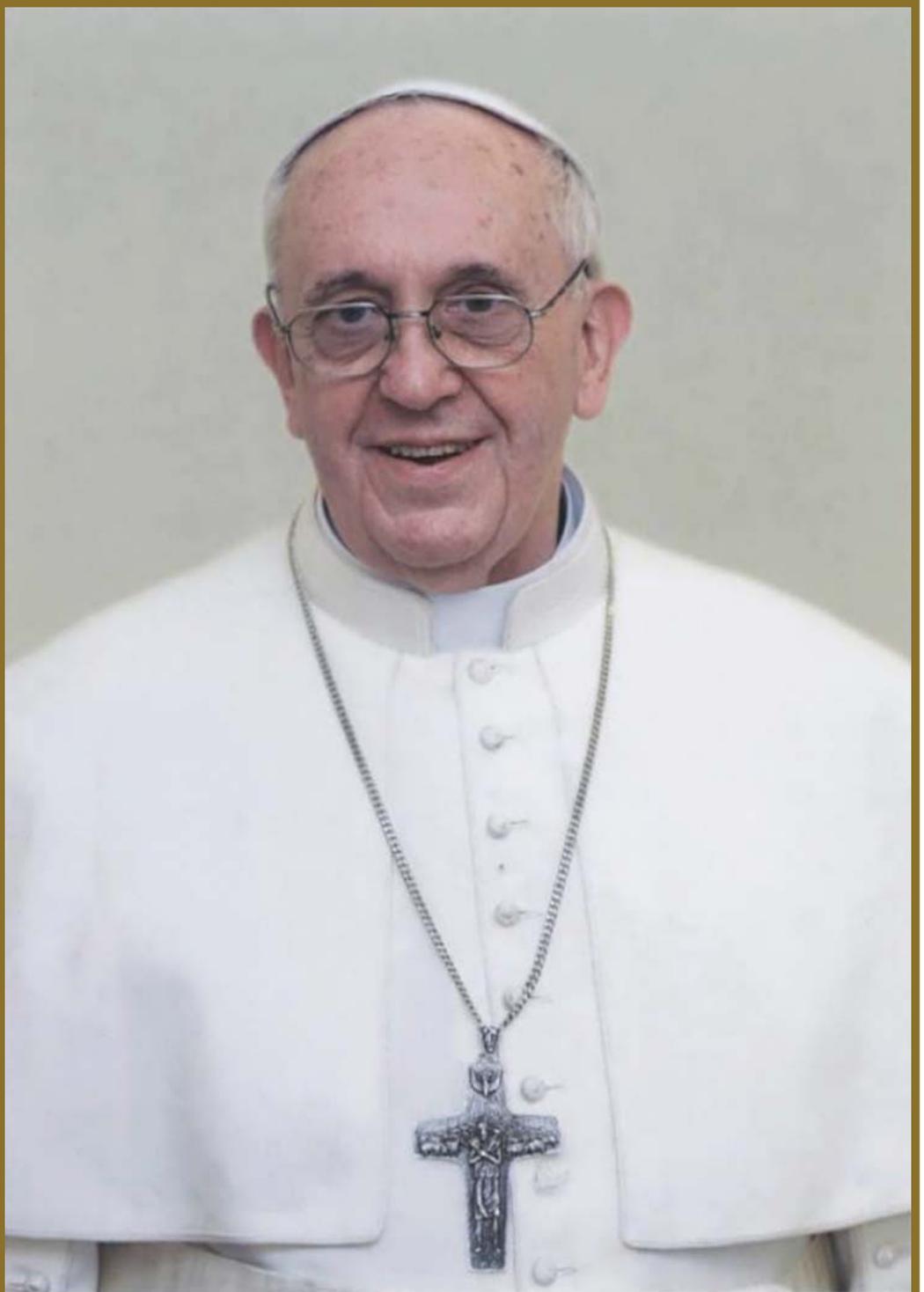


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MINISTER'S LETTER

My dear brothers and sisters,

Happy Easter! May the Lord grant you peace!

I want to express my thanks to **Bev Sopian** for arranging for Srs. Marie and Elena to be with us and share their reflections on “Gazing on Christ” during our Day of Reflection on March 17. I am grateful to **Mary Myler** and **Ron and Elizabeth Kessler** for decorating the dining room with items to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day and to everyone who brought a dish to pass.

At our fraternity gathering on **April 21**, we will honor our jubilarians who are celebrating the anniversary of their Profession at Mass at 1:30 p.m. in the main chapel.

