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ST. BONAVENTURE SECULAR FRANCISCANS ✕ DETROIT, MICHIGAN



## 2013 JUBILARIANS



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# MINISTER'S LETTER

My brothers and sisters,

*May God grant you peace!*

I want to express my appreciation to everyone who worked on the celebration in honor of our jubilarians: to **Bev Sapien** for contacting the jubilarians and inviting them to the celebration and for coordinating all of the arrangements for the Mass; to **Br. Pat** for preparing the worship aids; to the young ladies from the **St. Clare Society** of Regina High School who distributed the worship aids and for helping with the reception; to **Mary Poole** for preparing the jubilarian certificates; to **Javier** and **Leticia Aguilar** for taking photos; to **Pat Cardellio** and **Ilene Manning** for handling the arrangements for the reception; to **Tony Lienert** for picking up the cake; and to everyone who brought desserts, helped in the kitchen, or assisted with Mass. Great job!

At our fraternity gathering on Sunday, **May 19**, Bev Sapien will present a talk on the topic of St. Francis and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Please Note on Your Calendars:** On Sunday, **June 9**, we will celebrate our Chapter of Affairs (formerly it was celebrated in January). The elected members of the Leadership Council will give an accounting of their service. Everyone is encouraged to attend this important fraternity gathering.

## REFLECTION

The Virgin Mary, humble servant of the Lord, was open to his every word and call. She was embraced by Francis with indescribable love and declared the protectress and advocate of his family. The Secular Franciscans should express their ardent love for her by imitating her complete self-giving and by praying earnestly and confidently.

– OFS Rule, Art. 9

As Secular Franciscans, we strive to live our Rule of Life in our every day lives. Article 9 of our Rule of Life calls us to love the Blessed Virgin Mary not only by our words, but by endeavoring to imitate her in our daily activities by being a humble servant to all, by opening our hearts to God's word, by complete self-giving, by confident prayer and by our trust in God.

Francis was so much in love with the Lord that he could not help but be in love with the woman who gave birth to him. Mary held a special place in Francis' heart. He recognized her as a pilgrim much like himself, a humble servant who had also answered the Lord's bidding. Mary was truly the first disciple. She was the first to hear the call of God in relation to Jesus, and she set her life on a course to answer that call. Mary was a woman of action, but her actions always began in prayer and humility. Similarly, Francis was a man of action who began his activities by listening to God, obeying God, thus becoming humble. As Francis left home to follow his call, he took with him this gentle love of Mary and left it behind as an example for his family today.

– from *Gospel Living* by Teresa V. Baker, OFS

Mary is not a passive woman simply being nice to everyone. She initiates a ministry to Elizabeth, pregnant in her old age. She is no wilting lady when she becomes a refugee in Egypt. She is no silent wallflower at the wedding at Cana. Seeing a need she invites her son to handle the situation, ready or not. She lives a quite ordinary life as wife and mother. She does not collapse when her son is arrested nor does she hesitate to be with him when he is criminalized on the cross. She makes a firm decision about where to live when she and John are named mother and son by Jesus. She is part of the community who experience the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Her strong faith in the God she knew so well gave her strength to live a faith-filled life.

– from *The Franciscan Journey* by Lester Bach, OFM Cap

## St. Francis' Prayer Praising Mary, the Mother of God

Hail, O Lady, Holy Queen,  
Mary, holy Mother of God:  
you are the Virgin-made-church  
chosen by the most Holy Father in heaven  
whom he consecrated with his most holy beloved Son  
and with the Holy Spirit the Paraclete,  
in whom there was and is all fullness of grace and every good.

Hail, his palace!  
Hail, his tabernacle!  
Hail, his dwelling!  
Hail, his robe!  
Hail, his servant!  
Hail, his mother!

And hail, all you holy virtues  
Which are poured into the hearts of the faithful  
through the grace and enlightenment of the Holy Spirit,  
that from being unbelievers,  
you may make them faithful to God. Amen.

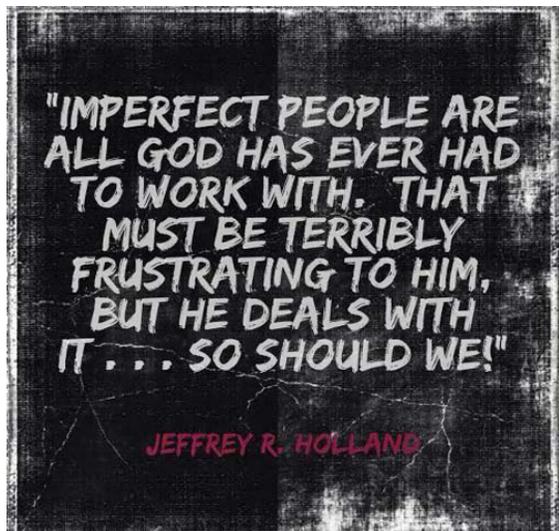
May your love for our Blessed Virgin Mary, the protectress of the Franciscan family, draw you closer to Jesus, increase your faith in God's everlasting love, teach you to listen to her Son and then give you the courage to do whatever he tells you to do.

