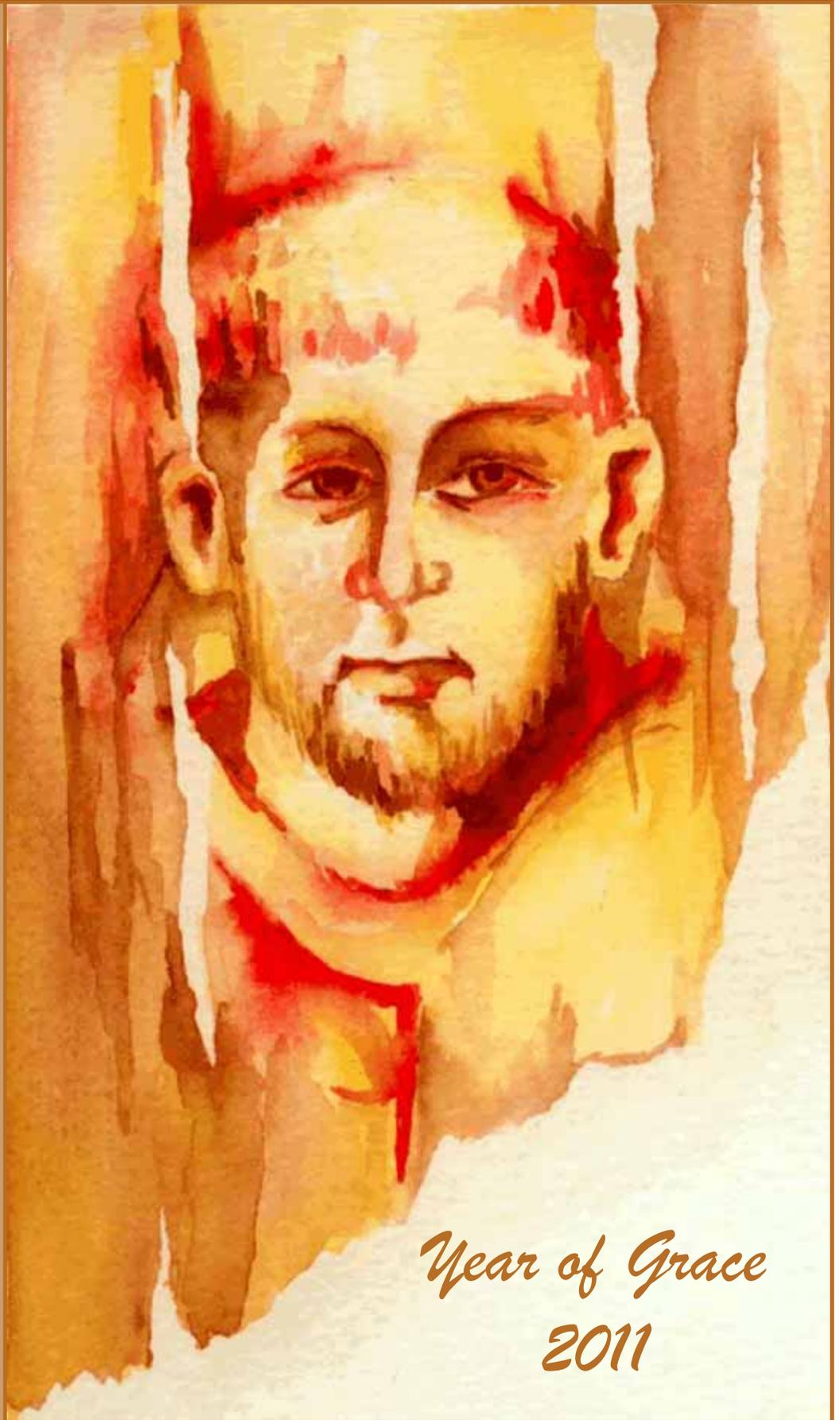


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# MINISTER'S LETTER

My dear brothers and sisters,

*May God's peace and joy reign in your heart!*

I want to express my thanks to **Tony Lienert**, co-chair of the Hospitality Committee, to all those who helped in the kitchen with the set up and clean up following the Christmas Concert, and to everyone who brought food or beverages for the reception. Great job!

