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A Franciscan Story of Conversion: The Wolf of Gubbio
— *It's not just the wolf who changes his ways.* —

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MINISTER'S LETTER

My dear brothers and sisters,

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

At the Leadership Council meeting on February 18, the Council approved the Fraternity budget for 2012. The Council expressed its to **Gene Snyders** for all of his time and hard work in preparing the budget. Thank you, Gene!

What a Spirit-filled fraternity gathering we had on February 19! **Beverly Sapien** gave an extraordinary presentation on the Image of God in Franciscan theology and spirituality, **Br. Pat** shared some inspiring thoughts on the topic, and then a number of our members shared their reflections on the topic. Thanks Bev, Br. Pat, and to everyone who shared their thoughts at the fraternity gathering.

Please plan to attend our Day of Reflection on Sunday, March 18 at 11:00 a.m. Sr. Elena, a Bernardine Franciscan Sister, will give a presentation on Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation within Catholic Social Teaching. Remember to **bring a brown bag lunch**. There will *not* be a Mass on our Day of Reflection.

As you read through this issue of the Poverello, you will learn of the many exciting events planned for our fraternity gatherings in the upcoming months. Please note these events on your calendar and plan to participate in all of them. Your presence at our fraternity gatherings is vital to the life of our fraternity. If you have not attended a fraternity gathering in a while, I invite you to come back to be a part of our sharing and celebrations. If you have questions about any of the events, please feel free to contact me.

Reflection

“Even now, says the Lord, come back to me with all of your heart” (Joel 2:12).

Lent is a season of being invited by God in a deeply personal way to return to him with all of our heart. God has extended the invitation to us and is awaiting our response. All of us desire a deeper relationship with God, but are we willing to commit some of our precious time to be still and listen to him, to allow him to guide us and transform us into a new creation, or to read and reflect on his Word in order to know him better. All of us are very busy with the day-to-day necessities of life and pursuing other worthwhile activities. Yet, the invitation has been extended to us, how will we respond.

**“But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing
so that your almsgiving may be secret.**

**But when you pray,
go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your heavenly Father in secret” (Mt 6:3-4, 6).**

“Repent, and believe in the Gospel” (Mk 1:15).

“This is my beloved Son. Listen to him” (Mk 9:7).

Lent is a time to embark upon an inner journey, about “going to our inner room”, to listen and reconnect more deeply with the God who loves us more than we can ever imagine. The season of Lent calls us to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Many of us choose to “give up something” for Lent and/or to give more of our time to serve those in need. Doing these things is always important, but **why** we do them is even more important. Our spiritual growth results less from external actions and more from internal changes we experience while doing these actions. Lent is a time for a conversion of our heart, our inner person.

A conversion of our heart is not easy. It is difficult to change long held behaviors, attitudes and beliefs. With all of the demands on our time, it is challenging to make a daily commitment to prayer and fasting. It is very difficult to change our behavior towards someone who has hurt us, to be kind to an unpleasant coworker, or towards a family member whose behavior irritates us. It is hard to acknowledge the changes that need to be made in our life and even more difficult to take the necessary action needed to change that behavior. The conversion of our heart (our inner

being) is a continual, life-long process of transformation, of becoming a new creation in Christ, of becoming our true authentic self.

The challenge of conversion is not easy. Conversion is a turning away (letting go) from sin and a turning toward God. When we turn toward God, to listen to him, and to seek his guidance, we realize that we are not alone on our journey. God is with us on the journey. When we take time to read and reflect upon the Gospel, we are reminded of God's covenant love for us and that God's grace and strength are sufficient to make the necessary changes in our lives. During this Lenten season, let us open our hearts to receive God's grace and allow his grace to transform our hearts into a new creation in him.

During our Lenten journey, let us lift each other up in prayer that our hearts will be open to the movement of God's grace in our lives.

Your sister in Ss. Francis and Clare,
maryann

COME AND SEE...

