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ST. BONAVENTURE SECULAR FRANCISCANS ✦ DETROIT, MICHIGAN



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Lower Basilica of St. Francis, Assisi

**Congratulations,
Jubilarians!**

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MINISTER'S LETTER

My dear brothers and sisters,

May God's peace be with you!

PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR: Because of a scheduling conflict our May fraternity gathering will be held on Sunday, May 29 at 1:30 p.m.

At our fraternity gathering on April 17, we will honor our Jubilarians who are celebrating the anniversary of their Profession at a Prayer Service in the Main Chapel.

REFLECTION

My brothers and sisters, as Secular Franciscans, the call to conversion is not only for the Lenten season, but it is our way of life. Our Rule of life states: "United by their vocation as 'brothers and sisters of penance', and motivated by the dynamic power of the gospel, let them conform their thoughts and deeds to those of Christ by means of that radical interior change which the gospel itself calls "conversion." Human frailty makes it necessary that this conversion be carried out daily" (Rule 7).

At the beginning of our Lenten journey, God invited us to return to him with our whole heart. God desires a deep intimate relationship with each of us to make himself and his ways of loving and forgiving known to us. As with all relationships, our relationship with God requires time, effort and sacrifice. The best way to strengthen a relationship is by spending time with the person we love and listening to them. As we take time to sit quietly and listen to Jesus and allow his words to permeate every fiber of our being, our lives will never be the same, our hearts will be transformed and we will become a new creation of greater joy, a greater expression of love in the world. On the Second Sunday of Lent, we heard the gospel story of the Transfiguration of Christ. In that reading God says "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. **LISTEN TO HIM.**"

LISTEN TO HIM. What does Jesus want to say to us?

He tells us about the great love the our heavenly Father has for us. He tells us that if we want to follow him, we must die to self and take up our cross. He tells us that life will not be easy, that we will have sorrow, suffering and illness to bear throughout our life. He tells us to love our enemies and to forgive those who hurt us. He tells not to worry and be anxious about the things of this world, but to focus on seeking the Kingdom of God and all these things will be given us. He offers us words of comfort that he is with us always and not to be afraid. He tells us that just as he washed the feet of his disciples, we are to wash each other's feet. He teaches us to be humble servants to others. He tells us we are the light of the world. He tells us that death is not the end, but the beginning of eternal life. He invites us to come to him when we are weary and find life burdensome and he will refresh us. He tells us to never give up and to place all our hope and trust in him. During the remaining weeks of Lent, take the time to **LISTEN TO JESUS** for he has words of love, forgiveness and hope to share with you.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Fraternity Gathering on April 17 at 1:30 p.m. Remember to pray daily for vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order. May Christ's peace fill your heart as you continue on your Lenten journey.

Your sister in St. Francis, maryann

From the Friars' Choir

"The reason people find it so hard to be happy is that they always see the past better than it was, the present worse than it is, and the future less resolved than it will be."

- Marcel Pagnol



2011 Jubilarians

60 YEARS:

**Charlotte Heymes
Mary Schalm
Sylvia Stanik
Helen Wardowski**

50 YEARS:

**Mary Gillen
Lorraine Korte
Rosalie Liccardello
Jo Marie Nardi**

40 YEARS:

Rose Ossowski

25 YEARS:

**Daniel Atkinson
Janet Atkinson
Joseph Boland
Paul Catrow
Loretta Chmielarczyk
Norbert Chmielarczyk
Rosemarie Kraski
Daniel Marotta
Elizabeth Savage**