At the Leadership Council meeting on December 5, the Council decided to change the day and time of the monthly Council meeting. Beginning in January, Council meetings will be held at 1:30 p.m. on the day before each month's Fraternity gathering.

Our annual **Chapter of Affairs** [i.e., Business Chapter] will be celebrated on Sunday, January 16. During that gathering, reports will be given by some of the elected members of the leadership council. Copies of the written reports will be mailed to you before January 16. In order to make the best use of our meeting time, I encourage you to read the reports and prepare your questions and observations beforehand. During the January gathering we will have the privilege of welcoming **Roseanne Jamison, John Trupiano, and Kathy Trupiano** and admit three individuals, **Javier Aguilar, Leticia Aguilar, and Hank Forys** into our fraternity.

## Reflection

We completed our Advent readings a few weeks ago, all of the Christmas presents have been given, the family gatherings are over, we attended and participated in the celebrated the Christmas liturgies, Christmas cards were sent and now we can breathe a sigh or relief that we made it through another Christmas. Now what? Do we return to our normal daily routine? Or, were our hearts somehow transformed by the miracle of Christmas and its message of love?

"For God so loved the world that he gave us his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (Jn 3:16). God gave us the greatest gift of all, the gift of his beloved Son. Because of God's initiative and tremendous love for us, Jesus became what we are that he might make us to be what he is. Jesus, the Incarnation of God, came into this world as a man to for one reason only to teach us how to love God and to love one another. Jesus came to bring us good news that we are loved by our heavenly Father more than we can possibly imagine. God desires to have a relationship with us. How will you respond to this great gift of love?

As Secular Franciscans, we are called to live the Gospel message in our daily lives. At the Christmas liturgy, we once again heard the story of how the birth of Jesus came about in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. We must remember that the celebration of Christmas is not about the past birth of Jesus, but rather, it is about how we birth Jesus in our world today. Christmas has to become a 365-day event. We are called to be instruments of peace to those who are anxious or live in fear, to be shining lights of God's love, beacons of hope to a world in darkness and despair. We are to be Christ to one another. St. Francis was so in love with God that he was able to see God in every person and in all of creation. We, too, are called to have a personal relationship with God, to bring him into our homes, workplaces, communities, and to help others see to see Christ in their midst.

**The priceless gifts in life  
are not the ones wrapped up  
and given on special occasions,  
But the gifts we give  
when we give of ourselves. It is the love we share.  
It is the comfort we lend in times of need.  
It is the moments we spend together  
Helping each other follow our dreams.**

The most priceless gifts  
Are the understanding and caring  
That come from the heart.  
And each and every one of us  
Has these gifts to offer...  
Through the gift of ourselves.

– Ben Daniels

On the first Sunday of January, we will celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord or “Little Christmas”. We will once again hear the story of the Magi “opening their treasures and offering him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” Question to ponder: What gift will you offer to the Christ Child this year?

Please remember to pray daily for an increase in vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order. May God’s gifts of peace, joy, hope, and love fill your heart today and throughout the New Year.

Your sister in St. Francis,  
maryann



## From the Friars' Choir

When you focus on problems,  
you will have more problems.  
When you focus on possibilities,  
you will have more opportunities.

## Belonging to the Secular Franciscan Order

In an age of rugged individualism, we are constantly challenged to rediscover the meaning and value of the SFO as a Franciscan family where everyone takes care of each other. Belonging to the SFO calls each of us to be co-responsible for its well-being and growth. How can we do this? Our Constitutions (30.2) state:

**[this] requires personal presence, witness, prayer, and active collaboration, in accordance with each one’s situation and possible obligations for the animation of the fraternity.**

Our gathering together in fraternity must be nourished by a rich inner life that each one of us cultivates day-by-day through prayer, action and reflection. In that way, when we gather in fraternity we gather not only to be enriched but also to enrich, not only to get but to give, not only to soak up God’s love, but also to radiate it.