On Sunday, **April 15**, the St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity is hosting a new class of orientees. The gathering begins at 12 Noon in the second floor conference room of the Solanus Casey Center. Orientees are invited to remain for the Jubilarian Mass and social, if they wish.

We are looking for practicing, dedicated Catholics. Invite them, and let them decide if they want to pursue the Gospel way of life for themselves. Please consider inviting even just one person to come and see what we are about.

St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan 2012 Towel Campaign

Our SFO Fraternity and the young women of the **St. Clare Society of Regina High School** are joining together to answer a need in our community and to spread the Franciscan charism. We are asking you to donate new white bath- and hand- towels and washclothes which will be distributed to various agencies in metro Detroit after April 15.

Please bring the towels to either of our fraternity gatherings on March 18 or April 15. If you need to drop off the towels at a different time, please contact **Frank Kraimer** at 248-408-3651.

125 Years of Gospel Living: and the Journey Continues

On Sunday, May 20, we will gather to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity. The Fraternity was founded on May 29, 1887. You are invited to attend this joyous occasion. The day will begin at 12:30 pm with registration, and will include Mass at 1:00 p.m., a program, and a catered buffet dinner. Because we need to give the caterer an *exact* count of people for dinner, **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**. An exact count is required beforehand to determine the cost of the affair and the amount of food to supply. **Please RSVP no later than Friday, May 11 to the SFO Office – 313-579-2100, ext. 136, or e-mail your response to SFODetroit@gmail.com.** When you call or e-mail your reservation, please leave your name and phone number. If you would like to attend the celebration and need a ride, please let us know and we will try to arrange for one of our members to pick you up and bring you to the Monastery. More details will be provided in the next issue of the *Poverello*.



Our Deceased:

Theresa (Terry) Pfaendtner († Feb. 22, 2012)
 Marcella “Sally” Campbell († Jan. 22, 2012),
 sister of Mary Nona Hebert
 Vito Giacalone († Feb. 19, 2012)

Members needing prayers:

Wilhelmina Adkins	Les and Josie Lafata
Peter Aluzzo	Frank & Rosalie Liccardello
Dan Atkinson	Tony Lienert
Kay Balas	Rose Longo
Gertrude Beattie	Joseph Marra
Mary Lou Catino	Sophie Martin
Rocco Cesaro	Mabel Michaels
Mary Gillen	Clara O’Keefe
Natalie Grabowski & Family	Barbara Pardington
James Heymes	Bob Peckham
Caroline Hojna	Joseph Pierce
Anna May Jezak	Mary Saber
Donna Marie Johnston	Francis Scallion
Beverly & Louis Joseph	Ruby Thompson
Mary Klein	Alice Vier
Lorraine Korte	Helen Wardowski
Mary LaBudie	Joseph Wisk
	Steve Yuhase

Relatives needing prayers:

Theresa Brannigan, daughter-in-law of Marguerite
 Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forys
 Ted and Judy Hojna
 Denise Joseph, daughter of Beverly & Louis
 Esther Mae Kelley, wife of Charles
 Fred LaChance, brother of Donna Marie Johnston
 Albert P. Long, Sr., husband of Patricia
 Albert P. Long, Jr., son of Patricia
 Rosemary Marson, sister of Ralph
 Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas
 Teresa Poole, mother of Mary
 Joseph Ricard, brother of Tom

Victoria Snigier, mother of Sylvia
 Chester Wisk, brother of Joe

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

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

Jo Marie Nardi at 586-978-2335

Donovan

5 years old



Donovan was born with sickle cell disease, an inherited blood disorder that can be life-threatening. He was referred to St. Jude’s which has one of the largest and most active sickle cell disease programs in the nation.

At St. Jude, treatment included penicillin twice a day to combat infection and regular checkups. “The hardest part in all of all of this,” says his mother, “has been the times Donovan has had pain. Sickle cell disease can be incredibly painful and St. Jude helps keep the pain at bay.” Donovan’s family is very thankful to the hospital staff and to those who support St. Jude’s. His mother said: “Thank you and God bless your good heart for reaching out to give children like Donovan hope for a future free from pain.”

