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Minister's Letter

My dear sisters and brothers,

Happy Easter! May the risen Lord grant you peace!

At our March Day of Reflection, **Br. Pat McSherry, OFM Cap** shared with us an outstanding reflection on mercy and **Patricia Ann Pettis-Cobb** was welcomed into our fraternity. Thanks, **Br. Pat!** Welcome **Patricia!**

If you are interested in attending a women's weekend retreat at the Capuchin Retreat Center In Washington, Michigan, please contact **Eileen Smith**.

If you are interested in going on a pilgrimage to Assisi, please contact **Joyce Brouillette**.

PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

On **April 17th** we will celebrate this year's profession anniversaries with a **JUBILARIAN MASS at 1:30 p.m.** in the main chapel, followed by a potluck dinner. The main entrée will be provided. If you are able to bring a dish to share, please call the OFS Office at **313-579-2100, ext. 136**, and leave a message with your name and the side dish you plan to bring.

Please attend the **MASS FOR OUR DECEASED** Franciscan brothers and sisters on **Saturday, April 23rd at 10:00 a.m.** in the friars' choir. Our Franciscan vocation calls us to pray for one another, including all of our brothers and sisters who are experiencing the joy of eternal life.

At our fraternity gathering on **June 12th**, 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!

The Easter season is a time to open wide our hearts to celebrate the joy, peace and presence of our Risen Lord with us and to open our eyes to the wonders of new life all around us. As Secular Franciscans, our Rule of Life calls us to be messengers of joy, a joy that is associated with an inner peace that God loves us and is journeying with us.

Messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, they should strive to bring joy and hope to others. Since they are immersed in the resurrection of Christ, which gives true meaning to Sister Death, let them serenely tend toward the ultimate encounter with Father.

– OFS Rule, Art. 19

I know that some of you are dealing with illness, the loss of a loved one, financial difficulties, concerns about family members, uncertainty in your daily life, and it is difficult for you to find joy in life. I pray that during this Easter season you will experience the gift of God's peace, love and presence with you and that you know that the love, support and prayers of your Franciscan brothers and sisters surround you.

Let us follow Jesus! We accompany, we follow Jesus, but above all we know that he accompanies us and carries us on his shoulders. This is our joy; this is the hope that we must bring to the world.

– Pope Francis at his General Audience of April 24, 2013

As messengers of joy and ambassadors of Christ's love, peace and mercy, we, like the women who first saw the Risen Lord, are called to "Go and tell the good news" (Mt 28:10). The women leave the tomb filled with fear

and overwhelmed with joy, and run to tell the disciples. We are called to be proclaimers of the Good News in our world that God loves us, has forgiven us, and is in living in our midst so that others may come to know Him and experience His love and mercy for them.

We believe in the Risen One who conquered evil and death! Let us have the courage to “come out of ourselves,” to take this joy and this light to all the places of our lives! The resurrection of Christ is our greatest certainty; he is our most precious treasure! How can we not share this treasure, this certainty with others? It is not only for us: it is to be passed on, to be shared with others.

– Pope Francis at the General Audience, St. Peter’s Square, April 3, 2013

I wish you and your loved ones a grace-filled and joyous Easter Season.

Your sister in Ss. Francis and Clare,
Maryann

2016 Towel and Water Campaign



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 WASHCLOTHS** to be distributed after April 20th to homeless vets living at Piquette Square in Detroit and to Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (MCREST). MCREST provides shelter for men, women, children and families for up to 90 days in congregations across Macomb County.

This year, we are also asking our members to donate **CASES OF BOTTLED WATER** which will be distributed to individuals living in Flint.

Please bring the white towels and cases of water to our fraternity gathering on Sunday, April 17th. If you need to drop the towels and cases of water off at a different time, please contact **Hank Forys**.





PRAYER REQUESTS

Members of our Fraternity

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| Dan & Jan Atkinson | Teresa Lienert |
| Kay Balas | Patricia Long |
| John Bodell | Ilene Manning and Family |
| Mary Lou Catino | Joseph Marra |
| Mary Gillen | Mabel Michaels |
| Natalie Grabowski & Family | Hugh Montpetit |
| James Heymes | Stella Mordarski |
| Caroline Hojna | Barbara Pardington |
| Anna May Jezak | Bob Peckham |
| Gary Johnson | George Pelyak |
| Donna Marie Johnston | Diane Raymond |
| Louis Joseph | Tom Ricard |
| Joyce Kaminski | Mary Saber |
| Esther Kelley | James Schoenherr |
| Liz and Ron Kessler | Mike & Bridget Schultz |
| Lorraine Korte | Gene Snyders |
| Frank & Rosalie Liccardello | Ben Stapel |
| | Joseph Wisk |