Please Note on Your Calendar – At our June 9 fraternity gathering, the elected members of the Leadership Council will give an accounting of their service. Everyone is encouraged to attend this important fraternity gathering.

Reflection

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

– John 20:1-9

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come!”

– 2 Corinthians 5:17

As I read the Gospel story of the Resurrection, I imagined the women walking slowly in the dark towards the tomb with hearts heavy with sorrow over the death of their master and friend. As they journeyed to the tomb, they must have asked each other how they would remove the huge stone, which was stamped with the seal of the law, from the well-guarded tomb in order to anoint the body of Jesus. Can you imagine their amazement at seeing that the stone was already rolled away and that the body of their master was gone? The stone was rolled away!

The power of our heavenly Father’s love for his beloved Son and for us rolled back the stone to set us free to experience the joy of everlasting life. The empty tomb speaks to us of the awesome power and love of our God, who is able to conquer all things, even death, who is able to transform us into new creations, and who is able to calm all the storms we face on our life’s journey.

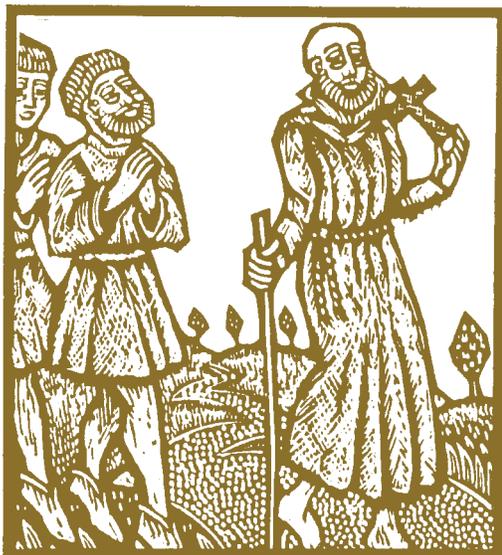
As we read the post-Resurrection stories of Jesus’ appearance to his disciples, we learn how the power of God’s gifts of peace, presence and love transformed ordinary people into new creations. Jesus gives the apostles the gift of his peace because he knows the sorrow, guilt and turmoil they carry in their hearts and wants them to know they are forgiven. Jesus’ gift of peace releases them from the bondage of their fear and guilt and transforms their sorrow into joy. Jesus gives his disciples the gift of his presence. Their sorrow over the death of their master and friend has been changed into joy as they once again experience his presence with them. Once the disciples have experienced the transformative love of the Risen Christ in their hearts, they are never the same. They have become new creations in Christ and feel strengthened and empowered to share that love and joy with others.

My brothers and sisters, now is the time of great rejoicing for our God has rolled away the stone and opened wide the door of abundant everlasting life for us. Now is the time for us to shed our old ways of being and open ourselves to receive God’s amazing grace and become new creations in Christ. Now is the time for us to let go of

whatever is holding us back (doubt, fear, past hurts, etc.) from truly experiencing the abundant life God has planned for us today. Now is the time for us to open wide our hearts to receive God's gift of peace and to experience anew his living presence with us. Now that we have experienced the power of God's grace, transformative love and forgiveness in our lives, now is the time for us to commit ourselves to sharing the gifts of love, hope, mercy and forgiveness to all those we meet.

At the beginning of the Lenten season, we marked our foreheads with ashes and committed ourselves to acts of penance and sacrifice. As we journey through this joyous Easter season, may I suggest that we commit ourselves to giving thanks to God for the gift of his Son and for his unfailing presence with and love for us, to noticing the beauty in all of creation, to performing random acts of kindness, to being more joyful and, as our Rule of Life says, to go forth into our world as "messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, to bring joy and hope to others." Now is the time for rejoicing and celebration for our Risen Lord has won the victory for us. Let us rejoice and be glad.

Your sister in Ss. Francis and Clare,
maryann



Come and See

On **Sunday, April 21**, 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 fraternity gathering and social, if they wish.