Donovan recently celebrated his fifth birthday, which included a milestone in his treatment. He no longer needs to take penicillin twice daily, and he now visits St. Jude just twice a year. Donovan is a bright, sociable boy who likes to put together puzzles, read and write.

Please note: the SFO Soup Kitchen volunteers will not be needed in March. Regular schedule resumes in April.



Celebrating Ruby Thompson



Ruby Thompson was born to Vernon and Lydia Poss on April 14, 1937 in New Rochelle, New York. Her Dad was stationed on an Army post in New York at the time. In 1939, Ruby's father was hired for a position at the John F. Ivory Company in downtown Detroit and the family moved to Taylor, Michigan. Ruby's Mom worked as a riveter at the Willow Run plant during World War II.

Ruby graduated from Our Lady of Mount Carmel High School in Wyandotte in 1955. She attended the Detroit Business Institute in downtown Detroit from 1955-56 and graduated with a stenographic diploma. Ruby also took classes at Wayne County Community College in Taylor for one year. She worked in the Vehicle Remarketing Department at Ford Motor Company for 27 years, and retired from Ford Motor Company in 1998.

On September 28, 1957, Ruby married Rolland Thompson, Sr. at St. Alfred Catholic Church in Taylor. Ruby and Rolland were married for 36 years and were blessed with three sons – Rolland, Jr. (who lives in Taylor), Robert (who lives in North Carolina), and Roger (who lives in Waterford). Rolland, Sr. died in 1993. Ruby has two grandchildren, Bradley and Shelby.

When I asked Ruby how she learned about the Secular Franciscans, she shared with me that her grandmother, who died in 1954, was buried wearing a brown Franciscan burial shroud. Ruby's uncle is a Franciscan priest. Ruby does not remember exactly how she found out about the Secular Franciscans. She recalls calling the Solanus Casey Center and learning that an orientation class would be held in September. She also recalls going to the Center to pick up a brochure about the Secular Franciscans, but she is uncertain as to what event sparked her interest. Ruby enjoys being a member of our fraternity because everyone is very welcoming, supportive of each other, and there for the same purpose – to grow in their faith. Ruby is a member of the 125th anniversary planning team.

Ruby is a parishioner of St. Alfred Catholic Church in Taylor. She served as a Eucharistic Minister and is a member of the Christian Women's Society at her parish. Ruby's hobbies include crocheting, photography, knitting hats for Karmanos, and gardening. During her 17 years as a member of the Nomads Traveling Club (the group disbanded last year), Ruby enjoyed traveling throughout the United States, including Hawaii and Alaska, Europe, Fiji, Japan, Iceland and Australia. We love you, Ruby!



From the Friars' Choir



**Watch your thoughts – they become words.
Watch your words – they become actions.
Watch your actions – they become habits.
Watch your habits – they become character.
Watch your character – it becomes your destiny.**

- 6 Ilene Manning**
- 7 Patricia Cardello**
- 11 Laura Sapian**
- 27 ... Maryann Kummer**
- 31 Charlotte Heymes**

The image of God in Franciscan Theology and Spirituality

by Bev Sapien, SFO

We, Franciscans, have a wonderful opportunity in the 21st century. Our Franciscan way of life brings us closer to Jesus. Jesus reveals the Father to us and brings us into a relationship with Abba — Father God. The Holy Spirit gives the power to proclaim the Gospel to the whole world, especially by our lives, but also by our words. St. Francis and St. Clare show us how it can be done. Their imitation of Christ shows us how we can be united with Jesus. Franciscan spirituality is **Trinitarian**. We imitate Jesus who shows us the way to the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit. We, Franciscans, have a relationship with one God in three divine persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Franciscans try to understand and live the Franciscan spirit. That Franciscan spirit is found through prayer, through study of our Franciscan way of life, reading and reflecting on the Scriptures, through dialogue with other Franciscans, through social concerns and through our life experiences. We never stop learning.

