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# THE DOVERELLO

ST. BONAVENTURE SECULAR FRANCISCANS ✦ DETROIT, MICHIGAN



Divine Mercy Sunday is not a new feast established to celebrate St. Faustina’s revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina at all — nor is it altogether a new feast! The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title “Divine Mercy Sunday” highlights and amplifies the meaning of the day. It recovers an ancient liturgical tradition, reflected in a teaching attributed to St. Augustine about the Easter Octave, which he called “the days of mercy and pardon,” and the Octave Day itself “the compendium of the days of mercy.”

Liturgically, the Easter Octave has always been centered on the theme of Divine Mercy and forgiveness. Divine Mercy Sunday, therefore, points us to the merciful love of God that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery — the whole mystery of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. In this way, it also sums up the whole Easter Octave.

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# MINISTER'S LETTER

My dear brothers and sisters,

*May God's peace be with you!*

I want to express my appreciation to everyone who worked on the celebration in honor of our jubilarians: to **Br. Pat** for planning the Vespers/Benediction Liturgy, for preparing the program booklets and for an inspiring reflection; to **Bev Sapian** for preparing and sending a letter to each jubilarian inviting them to the service; to **Mary Poole** and **Br. Mike Gaffney** for designing and preparing the jubilarian certificates; to **Hugh Montpetit** for taking photos at the service, to **Bev Sapian**, **Stephen Haycox** and **John Bodell** for serving as readers, and to **Tony Lienert** and **Stella Mordarski** for handling the arrangements for the reception.

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

If you have not already done so, please send in your contributions for the **Poverello (\$20)** and **Fair Share (\$32)** no later than May 30 to: **St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity, c/o Gene Snyders, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.**

One of our members suggested that we consider holding our picnic on Belle Isle. The Leadership Team looked into the cost of renting a shelter as well as the various shelters on the island (with their amenities, e.g., bathrooms, grills, etc.). I am pleased to report that the Council approved holding our fraternity picnic on Belle Isle on Sunday, July 17 at 1:30 p.m. I am grateful to Tony Lienert for gathering the information, checking out the various shelters, and getting up very early on a Monday morning to stand in a long line before finally being able to reserve a choice shelter for us. More details about the picnic will be provided in next month's Poverello.

## REFLECTION

### ALLELUIA □ JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN. HE IS ALIVE. ALLELUIA □

Mary Magdalene stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the body of Jesus had been. And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken my Lord, and I don't know where they laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" She thought it was a gardener and said to him, "Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him, "Teacher!" Jesus said to her, "Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and then reported what he had told her (Jn 20:11-18).

This past Sunday, we heard the Easter story of Jesus' triumph over death. So now, how do we live the message of Easter in our daily lives? Living the Easter message begins with having a personal, intimate relationship with the risen Christ and allowing that relationship to transform us into a new creation.

When Mary Magdalene recognized the risen Christ in the garden, her sorrow was changed to joy and this joy caused her to go and share with the disciples the good news that she had seen the Lord. When the two disciples on the road to Emmaus recognized the living Christ in the breaking of the bread, their eyes were opened and they shared their story with the other disciples. When we recognize the living presence of Christ in our midst and in the breaking of the bread (Eucharist), our hearts are filled with joy and thanksgiving and we are moved to share this good news with others.

When the disciples met in the Upper Room, they were full of fear, scared and confused. When the risen Christ appeared in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you," their hearts were filled with peace and they realized that there was forgiveness for them and that they could start over. They were no longer burdened by the past, but

were free to begin life anew. When we encounter the living Christ in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our sins are forgiven, peace is restored to our hearts, and we are made whole once again.

When Thomas heard that Jesus was alive, he would not believe until he saw the nail wounds in Christ's hands and touched his pierced side. When Jesus invited Thomas to touch his side, Thomas believed. When we encounter the presence of the living Christ in our lives, our faith in Jesus is deepened.

As we grow in our relationship with the living Christ,

- The crosses in our life (disappointments, tough choices, heartaches, sickness) become easier to bear because we know that Christ is with us and will carry us through just as he has done so many times in the past.
- The power of death loses its sting. Because of the resurrection of Jesus, death is not the end of the story. Death has been transformed from an ending to a gateway leading us to our eternal home.
- Our eyes will be opened to see more clearly the pain and need of the individuals surrounding us, and our heart will be moved to action to feed the hungry, to be hope for the hopeless and instruments of peace.
- We may be asked to do things that we probably would never have imagined doing, but because of the grace and strength provided, we are able to do them. The presence of the living Christ is within us and among us. Let us commit ourselves to spending time with him, listening to him, growing in relationship with him, and becoming bearers of his message of love, peace and forgiveness to all.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Fraternity gathering on **May 29** at 1:30 p.m. Remember to pray daily for vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order.

May you experience the presence of the living and active Christ in your midst during this Easter Season. May your heart be filled with peace and joy.