20 YEARS:

**Mary Morawa
Josephine Perry
Joseph Schultes**

10 YEARS:

**Joyce Kaminski
Mary Ann Kristensen
Maryann Kummer
Sheryl; Nordstrom
Diane Raymond**

2011 Calendar: April thru December

Apr. 16 1:30 p.m. Leadership team meeting
 Apr. 17 1:30 p.m. Jubilarian Celebration without Mass (Prayer service)
 Apr. 24 Easter Sunday
 May 28 1:30 p.m. Leadership team meeting
 May 30 1:30 p.m. Fraternity Gathering
 June 11 9:30 a.m. Formation Education Meeting
 June 11 1:30 p.m. Leadership team meeting
 June 12 1:30 p.m. Fraternity Gathering (moved because of Fathers Day)
 June 25 10:00 a.m. SFO Mass for Deceased
 July 16 1:30 p.m. Leadership team meeting
 July 17 1:30 p.m. Fraternity Picnic – Welcoming Ceremony
 Aug. 20 1:30 p.m. Leadership team meeting
 Aug. 21 1:30 p.m. Fraternity Gathering – Admissions Ceremony
 Sept. 17 1:30 p.m. Leadership team meeting
 Sept. 18 11:00 a.m. Day of Reflection
 Oct. 3 7:00 p.m. Transitus
 Oct. 4 7:00 p.m. Mass in honor of St. Francis of Assisi
 Oct. 15 1:30 p.m. Leadership team meeting
 Oct. 16 1:30 p.m. Fraternity Gathering
 Oct. 22 10:00 a.m. SFO Mass for Deceased
 Nov. 19 9:30 a.m. Formation team meeting
 Nov. 19 10:00 a.m. Profession Retreat
 Nov. 19 1:30 p.m. Leadership team meeting
 Nov. 20 1:30 p.m. Profession Mass
 Dec. 17 1:30 p.m. Leadership team meeting
 Dec. 18 1:30 p.m. Christmas Concert and SFO-hosted Reception



Deceased Former Member:

Patricia Salter

Deceased Relatives:

Mary Henry, sister of Ilene Manning
 Melanie McAllister, sister of Alice Vier
 Terry Crawford, nephew of Sandra Sherman

Members needing prayers:

Wilhelmina Adkins	Les and Josie Lafata
Peter Aluzzo	Frank Liccardello
Kay Balas	Rose Longo
Gertrude Beattie	Joseph Marra
Evelyn Bishop	Sophie Martin
Rocco Cesaro	Maria McNally
Clara Falzone	Mabel Michaels
Wesley Faust	Genevieve Ochenkowski
Marie Fontanive	Eleanor Pulido
Mary Gillen	Rosie Patin
Natalie Grabowski	Bob Peckham
James Heymes	Theresa Pfaendtner
Caroline Hojna	Joseph Pierce
Dora Sue Jay	Eleanore Pulido
Anna May Jezak	Mary Saber
Donna Marie Johnston	Francis Scallion
Denise Joseph	Gene Snyders
Mary Klein	Alice Vier
Lorraine Korte	Helen Wardowski
Jerry and Helen Koslowski	Joseph Wisk
Mary Ann Kristensen	Stephen Yuhase
Mary LaBudie	Veronica Yuhase

Relatives needing prayers:

Theresa Brannigan, daughter-in-law of Marguerite
 Shannon Ertzbischoff, niece of Julia
 John Gold, husband of Rose
 Veronica & Steve Gulock, sister & in-law of Ilene Manning
 Ted and Judy Hojna
 William Pierce Hunter, great-grandson of Mary Hebert
 Fred LaChance, brother of Donna Marie Johnston

Esther Mae Kelly, wife of Charles
 Rosemary Marson, sister of Ralph
 Marilyn Nichols, daughter of Anthony Brodeur
 Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas
 Teresa Poole, mother of Mary
 Family of Joanne Schumacher
 Victoria Snigier, mother of Sylvia
 Chester Wisk, brother of Joe

Memorials offered by Jo Marie Nardi for:

Julia Cotter	Stefan Florescu
James Beran	Mary Mason
Charles Hershberger	Melanie McAllister
Robert Reid	

Those serving in the Armed Forces:

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

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

Jo Marie Nardi at 586-978-2335



Seth

6 years old
 acute lymphoblastic leukemia

Seth was an energetic child, but just before Christmas, his parents noticed he was sleeping more and didn't want to eat or play. Blood work revealed the crushing news: Seth suffered from acute lymphoblastic leukemia, the most common form of childhood cancer.

At St. Jude's, Seth began chemotherapy. He visits St. Jude once a week for intravenous chemotherapy, and he takes oral chemotherapy at home. Seth's treatment is at times difficult, but he's resilient. His parents appreciate the fact that St. Jude does everything they can to let the kids be kids. "Here, they make sure kids aren't scared. They understand kids." "I hope the people who donate know they're saving strangers' lives, kids' lives, every day," said his mom. "That's a selfless act. Words can't express how much thanks we have."