On TV and radio, in newspapers and on the internet, we hear people telling us about God. Some say: The end is near! They preach about God's punishment — that God waits to punish us sinners. Some TV evangelists preach a God who rewards good people with money and wealth. That leaves the poor to wonder what God does for them — and even about their goodness or worth — lack of it. Trying to pick our way through these ideas about God and images of God is not easy. Some of these images do not fit what Jesus says about his Father. Some of these ideas have little basis in Scripture. Some offer good feelings without any solid basis. Sometimes the motivating basis is fear instead of love.

Carl McColman offers an interesting reflection:

To choose the wrathful and angry God is to choose a world where obedience and placating are the supreme virtues, where the job of human beings is to be docile and submissive. Unfortunately, such a choice not only is psychologically crippling to individuals, but it also creates the kind of world where the abuse of power can take place, whether the abuser is a political leader, a money-hungry pastor, or a controlling parent. I find it hard to believe that a good God would want to relate to us in such a life-diminishing way.

As we Franciscans reflect on these issues we need to explore our personal perception regarding who God is for us. Franciscans develop a Franciscan approach to the world and its people. Our Franciscan approach to God is through a personal relationship with the Trinity. As a result of this personal relationship we share our gifts with one another. The reason for our sharing is love. We do not have a servile fear of God. Fear of the Lord means that we love God so much that we do not want to do anything to offend him and hurt our relationship with him.

The Franciscan theological view begins with a God whose name is love. Franciscans see life and people from a God-is-love perspective. We relate to a God who loves all of us. God does not love our weakness or our sins. **But God always loves us!** The power of love can transform lives. St. Francis experienced God's unimaginable love at the cross of San Damiano and his life was changed. God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Today, God's love is still transforming lives. Our vocation to the Secular Franciscan Order is a gift, and we are constantly being transformed by God's love. It is our ongoing conversion. Scripture tells us that in Christ we are a new creation [2 Cor 5:17]. For example, there is a group in Detroit called Eve's Angels which reaches out to women in the adult entertainment industry. It is headed by Amy Donewald, a former exotic dancer and prostitute. While leading a prayer vigil at a church in Detroit on West Warren she said, "We pray right now, God, for every club in Detroit. God, we pray to the women in there to see you... because when *I* saw you, everything changed." Amy's life was transformed by God's love. Now she reaches out to other women—all because she experienced God's healing love and her life was transformed. When I asked a priest how I could help my son return to the Church, because even though he was raised in a Catholic home, he has stopped attending Sunday Mass, the priest answered, "Whatever you do, don't preach to him. Show him God's love." It is God's love that transforms lives.

Dennis is another example of God's transforming love. Dennis and his mother attended Mass at Domino Farms. During the Mass, Dennis' mother handed him a tissue because she thought he had a cold. The priest said, "God is calling 10 young men in this church to the priesthood." After Mass ended, Dennis said, "Mom, I knew the priest was

going to say that. I am one of those 10 young men.” Dennis didn’t have a cold. He was crying during Mass because he experienced God’s love in a powerful way. It was God’s love that called him to be a disciple, just like St. Francis who had a life-changing experience of God’s love for him at San Damiano. God’s love transforms lives today just like it did thousands of years ago when Jesus became incarnate.

Many of us have quite a different view of God. God was talked about at church or school, but God didn’t always influence our daily lives. Or we may have feared a domineering God. The motivation of fear kept us in line. This is not a healthy fear of God. Healthy fear of the Lord comes from love. We do not want to wander away from a God who loves us so much. This is different from a fear of a harsh God.

Franciscan theology gives us a way to understand God’s love in achieving our salvation. Franciscan theology teaches that God’s plan is based solely on love and the Incarnation was always God’s plan to share himself with us. Jesus coming among us was not dependant upon Adam’s sin. There is a Dominican or Thomistic school of theology and a Franciscan or school of theology. Both are fully accepted by the Catholic Church. The primary theology adopted by the Church is the work of the Dominican school and the alternate theology in the Church is the work of the Franciscan school, specifically Bl. John Duns Scotus and St. Bonaventure. In a certain sense, we can say that St. Dominic is the head and St. Francis is the heart. The Dominican theology teaches that Jesus became incarnate because of Adam’s sin. The Franciscan theology sates that God is absolute love and that Jesus would have come even if Adam and Eve hadn’t sinned, because God loves us so much.