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



- 1..... Mary Myler
- 6 Margaret Aluzzo
- 8 Kay Balas
- 9 Elnora Allen
- 14 Ruby Thompson
- 17 Elizabeth Greenia
Patricia White
- 25 Rose Ossowski
- 30 Loretta Chmielarczyk
Dolores Samulski

From the Friars' Choir

**WE MEET
PEOPLE FOR
A REASON.
EITHER THEY'RE
A BLESSING OR
A LESSON.**



Members needing prayers:

Wilhelmina Adkins	Lorraine Korte
Dan & Jan Atkinson	Frank B. Kraimer
Kay Balas	Les and Josie Lafata
Claire Boutain	Frank & Rosalie Liccardello
Mary Lou Catino	Patricia Long
Rocco Cesaro	Rose Longo
Joe Driessen	Ilene Manning
Mary Gillen	Joseph Marra
Grabowski Family	Sophie Martin
Nona Mary Hebert	Mabel Michaels
James Heymes	Hugh Montpetit
Caroline Hojna	Barbara Pardington
Dora Sue Jay	Bob Peckham
Anna Marie Jezak	George Pelyak
Gary Johnson	Tom Ricard
Donna Marie Johnston	Mary Saber
Louis Joseph	Francis Scallion
Esther Kelley	Alice Vier
Mary Klein	Joseph Wisk

Relatives needing prayers:

Richard Boutain, son of Claire
 Theresa Brannigan, daughter-in-law of Marguerite
 Mary Ann Bridge, daughter of Connie Musial
 Melinda Ann Collins, daughter of Julia E.-Donahue
 Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forys
 Ted and Judy Hojna
 Bonnie Holler, niece of Jo Marie Nardi
 Denise Joseph, daughter of Louis
 Michael and Irene Kutchey,
 son and daughter-in-law of Julia E.-Donahue
 Fred LaChance, brother of Donna Marie Johnston
 Family of Patricia Long
 Family of Ilene Manning
 Rosemary Marson, sister of Ralph
 Barbara Musial, daughter of Connie

Joan Nagel, sister of Joe Driessen
 Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas
 Teresa Poole, mother of Mary
 Joseph Ricard, brother of Tom
 William Thomas, Jr, brother-in-law of Joe Driessen

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



ELI
1 year old

Eli came to St. Jude in 2012 at only 5 months old. He had a brain tumor. His mom recalled, "I was so scared he was going to die." Luckily,

Eli's dad knew about St. Jude's because his parents had donated for years. "Pineoblastoma is very rare," Eli's mom said. "St. Jude has the most experience with it, and that's really what brought us here." The family packed their car the next day and drove to St. Jude. By the time Eli got to St. Jude, the tumor had almost doubled in size. His St. Jude doctors went to work right away.

Eli's treatment included months of chemotherapy, surgery to remove the tumor and proton beam radiation therapy. "We were very afraid his personality would change after the surgery, and for a couple of days, he didn't laugh," said Eli's mom. "He didn't smile at anyone. So we were like, 'Oh no, is he gone?' And then his older brother, Jude, came in, and he lit up."

Eli is back home now and cancer free. Being well means Eli will have a future of happy playtime with his older brother. "Eli thinks Jude is the funniest thing to walk the planet," his mom said. "I really love seeing the bond they have as brothers, even before Eli is old enough to realize there is a bond. And it's been there from the very beginning."



Celebrating Joyce Brouillette



Joyce Brouillette was born on September 4, 1964 in Pontiac, Michigan. Joyce is the youngest of six children born to George (deceased) and Joyce Brouillette. Joyce's oldest sister, Sr. Denise, a contemplative Sister of the Good Shepherd, died of cancer in 2009. Joyce's other siblings are Jeanne, Bill, Edy and George.

Joyce graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree (double major) in Philosophy-Theology from St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake and a Master of Arts degree in Moral Theology from Ss. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake.

Joyce worked as an Assistant Director at N.O.V.A. working with people with disabilities until employed at Ladywood High School in 1997 as a theology teacher. Joyce is currently the Theology Department chair as well as the Mission Integration leader at Ladywood High School.

Joyce and Mark Haralson were married on Valentine's Day in 1992 at St. William Church in Walled Lake. They have been blessed with two children, Mark, a Creative Director working in the San Francisco Bay Area, and Monique, a Senior Events planner for Team Detroit.

Joyce is a parishoner of St. William Church in Walled Lake. She is currently going through Sacramental preparation with her grandson, Aden, who is preparing for First Holy Communion.

Joyce first felt drawn to the Franciscan way of life when, as Mission Integration leader, she began to attend formation courses with the Felician Sisters in Chicago. About the same time, one of the Sisters at Ladywood High School gave her a flyer to attend the Franciscan Series at the Capuchin Retreat in Washington. Joyce was hooked! At Cap Retreat there were flyers about the Secular Franciscan Order. She googled "Secular Franciscans" and here she is. Joyce was involved with Louis the King OFS Fraternity in White Lake for a year until she moved to Walled Lake. Last year she transferred to our Fraternity because it better fits her schedule. Joyce is a candidate and is looking forward to being professed in November 2014.