Celebrating Diane Raymond



Diane was born on October 27, 1933 to Ruth (nee: Baker) and John Cragg in Cleveland, Ohio. Diane's parents divorced in 1935. Diane and her Mom lived in Cleveland until the war broke out in December 1941. In January of 1942 Diane's aunt invited them to move to Detroit and they did so. Diane's Mom was employed at the Michigan Central Train Depot.

Diane attended St. Vincent's School until her graduation in 1951. Following her graduation from high school, Diane day-hopped to Marygrove College. She graduated from Marygrove with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1955.

Diane worked part-time in the Business Office at the old Providence Hospital from 1951-1957. In 1955, Diane was hired as a school teacher at Maybury Elementary School in Southwest Detroit. She worked at Maybury until her retirement in June 1986. Diane has traveled extensively throughout Europe, the Orient, Hawaii, Alaska, the continental United States, and visited the Holy Land last year.

On August 5, 1977, Diane married Edward Raymond at Sacred Heart Church in Dearborn. Ed and Diane were involved in the O'Kelley Council of the Knights of Columbus and various Veterans groups. Diane served as the Vice President of the Colleens and Recording Secretary of the L.O.T.A (Ladies of the Auxiliary). She also served as historian for both of these groups. Diane served as treasurer of the American Legion Auxiliary. Diane also taught catechism classes at Priest and St. Clement's schools. She is a lector and Eucharistic minister at her parish, St. Albert the Great. Diane's beloved husband, Ed, died in 2009.

Diane's Mom was professed into the Third Order at St. Bonaventure in the '50s. Diane and her Mom attended daily Mass and prayed the Rosary together. In 1999, Diane joined the Secular Franciscans to deepen her relationship with God and to follow the wonderful example set by her Mom. She was professed into the St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity at St. Bonaventure Monastery in November 2001.

Diane's hobbies are playing pinochle and board games.

We love you, Diane!



Newsworthy

We've tried to make sure that at least two people are equipped to do whatever tasks must be done in the fraternity. Publishing *The Poverello* is no exception.

Sheryl Nordstrom has volunteered to help gather information for *The Poverello*. News items can be sent to her by snail mail, e-mail or by phone message. Please contact her at:

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Pat Cardellio has graciously volunteered to learn the various facets of publishing *The Poverello*.

Our heartfelt thanks to both Sheryl and Pat!



6	Margaret Aluzzo
8	Evelyn Bishop
8	Kay Balas
9	Elnora Allen
14	Ruby Thompson
16	Terry Pfaendtner
17	Elizabeth Greenia
17	Patricia White
25	Rose Ossowski
30	Loretta Chmielarczyk
30	Dolores Samulski



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 LENT IV Pss Wk 4	4	5	6	7	8 MELDRUM KITCHEN 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	9
10 LENT V Pss Wk 2	11	12	13	14	15	16 Council Meeting at 1:30 PM
17 PALM SUNDAY Pss Wk 3 FRATERNITY JUBILARIAN CELEBRATION Formation: 12 noon All: 1:30pm	18	19 PASSOVER	20	21	22 GOOD FRIDAY Bl. Luchesio: 7:30 PM (?)	23
24 EASTER Proper Pss	25	26	27	28	29	30

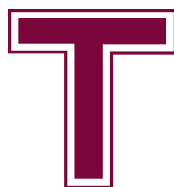
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Chuck & Bev Sopian (chairs)

Christian Service Commission:

(call for information)

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Teresa Westbrook-Lienert

& Tony Lienert (chairs)

Vocations Ministry Commission:

To be announced (chair)

Eucharistic Mission Band (EMB):

To be announced

MAKING FRATERNITY HAPPEN

The entire St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity gathers on the Third Sunday of every month. For more information, contact:

Chuck & Bev Sopian

In addition to our monthly Fraternity gathering, some members also gather in small groups:

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

Mary Ann and Hugh Montpetit

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

Connie Musial

FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

Meldrum Soup Kitchen

Usually on the 2nd Friday of each month.

&

Healing Service Social

(call for information)

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PRAY FOR JAPAN.

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