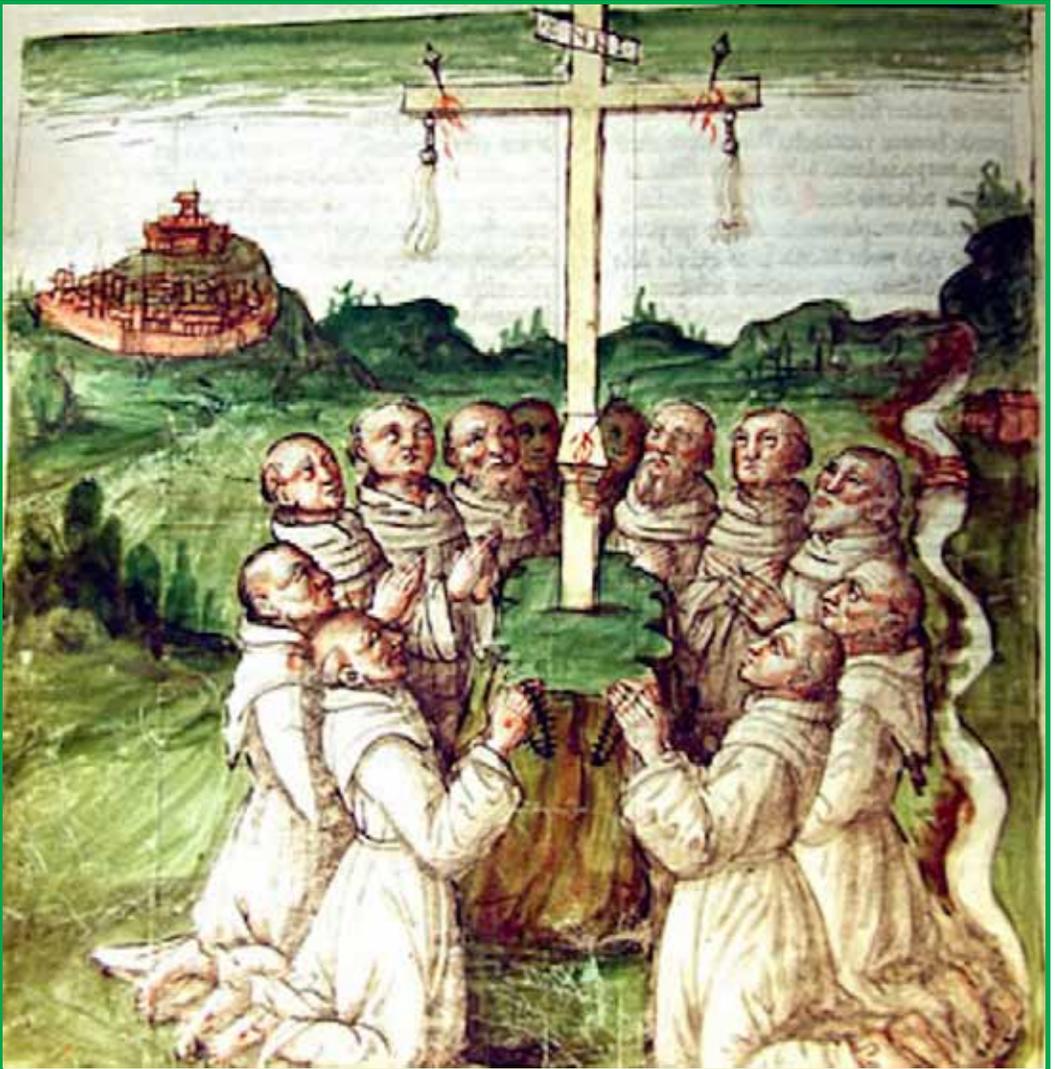


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Rivo Torto was the first communal “residence” of Francis and his companions. In Italian, Rivo Torto means “crooked stream”. After Pope Innocent’s initial approval of Franciscan life in 1209, Francis and his brothers found a small old shed or barn near the stream where they settled for a period of time. No one lived there. Its sad, unassuming state fit the group’s need to live poor, humble lives.