While Francis desired to imitate Jesus as far as humanly possible, Francis saw Jesus as the only true way to approach the Father. The Franciscan approach is to use all prayer to lead us to imitate Jesus for the purpose of entering and deepening our relationship with our Father, the source of unimaginable love. Like Francis, we reach out to the Father through and with the Son by means of the Holy Spirit.

Franciscan theology teaches that God’s love is self-giving or self-emptying (as St. Paul calls it: a kenosis - Philippians 2:6-11). A fountain that goes out and recirculates is an image of the Trinity’s love. It goes out and recirculates. It is a self-emptying love that goes out and recirculates over and over again.

“God offers everything he is to be in a loving relationship with us. We are, each one of us, the apple of God’s eye, the object of his love” (see the FUN Manual-St. Francis and His Approach to Divinity).

Now I want you to become comfortable, take a deep breath, and listen to a love letter from your heavenly Father who loves you with an everlasting love.

Father’s Love Letter

My Child,

You may not know me, but I know everything about you. **Psalm 139:1**

I know when you sit down and when you rise up. **Psalm 139:2**

I am familiar with all your ways. **Psalm 139:3**

Even the very hairs on your head are numbered. **Matthew 10:29-31**

For you were made in my image. **Genesis 1:27**

In me you live and move and have your being. **Acts 17:28**

For you are my offspring. **Acts 17:28**

I knew you even before you were conceived. **Jeremiah 1:4-5**

I chose you when I planned creation. **Ephesians 1:11-12**

You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book. **Psalm 139:15-16**

I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. **Acts 17:26**

You are fearfully and wonderfully made. **Psalm 139:14**

I knit you together in your mother’s womb. **Psalm 139:13**

And brought you forth on the day you were born. **Psalm 71:6**

I have been misrepresented by those who don’t know me. **John 8:41-44**

I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love. **1 John 4:16**

And it is my desire to lavish my love on you. **1 John 3:1**

Simply because you are my child and I am your Father. [1 John 3:1](#)
 I offer you more than your earthly father ever could. [Matthew 7:11](#)
 For I am the perfect father. [Matthew 5:48](#)
 Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand. [James 1:17](#)
 For I am your provider and I meet all your needs. [Matthew 6:31-33](#)
 My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. [Jeremiah 29:11](#)
 Because I love you with an everlasting love. [Jeremiah 31:3](#)
 My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore. [Psalm 139:17-18](#)
 And I rejoice over you with singing. [Zephaniah 3:17](#)
 I will never stop doing good to you. [Jeremiah 32:40](#)
 For you are my treasured possession. [Exodus 19:5](#)
 I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul. [Jeremiah 32:41](#)
 And I want to show you great and marvelous things. [Jeremiah 33:3](#)
 If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. [Deuteronomy 4:29](#)
 Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart. [Psalm 37:4](#)
 For it is I who gave you those desires. [Philippians 2:13](#)
 I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine. [Ephesians 3:20](#)
 For I am your greatest encourager. [2 Thessalonians 2:16-17](#)
 I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. [2 Corinthians 1:3-4](#)
 When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. [Psalm 34:18](#)
 As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart. [Isaiah 40:11](#)
 One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes. [Revelation 21:3-4](#)
 And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth. [Revelation 21:3-4](#)
 I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus. [John 17:23](#)
 For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed. [John 17:26](#)
 He is the exact representation of my being. [Hebrews 1:3](#)
 He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you. [Romans 8:31](#)
 And to tell you that I am not counting your sins. [2 Corinthians 5:18-19](#)
 Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled. [2 Corinthians 5:18-19](#)
 His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you. [1 John 4:10](#)
 I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love. [Romans 8:31-32](#)
 If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me. [1 John 2:23](#)
 And nothing will ever separate you from my love again. [Romans 8:38-39](#)
 Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen. [Luke 15:7](#)
 I have always been Father, and will always be Father. [Ephesians 3:14-15](#)
 My question is...Will you be my child? [John 1:12-13](#)
 I am waiting for you. [Luke 15:11-32](#)