Your sister in Ss. Francis and Clare,  
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- 2 ..... Javier Aguilar
- 7 ..... Marguerite Brannigan
- 8 ..... Frank B. Kraimer
- 9 ..... Donna Marie Johnston
- 19 ..... Rosalie Liccardello
- 21 ..... Jo Marie Nardi
- 22 ..... Sophie Martin
- 27 ..... Robert Snyder
- 29 ..... Esther Kelley

### From the Friars' Choir





**Our Deceased:**

Louis Di Vincenzo († Apr. 5, 2013)  
Francis Scallion († Apr. 17, 2013)

**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	Ben Stapel
Joyce Kaminski	Sylvia Stanick
Esther Kelley	Alice Vier
Mary Klein	Joseph Wisk

**Relatives needing prayers:**

Theresa Brannigan, daughter-in-law of Marguerite  
Mary Ann Bridge, daughter of Connie Musial  
Lisa DeAngelis, wife of Christopher  
Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forys  
Sabah Hanna  
Ted and Judy Hojna  
Bonnie Holler, niece of Jo Marie Nardi  
Denise Joseph, daughter of Louis  
David Kaminski, son of Joyce  
Family of Julia E.-Donahue  
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

**Memorials** (by Jo Marie Nardi):

John Borkowski, Maryann Evans, Mary Kouri, Fr. Henry Villerot

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

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



**Brooklynn**  
4 years old

Brooklynn was admitted to her local hospital suffering from leukemia. Brooklynn’s mother asked the doctor where they should go for treatment. “If it were my child,” the doctor said, “I’d go to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.” Soon, Brooklynn and her mom were on their way to St. Jude, where doctors determined that Brooklynn suffered from the most common form of childhood cancer. Brooklynn started treatment on a two-and-a-half year chemotherapy protocol.

Brooklynn’s mother knew that no family ever pays St. Jude for anything, but she was amazed to learn that extends beyond medical care. “I had no idea they also provided meals, transportation and a place for us to stay,” she said. “It was icing on the cake to realize we didn’t need to worry about any of that.”

Brooklynn’s family is grateful for everything St. Jude has done for them. “There’s no place I’d rather be for Brooklynn’s treatment,” said her mom. “I’m very proud of her, how’s she handling everything.”

Even in the midst of treatment, Brooklynn is a fun-loving chatterbox who asks a million questions about everything under the sun. She loves singing, dancing and painting. She’s responded well to treatment, and her cancer is in remission.



## *Celebrating Eleanor Pulido*



Eleanor was born on September 3, 1946 to Joseph and Angela (Moreno) Pulido at Carpenter Hospital in Wayne, Michigan. She is the youngest of five siblings: Vincent, Delores, Joe and Edwin. After graduating from Taylor Center High School, she earned an Associate's Degree in Culinary Arts from Henry Ford Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Gerontology and Social Work from Madonna University.

Eleanor has worked as a research specialist with the Alzheimer's Association and as a social worker at the Detroit Empowerment Zone and the Detroit Area of Aging. She took a medical retirement from the Detroit Area of Aging.

Eleanor is a parishioner of Ss. Simon and Jude Church in Westland and St. John of Canterbury Church in Westland. She coordinated a salad luncheon to raise funds for Ss. Simon and Jude Church.

Eleanor learned about the Secular Franciscan Order from Stella Mordarski, OFS. She attended fraternity gatherings with Stella on several occasions but did not enter the formation program due to illness. She was very touched by the warmth and kindness she experienced at our fraternity gatherings. Last year, Eleanor decided to attend the formation classes with Jackie Martin who also learned about the Secular Franciscans from Stella Moradarski. Stella drives Eleanor and Jackie to the formation classes every month.

Eleanor enjoys watching television, reading, listening to music, visiting patients in nursing homes and enjoys talking with the elderly.

We love you, Eleanor!



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## *Keeping In Touch*

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## Gospel Happenings Meldrum Soup Kitchen April 12, 2013



## Updating Our Member Directory

We are in the process of updating our Member Directory. If you have any changes in your contact information, please email your updated information **before May 1** to our fraternity email address: [OFSDetroit@gmail.com](mailto:OFSDetroit@gmail.com) or leave a message on our voice mail at **313-579-2100, ext. 136**, or call Maryann Kummer. We plan to include a photo of each member in the directory. Especially those who may not attend our monthly gatherings regularly, e.g., our permanently or temporarily excused members, or anyone for whom we do not have a recent photo, please send the photo to us at: St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity, attn: Maryann Kummer, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207, or send a digital photo (taken with a cel phone or digital camera to [OFSDetroit@gmail.com](mailto:OFSDetroit@gmail.com).

We hope to have the updated directories available at our Chapter of Affairs on Sunday, June 9.