When a local farmer returned to the shed with his donkey, Francis and his first eleven companions – with permission from the Benedictines – relocated to the Porziuncola. They had already been attending mass at the Porziuncola for some time.

The picture (above) and an interesting audio commentary by Robert Bela Wilhelm can be found at:

<http://www.storyfest.net>
(see Day 8 morning)

Visit our website: <http://www.sfostbonaventure-detroit.org>

MINISTER'S LETTER

My dear brothers and sisters,

May God's peace and joy be with you!

PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO ATTEND

The Transitus of St. Francis on Monday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. and a **Mass in honor of St. Francis** on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Please extend an invitation to your family and friends to join us for both of these services.

A **Mass in honor of All Deceased Franciscans (members, relatives and benefactors)** on Saturday, October 22 at 10:00 a.m. in the friars' choir with a reception immediately following the Mass. Article 53, #4 of the SFO Constitutions states: "The fraternity remembers with gratitude its brothers and sisters who have passed away and continues its communion with them by prayer and in the Eucharist." It is good for us to gather together to remember with love and gratitude our brothers and sisters who have been our companions on the journey through the years.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

At the Leadership Council meeting held on August 20, the Council took the following actions:

- Based on the positive feedback received from those who attended the fraternity picnic on Belle Isle in July, we approved holding our fraternity picnic on Belle Isle next year (all things being equal).
- We decided that we will have a special birthday cake at our fraternity gatherings to honor those members who are celebrating during that month.

Pat Meldrum, Brother Pat, and I have been working on updating our **Member Directory**. The directory should be available for distribution at our October fraternity gathering.

REFLECTION

"You are the light of the world. Don't hide your light! Let it shine for all; let your good deeds glow for all to see, so that they will praise your heavenly Father" (Mt 5:15-16).

As I reflected on this Scripture passage and upon the life of St. Francis, it seems to me that the times in which we live are very similar to the times of St. Francis. Like St. Francis, we live in a world filled with the darkness of war, violence, hatred, despair, selfishness, poverty, divisions among people, busyness, illness, immorality, materialism, etc. Yet, somehow in the midst of all this darkness, we, like St. Francis, are called to be beacons of light, joy, hope, peace and love in our world today. Because of the pressures and demands of everyday life and our own human weakness, it isn't always easy to be a bearer of light to others. Yet, as disciples of Christ and followers of St. Francis, we are called to be live as children of the light.

How do we live as children of the light? By staying connected to the True Light of the World, Jesus Christ, and allowing that relationship to transform us into becoming the light of Christ and to share his gifts of peace, hope, joy and love with our family, neighbors, coworkers and all those still living in darkness.

"If Christ as the light of the world enlightens us, then we must radiate; be people who radiate! This is how mission happens. It does not happen when we produce advertisements or bring mountains of paper to people, and finally not even through the media. The medium of God's radiation is we ourselves.... Through our plain and simple existence, way of life, work, our going through the world, we can be a question mark, an exclamation mark, a lighthouse for all people who travel at night over the sea of life" (Walbert Buhlmann OFM Cap, Address to European Capuchins, May 5, 2005, in *Family Connections*).

Be a person who radiates the light of Christ to others. Will you share the gift of Christ's light with one other person this week?

Remember to pray daily for vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order. Take some time to enjoy the beauty of this Fall season!

Your sister in Ss. Francis and Clare,
maryann

TRY THIS ON FOR SIZE



A one-size-fits-all chocolate brown hat is available for purchase for \$22.00. The front of the hat bears the Tau Cross – symbol of the SFO and sign of Francis' love of the mystery of the Cross. On the side of the hat are two feet which represent our faith in the providence of God to carry us through



life's difficulties when we can't walk alone. The hats are made with frayed edges to represent Francis' love of Lady Poverty and our call to live simply in this world. Hats can be ordered from **Frank Kraimer**.