Joyce enjoys kayaking and riding bikes and motorcycles with her husband. She fills her days with family and, in the summer, loves to grow veggies...the organic, heirloom type!

We love you, Joyce!



Updating our Membership Directory

We are in the process of updating our Membership Directory. If you have any changes in your contact information, please e-mail your updated information before May 1 to our fraternity e-mail address: **OFSDetroit@gmail.com**, or leave a message on the OFS Office voice mail **313-579-2100, ext. 136**, or call Maryann Kummer. We plan to include a photo of each member in the directory. If we do not have a recent photo of you, please send the photo to us at: **St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity, ATTN: Maryann Kummer, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.**

We hope to distribute Updated Directories to those whose names are included in the Directory at our Chapter of Affairs on Sunday, June 9.

Secular Franciscan Shirts Available

If you would like to purchase a St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity shirt, please send an e-mail with your name and shirt size to **OFSDetroit@gmail.com** or leave a voice mail message at **313-579-2100, ext. 136 before Saturday, April 20.** The cost of the shirt is **\$20.00** for sizes Small, Medium, Large, and Extra Large. Shirt sizes – XXL and XXXL - are **\$25.00.** The shirts are true sizes and do not shrink.

Payment is due after the shirts come in. The shirts will be available for pick up at the May fraternity



March 17, 2013
"Gazing on the Face of Jesus"





Gospel Happenings
Capuchin Service Center
March 23, 2013



2013 JUBILARIANS

60 YEARS

Hugh Montpetit (July 5, 1953)
Joanne Marshall (November 1, 1953)

40 YEARS

Elnora Allen (November 11, 1973)
Rocco Cesaro (November 11, 1973)

30 YEARS

Mary Lou Catino (May 15, 1983)
Lorna Brock (May 18, 1983)

25 YEARS

Margaret Aluzzo (November 20, 1988)
Claire Boutain (November 20, 1988)
Josephine Lafata (November 20, 1988)
Barbara Pardington (November 20, 1988)

20 YEARS

Janet Bodell (November 21, 1993)
Sophia Cisneros (November 21, 1993)
Donna M. Johnston (November 21, 1993)
Sylvia Snigier (November 21, 1993)

10 YEARS

John Bodell (November 16, 2003)
Caroline Florescu (November 16, 2003)

Franciscan Spirituality Series - Part 3

April 20, 2013 – 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Topic: What is “The Gospel” Franciscans are called to preach?

Presenter: Michael Crosby, OFM Capuchin

Suggestion donation: \$30, including refreshments

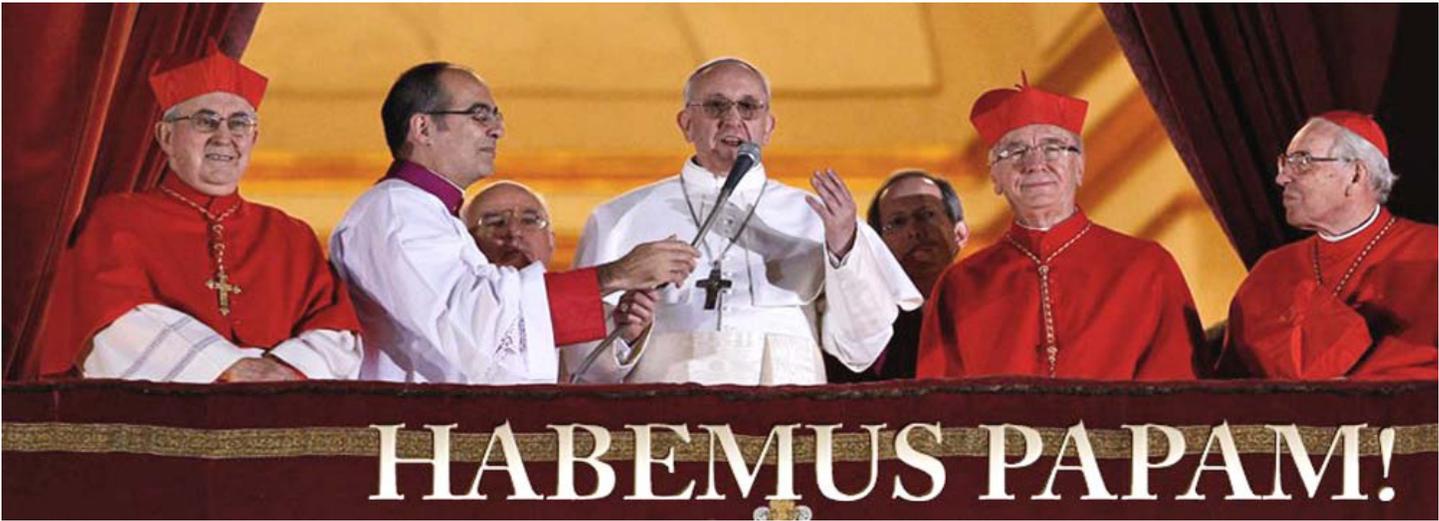
To register for this program, call **Rose Ann Miller** at **248-651-4826**.