## Homily for the Jubilee Celebration

by Br. Pat McSherry, OFM Cap

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we're tempted to focus on the Shepherd. But, you know, the Good Shepherd – Christ – is, as Scripture tells us, the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb 13:8). He remains faithful and true (Rev 19:11); he's always at our side (Mt 28:20); he knows we're flawed but fabulous (Jn 3:16-17). He is our God (Jn 10:30), our savior (Phil 3:21), our brother (Rom 8:29). He's our voice before God (Rom 8:34) and, as we hear today: there's nothing and no one who can snatch us out of his hands (Jn 10:28).

As we celebrate the jubilees of our brothers and sisters, I'd like to suggest that we look not so much at the Shepherd but at ourselves, the sheep. The gospel tells us that we listen to his voice and follow him (Jn 10:27).

Jesus doesn't do that alone (Jer 3:15). Throughout our lives we have numerous good shepherds – people who give us direction, who keep us on the right path, who keep us from wondering off on a tangent. One of those shepherds, of course, is the Pope (Jn 21:17). And I'm thrilled that Pope Francis shares the Franciscan vision with us. We've heard stories about how he has remained true to that vision over the years, and how he is now bringing that vision to the highest levels of the Church. It's taken a Jesuit to teach us how to be Franciscans.

These jubilarians are also shepherds. They share our vision and have remained true that vision over the years.

Often I hear people say, "I was born a Franciscan." In fact, just this morning someone said that to me. Some people sense a certain connectedness – a relationship that seems to have been imprinted on their souls and reflected in their lives.

Whether we're talking about our relationship to Christ, to the Church, to St. Francis, to our Fraternity, or to our spouses and friends – every relationship has a cycle. In the beginning you fell in love. You anticipated the other person's calls, you wanted their touch, and even liked their idiosyncrasies. Falling in love wasn't difficult. In fact, it was completely natural and spontaneous. You didn't have to do anything. That's why people sometimes call it "falling" in love, or being "swept off your feet." It was like you were just standing there, doing nothing, and then something happened to you.

But after a few months or years of being together, the euphoria fades. It's a natural cycle of every relationship. Slowly but surely, phone calls or fraternity meetings or going to Mass become a bother; connecting is not always welcome; and those idiosyncrasies, instead of being cute, begin to drive you nuts. There's a dramatic difference between when you felt that first fervor and now.

At that point, a person might start asking, "Is this person right for me? Should I remain a Catholic? Should I continue going to Fraternity meetings? Is this the right fraternity for me?" And as you reflect on the euphoria of the love and enthusiasm you once had, you may begin to desire someone or something else. That's a critical point when relationships tend to break down.

The key to successful relationships is not about finding the right person; it's about learning to love the person you have already found. And that's what jubilees are all about – people who have worked hard to make a relationship work. People who didn't give up just because the feelings subsided and reality struck. These are individuals who, even through the ups and downs have learn to sustain their love.

Whether we're talking about our relationship to Christ or to the Church or to St. Francis, or to our spouse, or to our religious community, or to this Fraternity, *sustaining* love is anything but passive or spontaneous. You have to work on it day in and day out. It takes time, effort and energy.

Love is not a mystery. Just as the universe is subject to physical laws – like gravity – there are also laws for building and deepening relationships. How to keep them alive; how to make them mature.

Today we celebrate the lives of these sisters and brothers who have sustained their love for Francis, for the Secular Franciscan Order and for this Fraternity. At some point along the way, their love became not just a feeling, but a decision.

My brothers and sisters, God determines who walks into your life. It's up to you to decide who you let walk away, who you let stay, and who you refuse to let go!

# Jubilees of Profession





# MAY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> St. Joseph the Worker	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>EASTER VI</b> Pss Wk 2	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> St. Damien "the Leper" <b>Meldrum Soup Kitchen: 10:30-1:00</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Fraternity Council meeting 10 am</b>
<b>12</b> <b>ASCENSION</b> Pss Proper	<b>13</b> <b>Easter VII</b> Pss Wk 3  Our Lady of Fatima	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  St. Margaret of Cortona, OFS	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>PENTECOST</b> Pss Proper Formation: <b>Noon</b> Everyone: <b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Ordinary Time Week 7</b> Pss Wk 3	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>HOLY TRINITY</b> Pss Proper  <i>Br. Pat's 35th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination</i>	<b>27</b> <b>Ordinary Time Week 8</b> Pss Wk 4  Memorial Day	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  Visitation of the Bl. Virgin Mary	



## Pray for Vocations to the OFS Daily

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### Minister

Maryann Kummer

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Laura Sapien

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Patricia Cardello

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Joseph Sapien

Mary Williams

### Spiritual Assistant:

Br. Patrick McSherry, OFM Cap

### APPOINTMENTS

#### Infirmarian:

Jo Marie Nardi

#### Continuing Formation:

Beverly Sapien

#### Healing Service Coordinator:

Melissa Lindow

#### Soup Kitchen Coordinator:

Joseph Sapien

#### Hospitality Coordinator:

Pat Cardello

#### Annual Picnic Coordinators:

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

Mary Ann and Hugh Montpetit

### FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

Meldrum Soup Kitchen

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

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Healing Service Social

Wednesdays at 2 PM

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