From the Friars' Choir



A Cherokee Legend

An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life. "A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy. "It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is Evil - he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego." He continued, "The other is Good - he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith. The same fight is going on inside you - and inside every other person, too." The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?" The old Cherokee simply replied, "Whichever one you feed."



- 1 Charles Kelley
- 4 Debra McCann
- 8 Eileen Smith
- 11 Stephen Yuhase
- Eugene Snyders
- 15 Ralph Barnowsky
- Judith Vickerman
- 18 Frank Liccardello
- 19 Joseph Marra
- 20 Tom Ricard
- Joanne Schumacher
- 22 Janet Bodell
- 24 Anna May Jezak
- 27 Diane Raymond
- 29 Ralph Marson
- 30 Therese Joseph

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Members needing prayers:

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| Wilhelmina Adkins | Rose Longo |
| Peter Aluzzo | Ilene Manning |
| Kay Balas | Joseph Marra |
| Gertrude Beattie | Sophie Martin |
| Mary Lou Catino | Maria McNally |
| Rocco Cesaro | Mabel Michaels |
| Jim Flickinger | Barbara Pardington |
| Mary Gillen | Eleanor Pulido |
| Natalie Grabowski & Family | Rosie Patin |
| James Heymes | Bob Peckham |
| Caroline Hojna | Terry Pfaendtner |
| Anna May Jezak | Joseph Pierce |
| Donna Marie Johnston | Eleanore Pulido |
| Beverly & Louis Joseph | Mary Saber |
| Mary Klein | Francis Scallion |
| Lorraine Korte | Gene Snyders |
| Jerry & Helen Koslowski | Alice Vier |
| Mary LaBudie | Helen Wardowski |
| Les and Josie Lafata | Joseph Wisk |
| Frank & Rosalie Liccardello | Steve & Ronnie Yuhase |
| Tony Lienert | |

Relatives needing prayers:

- Theresa Brannigan, daughter-in-law of Marguerite
 Shannon Ertzbischoff, niece of Julia
 Ted and Judy Hojna
 William Pierce Hunter, great-grandson of Mary Hebert
 Anita & Denise Joseph, daughters of Beverly & Louis
 Esther Mae Kelly, wife of Charles
 Fred LaChance, brother of Donna Marie Johnston
 Albert P. Long, Sr., husband of Patricia
 Albert P. Long, Jr., son of Patricia
 Jerome & Tristan Manning, grandsons of Ilene
 Rosemary Marson, sister of Ralph
 Steven Matusin
 Janet Nassen
 Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas
 Teresa Poole, mother of Mary

Family of Joanne Schumacher
 Victoria Snigier, mother of Sylvia
 Chester Wisk, brother of Joe

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

Please join us for our Annual Mass for All Franciscan Deceased (members, relatives and benefactors) in the friars' choir at 10 AM on Saturday, October 22, 2011. Social following. Relatives & friends of the deceased are most welcome.



JaLise
4 years old

When JaLise was taken to the emergency room, tests revealed that the little girl suffered from a type of brain tumor called medulloblastoma.

She underwent surgery to remove the tumor, but she would still need treatment.

At St. Jude, doctors discovered that JaLise's cancer had spread to her spine. Her treatment included six weeks of radiation and four rounds of chemotherapy. "From the moment we walked through the door, I was amazed," said her mom. "JaLise's doctors and nurses are so caring."

JaLise's mom also appreciates that St. Jude never sends families a bill. "When you find out that treatment not covered by insurance is taken care of, it's a weight off of you," she said. "You don't have to worry about how you'll pay this or pay that. It's a blessing. You can focus on your child."

JaLise recently finished treatment. She visits for regular checkups and her latest sets of scans were clear. She's a quiet little girl who loves princesses, music and dancing.