Relatives needing prayers:

- Dawn Bodell, daughter of John and Janet
- Mary Ann Bridge, daughter of Connie Musial
- Kate Comizio, Br. Pat's sister (Multiple Sclerosis)
- Fr. Edward Ertzbischoff, brother of Julia
- Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forsy
- Denise Joseph, daughter of Louis
- David Kaminski, son of Joyce
- Stephanie Kummer, mother of Maryann
- Michael McSherry, Br. Pat's brother (cancer, stage 4)
- Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas
- Teresa Poole, mother of Mary
- Barbara Sienkiewicz, daughter of Connie Musial
- Nellie Westbrook, mother of Theresa
- Sandra Woods Family

Memorials:

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

Jo Marie Nardi



- 1.....Sharon Krill
- Mary Myler
- 6.....Margaret Aluzzo
- 8.....Kay Balas
- 14.....Ruby Thompson
- 17.....Elizabeth Greenia
- 23.....Doris Allen
- 25.....Rose Ossowski
- 30.....Loretta Chmielarczyk
- Dolores Samulski



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WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

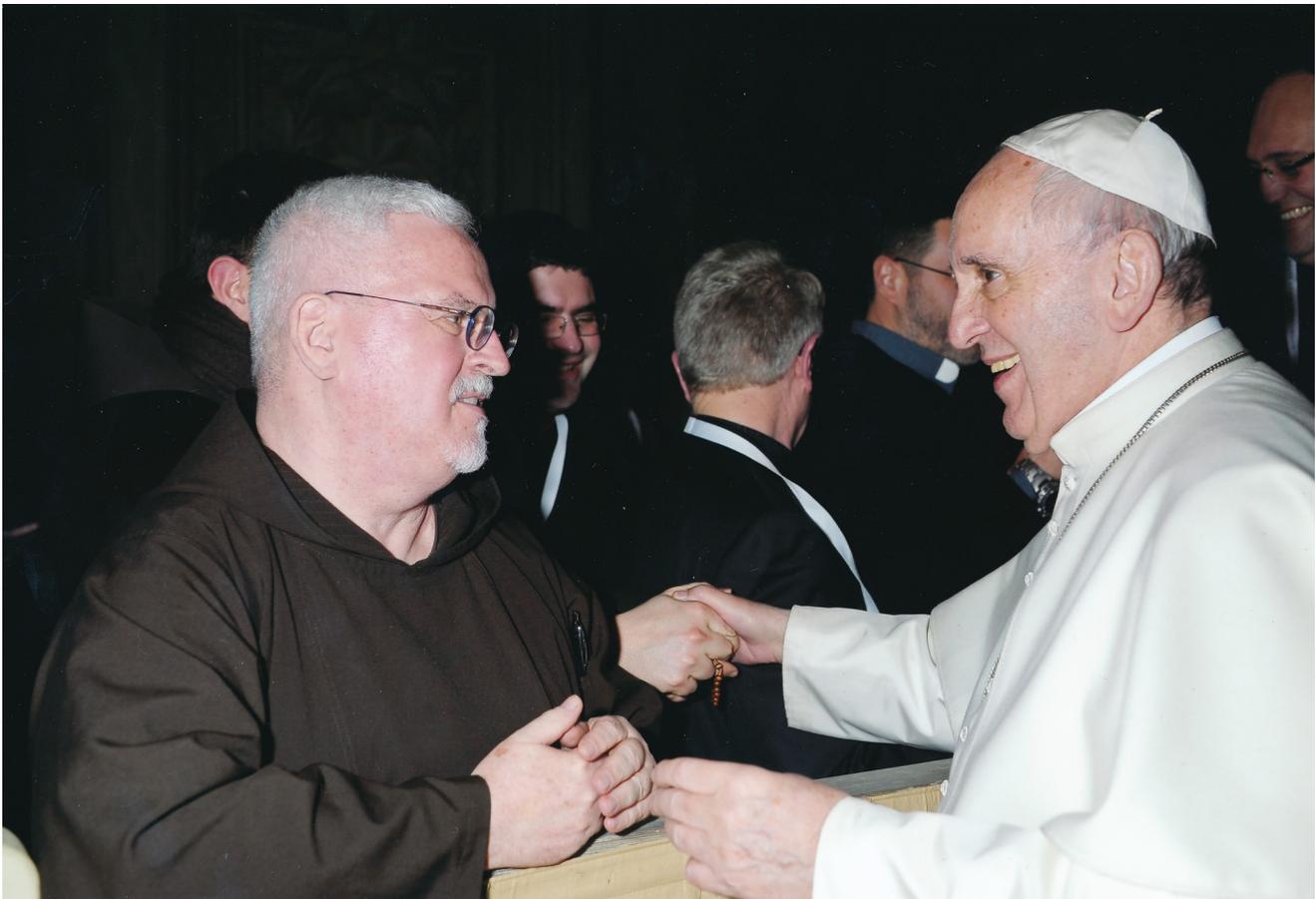
We are pursuing a date for a women's retreat at Capuchin Retreat in Washington, MI.

