyrs in Haiti
- Oct 2 Bl. Bonaventure Relli of Palazzolo (-1659) Conventual
- Oct 3 Bl. Anthony Chevrier (1826-1879) SFO, priest**
Bl. Crescentius García Pobo, TO, priest, martyr
- Oct 4 Our Holy Father St. Francis (1182-1226), Founder of the Franciscan Family, deacon**
Bl. Thomas of Celano (1185-1260), OFM, biographer of St. Francis
- Oct 5 All Deceased of the Franciscan Order (*date may be moved)
Bl. Alfredo Pellicer Muños (1914-1936), OFM martyr
- Oct 6 St. Mary Frances Gallo of the Five Wounds (1734-1791) SFO virgin**
Bl. Marianne Mogas Fontcuberta, SFO, virgin
Founder of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Mother of the Divine Shepherd
- Oct 7 Bl. Joseph Llosá Balaguer, TO, martyr**
- Oct 8 Bl. Marzio of Umbria (1210-1301), SFO hermit**
- Oct 10 Bl. Mary Angela Truszkowska (1825-1899) SFO, virgin, Founder of the Felician Sisters**
Bl. Demetrius of Albania (-1491), SFO hermit
Ss. Daniel and Companions, (Ss. Daniel, Angelo, Domnus, Hugolino, Leo, Nicholas and Samuel)
- Oct 11 Bl. John XXIII (“Good Pope John”) (1881-1963) SFO, 261st Pope**
- Oct 12 St. Seraphin de Nicola of Montegranaro (1540-1604), Capuchin
- Oct 13 Bl. Honorat Koźmiński, Capuchin
- Oct 17 Bl. Baldassar Ravaschieri of Chiavari (1419-1492), OFM priest
- Oct 20 Bl. Contardo Ferrini (1859-1902) SFO, educator**
Bl. James of Strepa, Conventual, bishop of Halicz
- Oct 22 St. Peter of Alcántara (1499-1562) OFM, reformer, priest, advisor to St. Teresa of Avila
Bl. Josephine Leroux, Poor Clare martyr
- Oct 23 St. John of Capestrano (1386-1456) OFM, priest
- Oct 24 Bl. Luigi Guanella, SFO priest,**
Founder of the Daughters of Mary of Providence and the Servants of Charity
St. Anthony of Saint Anne Galvão, OFM
- Oct 25 Bb. María Teresa Ferragut Roig and Companions, Capuchin Poor Clares, martyrs
- Oct 26 Bl. Bonaventure of Potenza, Conventual
- Oct 27 Bl. Salvator Mollar Ventura, OFM martyr
- Oct 30 Bl. Angelo of Acri, Capuchin
- Oct 31 Bl. Christopher of Romagna, OFM priest
Bl. Thomas Bellaci of Florence, OFM



Are you looking for an opportunity to spiritually enhance your own life while ministering to God's people?

As you know, the Solanus Casey Center was built as a pilgrimage center. Pilgrims come to this Holy Place searching for spiritual enrichment. A pilgrimage is as focused on what happens in a person's life after the pilgrimage is over, as it is on the actual visit to the Holy Site. Please consider joining us at the Solanus Casey Center as a docent. Docents are trained individuals who lead the pilgrims on a spiritually-rooted tour of the Center. Training will take place in November. Please contact **Lisa Mato** at **313-579-2100, extension 197** if you are interested in this ministry.



Helen Tully 2 years old Rhabdomyosarcoma

When Helen was born in 2007 in Latvia, she was a happy, healthy baby. Just eight months later, her mother, Andra, noticed a bruise. Concerned, she took her daughter to the pediatrician, who dismissed the bruise as nothing more than the result of Helen rolling over on a toy. But when a pea-like lump appeared overnight, and the bruise continued to spread, Andra took Helen to another doctor. He performed an ultrasound, and the results it revealed were devastating. Baby Helen had tumors on her pelvis. A follow-up MRI confirmed the presence of tumors, and surgery was scheduled for a week later. Andra e-mailed a family friend in the United States to explain that she might be hard to reach for awhile because Helen was ill. The friend requested that she e-mail him Helen's scans so that he could share them with friends of his who were physicians. He called Andra back quickly, and his advice was alarming. The physicians had reviewed the scans and felt that surgery would be dangerous. They recommended that Andra and her husband, John, bring little Helen to the U.S. for treatment, and one of the hospitals they recommended was St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Andra and John searched online for the best options for Helen's long-term treatment. St. Jude kept coming up, and since John had family in the area, they decided that St. Jude might indeed be the best place for their baby. Their doctor provided a referral, and the next few days were a whirlwind as the family prepared to travel to Memphis.