I remember how horrified I was the first time I saw the popular singer Madonna scantily clothed and sporting a rosary around her neck. That trend — using rosary beads as nothing more than jewelry — seems to have caught on. It can be the same for us. The TAU is not a piece of jewelry. The “Tau” that St. Francis chose, and that we Franciscans wear, is a symbol of our acceptance of discipleship, we are marked with the sign of the cross. It is a tangible reminder to live the gospel we profess.

Perhaps the best way that we can nurture our sense of belonging to a fraternity is by living intensely our meetings as a “sacrament” of the fraternity.



**Deceased Member:**

Robert Reid (†Dec. 5, 2010)

**Deceased Relatives:**

Dr. Jasper Ticconi (†Dec. 21, 2010)  
(father of Melissa Lindow)

Mary Ala (†Dec. 1, 2010) (sister of Jo Marie Nardi)

Bob Fontanive (†Dec. 10, 2010) (husband of Marie)

Tyrone Mack (brother of Anna Tyler)

**Members needing prayers:**

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

**Relatives needing prayers:**

Mary Ann Avery, niece of Lorraine Korte  
 Terry Crawford, nephew of Sandra Sherman  
 Br. Michael Drobnicki, son of Laurie Drobnicki (dec.)  
 George Ertzbischoff, uncle of Julia  
 Fr. Ed Ertzbischoff, brother of Julia

Family of Clara Falzone  
 John Gold, husband of Rose  
 Ted and Judy Hojna  
 Fred LaChance, brother of Donna Marie Johnston  
 Esther Mae Kelly, wife of Charles  
 Manning Family  
 Rosemary Marson, sister of Ralph  
 Melanie McAleer, sister of Alice Vier  
 Marilyn Nichols, daughter of Anthony Brodeur  
 Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas  
 Teresa Poole, mother of Mary  
 Family of Joanne Schumacher  
 Bob Stevenson, son-in-law of John and Janet Bodell  
 Dan Tyrna, grandson of Mary Hebert  
 Chester Wisk, brother of Joe

**Those serving in the Armed Forces:**

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

**Memorials offered by John and Janet Bodell:**

Stefan Florescu  
 Mary Mason  
 Fr. Lloyd Thiel, OFM Cap.

**Memorial offered by Jo Marie Nardi:**

Bob Fontanive

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

**Jo Marie Nardi at 586-978-2335**

**Whereabouts?**

Does anyone know the whereabouts of **Clara Babala**? Her copy of *The Poverello* has come back to us with the notice: “Temporary Order Expired”. Please contact Maryann Kummer, Patricia Meldrum or Br. Pat if you happen to know. *Thanks!*

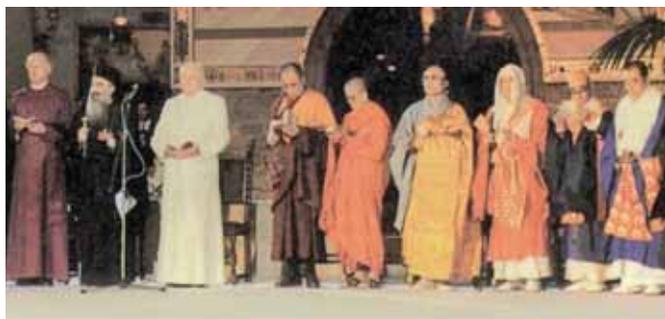


Jan. 3 .....	Alice Vier	Jan. 17 .....	Janice Litch
Jan. 4 .....	Joe Driessen	Jan. 19 .....	Gloria Longueuil
Jan. 7 .....	Gary Johnson	Jan. 21 .....	Marie Fontanive
Jan. 8 .....	John Bodell	Jan. 25 .....	Thomas Nozewski
	Tony Lienert		Paul Catrow
Jan. 10 .....	Mary Lou Catino	Jan. 28 .....	Beverly Hanus
	Bridget Schultz	Jan. 30 .....	Kathleen Lang
Jan. 15 .....	Natalie Grabowski		Patricia Vail
Jan. 16 .....	Sylvia Stanik		