Your sister in St. Francis,  
maryann

## From the Friars' Choir



**Every evening**

**I turn my worries over to God.**

**He's going to be up all night anyway.**

~Mary C. Crowley



## May

- 7 ..... Marguerite Brannigan
- 8 ..... Frank B. Kraimer
- 9 ..... Donna Marie Johnston
- 10 ..... Francis Scallion
- 16 ..... Elizabeth Savage
- 16 ..... Cecil McComb
- 19 ..... Rosalie Liccardello
- 21 ..... Jo Marie Nardi
- 22 ..... Sophie Martin
- 27 ..... Robert Snyder
- 29 ..... Esther Kelley



**Deceased Relatives:**

Patricia Palmer († March 13, 2011), daughter of Genevieve Ochenkowski

**Members needing prayers:**

- |                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Wilhelmina Adkins         | Les and Josie Lafata        |
| Peter Aluzzo              | Frank & Rosalie 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  
 Madison, granddaughter of John and Janet Bodell

- Rosemary Marson, sister of Ralph  
 Sal Militello, great grandnephew of Jo Marie Nardi  
 Cindy Rose Murphy, niece of Dan/Jan Atkinson  
 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  
 Fr. Vincent of India  
 Hovey Moralis

**Memorials offered by Jo Marie Nardi for:**

- Patricia Doyle  
 Margaret Diegel

**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**



**Zowie**

7 years old  
 acute myeloid leukemia

When Zowie was just 3 years old, she underwent treatment for acute myeloid leukemia. Her cancer went into remission. Two years later, however, 5-year-old Zowie climbed into her parents' bed one night and said, "The cancer is back." A bone marrow aspirate confirmed what Zowie already knew: her cancer had returned. Within days, Zowie arrived at St. Jude. Again, her cancer went into remission. But in 2010, tests revealed that the cancer had returned. She underwent a bone marrow transplant, and was able to return home. Recently, the family received the devastating news that the cancer has returned, and Zowie continues to receive treatment at St. Jude.

Zowie's family is grateful for every St. Jude donor who makes it possible for Zowie to receive treatment and cling to hope. Zowie is a sweet, quiet little girl. She is quick to smile, and she loves to race her nurse on her scooter.



## Celebrating Teresa Westbrook Lienert



Teresa Rose Westbrook was born at St. Francis Hospital, which is now Hamtramck City Hall, in Hamtramck on February 28, 1958 to Nellie Thelma Westbrook and Hayes J. Westbrook (d. April 1970). Because Terry possessed a full head of black hair when she was born, the nuns at the hospital placed her in front of the Infant of Prague statue in the nursery window for everyone to see her. The good Sisters pinned seven different religious medals to her diaper. Terry still has these precious medals stored safely in a keepsake box. Teresa has two stepbrothers: Benigno Garay and Gregorio Garay (from her Mom's first marriage).

Terry attended Longfellow and Macauley Grade Schools. She graduated from Detroit Central High School in January of 1976. In 1980, she graduated from Oakland Community College with an Associate of Arts Degree with majors in Fine Arts and History. Terry attended theology classes at Sacred Heart Major Seminary from 1993 to 1996 and studied music performance at Wayne State University from 1981 to 1986. Terry plans to attend classes in Mathematics at either Wayne State University or Michigan State University later this year.

Terry was a care giver for her maternal grandmother and for an aunt during their illnesses. She is currently caring for her Mom, a retired Registered Nurse and Army Cadet Nurse, and for her eldest sibling, Benigno, who suffered a stroke.

Terry worked at the downtown Dayton Hudson's store as a salesperson in various departments from 1980 to 1988. During the years 1989-1995, she was employed at the old Dickson's Bookstores, managing the discount warehouse. She worked at various bookstores from 1996 to 1998.

While working at a bookstore, Terry met Tony Lienert. One evening, while Terry was participating in a PRH class, Tony appeared at the class, which was being held at the Home Visitors of Mary Convent. Tony invited Terry to go with him to the basement chapel. Tony read a poem by Robert Browning to Terry and then asked her to marry him. Terry and Tony were married on August 12, 1995 at St. Mary, Queen of Creation Catholic Church in New Baltimore.

Terry learned about the Secular Franciscans from Ben and Dorothy Stapel, who were customers at Dickinson's. Terry was estranged from the Catholic Church at the time, but Ben and Dorothy's love and understanding lured her back. The late Connie and Ralph Hardwicke were the Formation Directors who guided her through the formation process. Terry was professed into the St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity in November 1995 at St. Bonaventure Monastery.

Terry has served the St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity in the following positions: leading Information Night with Joe and Faye Boland (1995-1996); Third Sunday Meeting Leader (2003-2004); Vice Minister (2009 to present); co-chair of the Hospitality Commission (2009-present); and chair of the Special Events Commission (2007-present). Terry also serves as a cantor, lector, music librarian and public relations contact of the SMR Cultural Concert Series at her parish, St. Mary's of Redford.

Terry is a clarinetist and has performed with several small music societies. In 2009, Terry was a soloist with the Redford Symphony, along with Patrick Macoska and Raymond Schmidt. She is a poet and is currently writing a novel. Terry loves to cook, cycle, go to the movies at the Detroit Film Theater, swim and laugh. She has participated in AIDS walks for Simon House. Terry has a 25-pound Ragdoll cat, Smokey, Lord Morgan; and a Russian Blue cat, Grandduchess Natasha.