At St. Jude, doctors determined that Helen suffered from the most common, aggressive soft tissue tumor in children. Because of the size of the tumor, Helen could not undergo surgery right away. Doctors started her on a 54-week chemotherapy treatment plan. After her first two rounds of chemotherapy, Helen's tumor had shrunk about 60 percent, much to her family's delight. Helen later underwent surgery to remove the tumor, and radiation. Today, her scans show no evidence of disease.

"If we had not come to St. Jude, I don't think Helen would have celebrated her first birthday," Andra said. "In Latvia, we don't have the medicine they have here. At St. Jude, the doctors and nurses are so wonderful, they care so much. We know Helen is getting the best possible care. Whatever the children want or need, whether it is ice cream or an MRI, they get. It's amazing." Helen is finished with treatment and returns to St. Jude every three months for checkups. She loves music, dancing and playing with her older brother, Martin.

Peace Begins Within Each Individual Heart



As noted in the September Poverello, we were invited to an Interfaith Prayer Service to celebrate **International Peace Day**. The Planning Committee saw to it that many faiths and cultures, children and adults were represented in the program. Consistently remarkable were the musical renditions sung by the St. Charles Church Choir! The service included readings, compassionate reflections, prayers and interpretive dance. Everyone was invited to participate in the Water Rite, symbolizing unity in cleansing and healing. Peace Poles, inscribed with "May Peace Prevail on Earth", were distributed to representatives of a church or center for continual public display. Everyone was asked to complete this statement: "**I will be a peacemaker in my own life and in the world by.....**". **How would you finish this sentence?** The evening ended with a reception in the Solanus Center dining room featuring a delicious variety of cookies made by the Capuchin-sponsored On the Rise Bakery.



Fr. Solanus Choir Sept, 09



Fr. Solanus Choir 9/13/09

2009 Solanus Concert



The New Spirit Singers
at Fr. Solanus Concert
Sept. 13, 09



The New Spirit Singers
Sept. 13, 09



Michael Glaser
Concert Pianist

to help...
redeem the world.
Let us profit
by his generosity.
Solanus Casey,
Capuchin



Michael Glaser, Concert Pianist



2009 Fraternity Picnic



OCTOBER 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 TRANSITUS 7 PM Reception for Fr. Carmel following
4 ST. FRANCIS Solemnity	5 WEEK 27 ORD. TIME Pss: Wk 3	6	7	8	9 CHRISTIAN SERVICE MELDRUM KITCHEN 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	10
11 WEEK 28 ORD. TIME Pss: Wk 4	12	13 St. Joan of Arc: 1 PM	14	15 EMB Board: 10 AM	16	17
18 WEEK 29 ORD. TIME Pss: Wk 1 Orientation (Noon) & CHAPTER of Elections 1:30 PM	19	20	21 SFO COUNCIL (FORMER & NEW): 6:30 PM	22	23 Bl. Luchesio: 7:30 PM Interfaith: 7 PM - 9 PM	24 MASS FOR ALL DECEASED FRANCISCANS, PARENTS & BENEFACTORS 10:00 AM
25 WEEK 30 ORD. TIME Pss: Wk 2	26	27	28	29	30	31

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Gary Johnson

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Jo Marie Nardi

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Caroline Florescu

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Fr. Solanus Cell (2nd Friday, 7:30 pm):

Faye Boland

St. Joan of Arc Satellite (2nd Tuesday, 1 pm):

Frank Liccardello

Third Sunday General SFO Gathering:

Maryann Kummer

Bl. Luchesio Cell (4th Friday, 7:30 pm):

Connie Musial

FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

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