## 2011 Calendar: January thru April

Jan. 14 .....	10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. ....	Meldrum Kitchen ministry
Jan. 15 .....	1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ....	Leadership team meeting
Jan. 16 .....	1:30 p.m. ....	Chapter of Affairs, Welcoming and Admissions Ceremonies
Feb 11 .....	10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. ....	Meldrum Kitchen ministry
Feb. 19 .....	1:30 p.m - 3:00 p.m. ....	Leadership team meeting
Feb. 20 .....	1:30 p.m. ....	Fraternity Gathering
Feb. 26 .....	10:00 a.m. ....	SFO Mass for Deceased
Mar. 11 .....	10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. ....	Meldrum Kitchen minister
Mar. 19 .....	1:30 p.m - 3:00 p.m. ....	Leadership team meeting
Mar. 20 .....	11:00 a.m. ....	Fraternity's Day of Reflection
Apr. 8 .....	10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. ....	Meldrum Kitchen ministry
Apr. 16 .....	1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ....	Leadership team meeting
Apr. 17 .....	1:30 p.m. ....	Jubilarian Celebration <i>without Mass</i> (Prayer service)
Apr. 24 .....		Easter Sunday

## 2011: 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPIRIT OF ASSISI



The Conference of the Franciscan Family (CFF) has been discussing how we might commemorate in 2011 the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Peace, which was first celebrated in Assisi on October 27, 1986. Building on this celebration, John Paul II made popular the idea of the *Spirit of Assisi*, a concept which has inspired many efforts to promote peace and dialogue over the last quarter century. We would like to reinforce our commitment to peace and dialogue by encouraging the celebration of this important anniversary. (see [the full CFF statement on page 8](#))

# CHRISTMAS CONCERT





## Celebrating Ilene Manning



**Ilene Manning** was born to Mary and Michael Kolarchick on March 6, 1937 in a home on the Detroit's east side. Ilene is the youngest of 12 children (8 girls and 3 boys). She describes her Mom as a kind, sweet, very holy woman who lived her faith by the love and kindness she extended to her family and all those in need.

Ilene attended White Elementary School and Cleveland Middle School. She graduated from Pershing High School in 1954. After graduation, she worked as a cashier at an A&P grocery store and then as a timekeeper for the Burroughs Corporation. It was at Burroughs that Ilene met her future husband, Bill Manning.

In July, 1956, Ilene and Bill were married at St. Nicholas Greek Catholic Church on Grand Blvd. By November of 1965, Ilene and Bill were blessed with seven children (Bill, John, Bob, Craig, Christopher, Laura and Linda). Ilene devoted her time to caring for her family and being involved in her children's activities. Ilene also raised her grandson from the time he was six months old until he was eight years old.

Bill worked as a supervisor for Towne Club beverage stores. In December 1981, Ilene began assisting her husband in running the stores. Whenever an employee called in sick, Bill would call Ilene and, with only a moment's notice, she would be on her way and run the store for the day. Bill died suddenly of a heart attack at work in June of 1982. After her husband's death, Ilene became a full time employee at Towne Club and worked there for three years. When the company was sold, Ilene was laid off. She began attending computer classes at Macomb Community College in preparation for returning to the work force. Ilene's daughter, Laura, gave her a refresher course on how to drive so that she would be able to drive herself to school and then to her future place of employment.

Ilene's sister, Dorothy, worked in the billing department of Samaritan Hospital and helped Ilene to obtain a job at the hospital. When Samaritan merged and became Sinai Grace Hospital, Ilene moved to Sinai Grace's billing office. Through her church activities, Ilene made a contact and was hired to work in the Public Relations Department of Harper Hospital.