Love, your Dad
 Almighty God

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Additional remarks by Br. Pat

To Bev's excellent reflection, I'd like to underline a few things that struck me.

Two notions of God – love and mercy – stand together, not only in Franciscan theology and spirituality, but also in the Hebrew Testament. *Hesed* refers to God's loving kindness or loving mercy – in other words, love expressed in action. Overwhelmed by God's loving mercy, St. Francis was compelled to show loving mercy to others – this is reflected in Francis' experiences before the San Damiano crucifix and his encounter with the leper.

I was taught by Dominicans, so I feel a little uneasy in delineating a clear “Dominican” approach and a “Franciscan” approach. Each person experiences different things that spark some spiritual intuition in him- or herself. For some individuals, the intellect is a powerful source and impetus for insight, understanding and action. This is especially true for intellectuals – both Dominican and Franciscan, including St. Bonaventure and Bl. John Duns Scotus! It may be true in whole or in part for ourselves – for example, reading a really good book might unlock a deeper understanding or appreciation of theology or spirituality. For others – again, both Dominican and Franciscan – the main key might not be the intellect, but the heart. The words of an especially moving poem or song or film might be the spark that moves them. It’s not a question of either-or, right or wrong, good or bad. And it’s not a question of Dominicans versus Franciscans. There is a very strong Franciscan intellectual tradition! It might be worth your while to ask yourself what drives your spirituality, what really moves you? What is more likely to set you on fire: an excellent book or an experience? Knowing how the Spirit tends to work in you is important for on-going conversion.

It is true that Franciscan theology and spirituality is Trinitarian, but it’s not so easy to describe what exactly that means. Fundamentally, when we say that our spirituality is Trinitarian, it means that we look to the Trinity as a model for our own relationships. In the Trinity there is interdependence (unity) without domination. The relationship is not power-based, but energy- and service-based. Take a look sometime at what St. Francis had to say about leadership roles in the Church and in the fraternity, and how we’re called to relate to each other.

Lastly, I would characterize St. Francis’ spirituality as “sacramental”, that is, everything reveals something about God. Francis related to creatures as his brothers and sisters and interpreted events and the signs of the times in light of his belief that God is the focal point of life, revealed in so many varied ways.

Litany of Humility

by Rafael Cardinal Merry del Val (1865-1930)

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, hear me.

From the desire of being esteemed:

℟. Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being loved:

From the desire of being extolled:

From the desire of being honored:

From the desire of being praised:

From the desire of being preferred to others:

From the desire of being consulted:

From the desire of being approved:

From the fear of being humiliated:

From the fear of being despised:

From the fear of suffering rebukes:

From the fear of being calumniated:

From the fear of being forgotten:

From the fear of being ridiculed:

From the fear of being wronged:

From the fear of being suspected:

That others may be loved more than I:

℟. Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be esteemed more than I:

That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I may decrease:

That others may be chosen and I set aside:

That others may be praised and I unnoticed:

That others may be preferred to me in everything:

That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should:

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 LENT II Pss. Wk. 2	5	6	7	8	9 NO MELDRUM KITCHEN Solanus Cell: 7:30 PM	10
11 LENT III Pss. Wk. 3	12	13	14	15	16	17  Fraternity Council 1:30
18 LENT IV Pss. Wk. 4 SFO DAY OF REFLECTION ALL: 11:00 AM	19	20	21	22	23 Bl. Luchesio: 7:30 PM	24
25 LENT V Pss. Wk. 1	26	27	28	29	30	31



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to the SFO Daily

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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 (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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