Regarding the Franciscan way of life, Terry said: "Franciscanism helps her to live out her Catholicism with purpose and integrity. It also reminds her to show compassion and mercy to all, especially those who are difficult, because we are all children of God." *We love you, Terry!*

## JUBILEE CELEBRATION 2011



(l-r) *Top row:* Norbert Chmielarczyk, Loretta Chmielarczyk, Maryann Kummer, Daniel Marotta, Mary Ann Kristensen, Charlotte Heymes, Diane Raymond, Joe Boland. *Bottom row:* Br. Pat McSherry, Sylvia Stanik, Lorraine Korte, Mary Morawa, Mary Gillen, Jo Marie Nardi.



Charlotte Heymes and Maryann Kummer congratulate each other as Bev Sapien looks on.



The monstrance used for Benediction was given as a gift to the Capuchin Monastery by St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity (as was the statue of St. Francis in the background).



Br. Pat escorts Sylvia Stanik to the group of fellow Jubilarians.



Jo Marie Nardi with her Jubilarian Certificate next to the statue of Ven. Fr. Solanus Casey.

## Palm Sunday Reflections for our Jubilee Celebration

by Br. Pat McSherry, OFM Cap

During Holy Week, our focus naturally drifts to the Cross. There is no right or wrong answer, but I'd like to ask each one of you personally: "When you look upon the cross, what do you see?"

I ask that question of myself and of you because, for the first 26 or 27 years of his life, Francis saw many crucifixes, including the one of San Damiano. I don't know what he saw, but apparently it never did anything for him.

But when he was about 27 years old, Francis was looking at a cross. And in that moment, the mystery of the Cross came alive in him. It spoke to him. It compelled him to do something. That moment is the most identifiable point in time in which we can pinpoint his conversion. He saw the cross and he rebuilt a church ... three churches, in fact. And soon after, he saw a leper, and in the leper he saw Christ. He got down, hugged the leper and bathed his wounds.

So when you gaze upon the cross, what is it that you see? What do you hear? Or are you still gazing upon a lifeless artifact?

Do you see someone who was badly misunderstood? You know, there are many people who feel misunderstood right here among us. When you gaze upon the cross do you feel compelled to reach out to them?

When you gaze upon the cross, do you see someone who was left with nothing and abandoned by most of his friends? A failure? A reject? We run into people who feel worthless, alone, without caring family and friends right here. You can find them 24/7 here in our chapel and in the Solanus Center and in our Soup Kitchens. When you gaze upon the cross do you feel moved to support them, to befriend them?

When you gaze upon the cross, do you see a moving piece of art? That's not a bad thing. But when you gaze upon a beautifully sculpted cross, do you ever sense that your own work, your own family, your own life is a piece of art that is meant to draw others to Christ?

When you gaze upon the cross, do you see an innocent person suffering pain? The suffering of the innocent fills our news media daily. When you gaze upon the cross, does it make you want to do something more than just complain about how many innocent people suffer needlessly? Does it move you enough to lift a finger to help ease their pain, or to help alleviate pain and suffering?

When Francis gazed upon the cross, he saw how much God loved him personally. He saw to what extent Christ went to show how much he [Francis] was loved. And rather than withdraw from the secular world, he went back into it – to do something – out of love for the One who had loved him so much.

We will know that we have experienced true conversion – which is what we all are called to – not by how much we gaze upon the cross, not by how many crosses we touch or kiss, not by how many crosses we wear, including the Tau – but by how it speaks to us, how much it comes alive for us, by how much it compels us to do something.

Ubertino of Casale relates that Francis uttered the following prayer that welled up from the depths of his soul while gazing upon the cross: Lord, may I die for love of your love, you who were so good as to die for love of my love.

## 2011 Calendar: May thru December (revised)

- May 13 ..... 10:30 am - 1 pm ..... Meldrum Kitchen Ministry**
- May 14 ..... 1:30 p.m. .... Leadership team meeting**
- May 29 ..... 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 at Belle Isle – 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

**Our May Gathering will be on May 29<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day weekend).**

**Initial Formation at noon. Everyone at 1:30 pm.**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Pss. Proper	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> EASTER III Pss. Wk. 3  MOTHER'S DAY	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> MELDRUM KITCHEN 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM  7:30 pm: Solanus Cell at Joe Boland's	<b>14</b> Council Meeting at 1:30 PM
<b>15</b> EASTER IV Pss. Wk. 4	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> EASTER V Pss. Wk. 1	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Bl. Luchesio: 7:30 PM	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> EASTER VI Pss. Wk. 2 FRATERNITY GATHERING Formation: 12 noon All: 1:30pm	<b>30</b> MEMORIAL DAY	<b>31</b>				

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### APPOINTMENTS

#### Infirmarians:

Jo Marie Nardi

Sylvia Stanik

#### Continuing Formation Commission:

Chuck & Bev Sapien (chairs)

#### Christian Service Commission:

(call for information)

#### 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 Sapien

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

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

(call for information)

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