Ilene is a member of St. Joan of Arc Church in St. Clair Shores. She attended Bible Study courses at various parishes over a 28-year period. She also attended Renew retreats at Manresa. While attending a Life in the Spirit course at St. Margaret's Church, Ilene met **Joann Schumacher**. They became good friends and Joann began sharing information about the Secular Franciscan Order with Ilene. Joann would pick Ilene up at her home and they would come together to the Monastery.

Ilene was professed into the St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity on November 19, 2010. She feels that she has become a member of a loving family and is proud to be a member of our family. She is looking forward to being of service. Ilene's advice to all those who are facing a difficult time is to always keep your focus on the Lord and place all your trust in him.

Ilene's hobbies include spiritual reading, reading recipe books with her son, Bob, who is a great cook just like his Dad. We love you, Ilene!



# CONFERENCE OF THE FRANCISCAN FAMILY

Dear brothers and sisters,

May the Lord give you peace!

For more than a year the Conference of the Franciscan Family (CFF) has been discussing how we might commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Peace which was held in Assisi on October 27, 1986. Building on this celebration, John Paul II made popular the idea of the Spirit of Assisi, a concept which has inspired many efforts to promote peace and dialogue over the last quarter century. We would like to reinforce our commitment to peace and dialogue by encouraging the entire Franciscan Family to celebrate this important anniversary. Our JPIC [Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation] promoters and those responsible for the service for dialogue have been involved in these conversations, along with others interested in the event.

We Franciscans recognize that the world has changed much over the last 25 years. Our engagement in various dimensions of dialogue with peoples of other religious traditions continues to be informed by our fidelity to preaching the Good News proclaimed by Jesus Christ. At the same time, new conditions have emerged that threaten the unity of the human race, its well-being, and its very existence. They challenge the ability of the Church and of our Franciscan family to be effective signs of unity. Major movements of peoples across traditional geographical boundaries give rise to conflicts and threaten the stability of societies. These movements put increased pressure on the global environment and growing poverty exacerbates all of these conditions. There is an increasing sense of urgency that new pathways for intercultural dialogue be created or existing ones be strengthened in order to promote peace, reconciliation, care of creation, and integral human development, especially for those who are impoverished.

In this context we invite the entire Franciscan Family to prepare to celebrate this important anniversary. We are aware that many of you have been promoting annual remembrances of this event for years and encourage you to continue to do so.

We are happy to announce that plans are underway to promote the celebration of this event throughout our Franciscan world. In the near future, you will receive a packet of material to help organize a celebration in your own country, Congregation, region, local fraternity, parish, school, or any other place where we are present as Franciscans. You can plan this celebration for the day of the anniversary (Oct. 27, 2011), or for any other day that is more appropriate in your situation. The packet will include educational materials, prayers, suggested readings, etc. It will also include an invitation to local artists to create original pieces on the theme of dialogue for peace. These works will hopefully inspire everyone to reflect on the issues we face in our world today, and to look for ways to advance intercultural dialogue as a means to address them.

We are in conversation with the Holy See and the local bishop to consider possibilities for a celebration in Assisi itself. Information will be provided as it becomes available.

Brothers and sisters, the legacy of Francis and Clare led the Holy Father to choose Assisi as the venue for the original event which has come to be known as the Spirit of Assisi. We pray that during the celebration of this anniversary, we might be inspired to renew the spirit of our Holy Founders, leading us to heal the wounds that afflict our world today.

May the celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Spirit of Assisi help us revitalize our life and our ministry. Like Francis and Clare, may we offer vibrant witness and service in the construction of a world that is more just and more peaceful.