Celebrating Melissa Lindow



Melissa Lindow was born on June 11, 1957. Because of family problems, her biological parents decided to give her up for adoption. Dr. Jasper and Mrs. Josephine (nee: Tranchida) Ticconi could not have children of their own so they adopted Melissa as a newborn.

Melissa's parents grew up in Italy. Her mother came to the U.S. when she was a young child and her dad when he was teenager. Dr. Ticconi was a chiropractor who had a large practice on Morang near Kelly in Detroit. Melissa's Mom wanted a brother for her so, 13 months after adopting Melissa, they adopted David. Her mother taught Melissa how to pray the Rosary. The family lived in St. Clair Shores. Melissa attended St. Joan of Arc Grade School and South

Lake High School.

Melissa was married for 10 years, then divorced. She has two children, Stacy and Eric. Stacy is now married to Tim; they have three daughters – Hannah (12), Alyssa (10) and Ava (3 months old). They live in Spring Lake, which is on the west side of the state. Eric is married to Gabriel and lives in Roseville.

Melissa attended Macomb Community College and Oakland University and graduated with degrees in nursing. Melissa works at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital on Unit 34, a Medical-Telemetry unit which specializes in congestive heart failure. Even though her job is challenging, she enjoys all the people she works with at the hospital.

Melissa is a member of the Family Readiness Team with the U.S. Army Reserve. Many of the soldiers in her team returned home from Iraq and Germany this past year. One weekend a month the team participates in a drill in Southfield. They also work at the Veterans Hospital on John R and Canfield in Detroit. Melissa has traveled throughout the United States with the Army. She spent two weeks on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota and went on a buffalo hunt. Melissa has flown on a helicopter and a C-130 cargo jet.

Melissa learned about the Secular Franciscans through **Maxine Piaseczny**. Maxine and Melissa met at St. Bonaventure's one morning after Mass and they became close friends. In fact, Maxine often referred to Melissa as her "sister". Maxine invited Melissa to attend our Secular Franciscan gatherings with her. Melissa enjoyed the fraternity gathering very much and decided to become a member. Melissa was professed in 2004 at the Capuchin Retreat Center. When her car broke down, she was able to get a ride to our fraternity gatherings from **Joe Doeren** and **Lawrence Lee**. Melissa transferred to our fraternity in 2006.

Melissa was close friends with Joe Doeren and Maxine Piaseczny. She was always impressed by Joe's concern for people needing baptism and his fondness for Fr. Solanus Casey and for all of the Capuchin friars. She also admired Maxine for her concern for the underprivileged. Maxine and Joe often visited her home and they enjoyed singing songs and spending time together.

Melissa is a parishioner of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Detroit. She occasionally participates in Parish Nurse activities through the St. John Health System. Melissa is a student at Sacred Heart Major Seminary and will graduate with a degree in Pastoral Ministry in December.

Melissa attends Mass during the week at the Carmelite Monastery in Clinton Township, which is near her home in Sterling Heights. She recently redecorated the porch of her home and is in the process of remodeling her kitchen. She has two poodles, Bridget and Josie, a Persian cat named Sadie, and 11 fish. Melissa enjoys swimming, bike riding, and playing the piano.

We love you, Melissa!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 27 WEEK ORD. TIME Pss. Wk. III	3 TRANSITUS 7 PM	4 MASS OF ST. FRANCIS 7 PM	5	6	7	8
9 28 WEEK ORD. TIME Pss. Wk. IV	10	11	12	13	14 MELDRUM KITCHEN 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	15 Fraternity Council 1:30
16 29 WEEK ORD. TIME Pss. Wk. I FRATERNITY GATHERING Formation: Noon Everyone: 1:30 PM	17	18	19	20	21	22 Mass for All Franciscan Deceased 10 AM Friars' Choir
23 30 WEEK ORD. TIME Pss. Wk. II	24	25	26	27	28 Bl. Luchesio: 7:30 PM	29
30 31 WK Pss. Wk. III	31					

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Chuck & Bev Sopian (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 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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