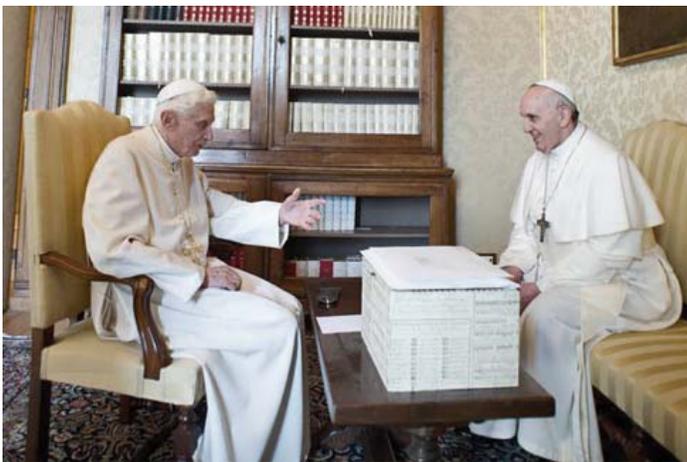
Gospel Happenings



APRIL 23, 2013 IN LANSING

Spend the day in Lansing to learn about current prolife legislative priorities and to have lunch with your legislator. The event will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing. More details in the coming weeks. Contact **Eileen Smith** if you are interested in attending.











Edna Julian will be celebrating her 100th birthday on May 21, 2013. If you'd like to send her a card for her special day, here's her address:

Edna Julian
38475 Loruss
Westland, MI 48186

Congratulations, Edna!



Buddy's Pizza and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen host our



37th Annual

"Slice for Life"

Monday April 15, 2013

Ticket entitles you to your choice of:

Dine-In

Carry-Out

All-You-Can-Eat 2 Topping Pizza and Salad - or - 4 Square 2 Topping Pizza or Your choice of an individual Antipasto, Greek or House Salad

Tickets	Adult	Children (under 10)
11:00 am to 10:00 pm	\$15.00	\$6.00

Auburn Hills: 2612 N. Squirrel Rd. (248) 276-9040
 Detroit: 17125 Conant (313) 892-9001
 Detroit/Grosse Pointe: 19163 Mack Ave. (313) 884-7400
 Dearborn: 22148 Michigan Ave. (313) 562-5900
 Farmington Hills: 31646 Northwestern Hwy. (248) 855-4600

Livonia: 33605 Plymouth Rd. (734) 261-3550
 Warren: 8100 Old 13 Mile Rd. (586) 574-9200
 *Bloomfield: 3637 Maple Rd. (248) 645-0300
 *Royal Oak: 32218 Woodward (248) 549-8000
 * Carry-Out Only (Carry-Out available at all locations)

Tickets available in advance or at the door: Call (313) 579-2100 ext. 170

During peak periods, please limit your table time so that others may enjoy. Thanks!

APRIL 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Divine Mercy Pss Proper	8 Annunciation of the BVM	9 Pss Wk 2	10	11	12 Meldrum Soup Kitchen: 10:30-1:00	13
14 EASTER III Pss Wk 3	15	16	17	18	19	20 Fraternity Council meeting 1:30 am - 3 pm
21 EASTER IV Pss Wk 4 Formation: Noon Jubilarian Mass: 1:30 PM	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 EASTER V Pss Wk 1	29	30				



Pray for Vocations to the OFS Daily

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Mary Williams

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Terry Westbrook-Lienert
and Tony Lienert

Gospel Happenings Coordinator:

Laura Sapien

MAKING FRATERNITY HAPPEN

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

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

FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

Meldrum Soup Kitchen

Usually on the 2nd Friday of each month.

&

Healing Service Social

Wednesdays at 2 PM

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