Br. José Rodríguez Carballo, OFM  
General Minister

Br. Michael Higgins, TOR  
General Minister

Br. Marco Tasca, OFM Conv.  
General Minister

Br. James Puglisi, SA  
President, IFC-TOR

Br. Mauro Jöhri, OFM Cap  
General Minister

Encarnación del Pozo, SFO  
General Minister



### **Belle**

3 years old

choroid plexus carcinoma [a rare brain tumor]

In the summer of 2009, Belle’s mother noticed her little girl’s hand trembling. Soon, Belle became lethargic, and her left leg grew weak. Her mother made an appointment with a neurologist, who ordered an MRI. The test revealed crushing news: Belle had a brain tumor. “I was shocked,” said Belle’s mom. “I was crying and thinking, ‘she’s not going to survive this.’” Belle underwent surgery to remove the tumor, but further tests revealed the cancer had already spread to little Belle’s spine.

Her father e-mailed St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Within a few hours, someone from the hospital called him back. “Choroid plexus carcinoma was not a foreign term to St. Jude. They could come up with a plan,” said her mom. The family obtained a referral and soon arrived at St. Jude.

Belle received six months of chemotherapy in Memphis, followed by six months of chemotherapy at home. Belle’s mother is grateful for the comfort that Belle’s care team has provided. “You feel very secure at St. Jude. You feel very safe,” she said. “If I have a question or Belle has a fever or just anything, I can pick up the phone in the middle of the night and I’ll be talking on the phone with the doctor within minutes. You know that the medical staff here knows what’s going on with your child and they know what to do.”

Belle has responded well to treatment and returns to St. Jude for regular checkups. Belle is an inquisitive little girl who likes to play with her siblings. When she grows up, Belle has decided she wants to be a doctor.

# JANUARY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> New Year's (not a Holy Day of obligation this year in USA)
<b>2</b> EPIPHANY Pss Proper	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> BAPTISM OF THE LORD Pss Proper	<b>10</b> Ordinary Time Week 1 Pss Wk 1	<b>11</b> St. Joan of Arc: 1 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> MELDRUM KITCHEN 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM  Solanus Cell ?	<b>15</b> Council Meeting at 1:30 PM
<b>16</b> ORD. II Pss Wk 2  FRATERNITY GATHERING Formation at 12 Noon Everyone at 1:30 PM	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> EMB Board: 10 AM	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> DAY OF PENANCE FOR ABORTIONS
<b>23</b> ORD. III Pss Wk 3	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Bl. Luchesio: 7:30 PM	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> ORD. IV Pss Wk 4	<b>31</b>					

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Tony Lienert

Patricia Munafo

Beverly Sopian

Chuck Sopian

### Spiritual Assistant:

Br. Patrick McSherry

### APPOINTMENTS

#### Infirmarians:

Jo Marie Nardi

Sylvia Stanik

#### Continuing Formation Commission:

Chuck & Bev Sopian (chairs)

#### Christian Service Commission:

Patricia Munafo (chair)

#### Hospitality Commission:

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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 7:30 pm):**

Mary Ann and Hugh Montpetit

**St. Joan of Arc Satellite (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 1 pm):**

Frank Liccardello

**Bl. Luchesio Cell (4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 7:30 pm):**

Connie Musial

### FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

Meldrum Soup Kitchen

Usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month.

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Healing Service Social

Patricia Munafo (contact)

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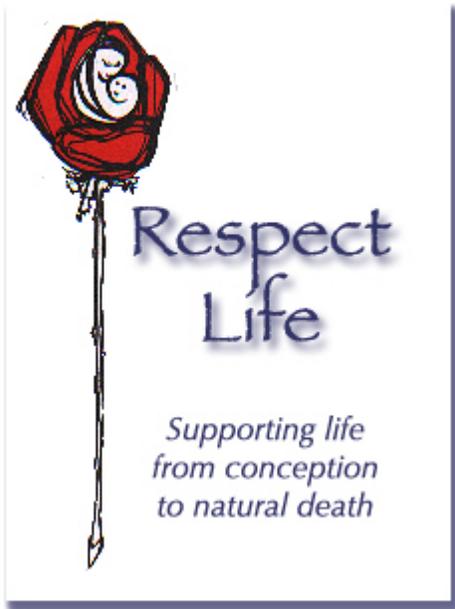
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