More details to follow.

If you are interested in participating, please contact **Eileen Smith** or **Mary Myler**.



MISSIONARY OF MERCY



THE POVERELLO, APRIL 2016



FRANCISCANS: BRIDGEBUILDERS, PEACEMAKERS, PATHFINDERS





DIVINE MERCY IS MUCH MORE THAN A PIOUS DEVOTION



In his official message for World Youth Day, which will take place July 25-31 in Krakow, Poland, Pope Francis said: “The Divine Mercy message is **A VERY SPECIFIC LIFE PLAN** because it involves **ACTION**. ... If you want me to be very specific, I would suggest that for the [first] [next] seven months of 2016 you choose a corporal and a spiritual work of mercy to practice each month. Find inspiration in the prayer of Saint Faustina, a humble apostle of Divine Mercy in our times.

The prayer Pope Francis recommends is the following, taken from St. Faustina’s Diary:

- Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbors’ souls and come to their rescue.
- Help me, that my ears may be merciful, so that I may give heed to my neighbors’ needs and not be indifferent to their pains and moanings.
- Help me, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful, so that I should never speak negatively of my neighbor, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all.
- Help me, O Lord, that my hands may be merciful and filled with good deeds, so that I may do only good to my neighbors and take upon myself the more difficult and toilsome tasks.
- Help me, O Lord, that my feet may be merciful, so that I may hurry to assist my neighbor, overcoming my own fatigue and weariness. My true rest is in the service of my neighbor. (163)

COME AND SEE

On Sunday, April 17th, 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.

Please consider inviting even just one person to come and see what we are about. 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.



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY DOOR

On **Sunday, April 10th**, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, 9844 Woodward, Detroit 48202, please join us for the 11 AM Mass and at Noon we will pass through the Holy Door to receive the Jubilee Year of Mercy Plenary Indulgence. Please confirm your attendance by contacting **Eileen Smith** or **Brittney Walenzik**.



PLENARY INDULGENCE

“To experience and obtain the Indulgence, the faithful are called to make a brief pilgrimage to the Holy Door, as a sign of the deep desire for true conversion.” (Letter of Pope Francis).

A plenary indulgence (which can be gained only once a day) also requires that the individual:

- be in the state of grace at least at the time all the conditions are completed (not be aware of any unconfessed mortal sin);
- have the *interior disposition* of complete detachment from all sin, i.e., have a deep desire for true conversion;
- pray for the Pope’s intentions (the Creed or an “Our Father” and a “Hail Mary” suffice);
- Confess their sins and receive Holy communion within a week before or after completing the other acts.

As for the sick and the elderly, the Holy Father says, “For them it will be of great help to live their sickness and suffering as an experience of closeness to the Lord who in the mystery of his Passion, death and Resurrection indicates the royal road which gives meaning to pain and loneliness. Living with faith and joyful hope this moment of trial, receiving communion or attending Holy Mass and community prayer, even through the various means of communication, will be for them the means of obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence.”

For the imprisoned, the Holy Father says, “They may obtain the Indulgence in the chapels of the prisons. May the gesture of directing their thought and prayer to the Father each time they cross the threshold of their cell signify for them their passage through the Holy Door, because the mercy of God is able to transform hearts, and is also able to transform bars into an experience of freedom.”

You may receive the plenary indulgence yourself, or offer it for a person in purgatory (but not for other living people).

For the sake of those legitimately impeded, confessors can commute both the work prescribed and the conditions required (except, obviously, detachment from sin).

2016 JUBILARIANS

70 YEARS

Mabel Michaels

50 YEARS

Beverly Hanus

Joseph Marra

Jerrold Marsh

Thomas Nozewski

30 YEARS

Janet and Dan Atkinson

Joe Boland ♦ **Paul Catrow**

Norbert and Loretta Chmielarczyk

Rosemarie Kraski ♦ **Daniel Marotta**

20 YEARS

Caroline Hojna ♦ **Connie Musial**

Robert Peckham ♦ **James Schoenherr**

APRIL

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 BD: Sharon Krill & Mary Myler	2 10 AM Leadership Council Meeting
3 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY <i>Proper</i>	4 Annunciation of the Lord <i>(from March 25)</i> <i>Proper</i>	5 EASTER 2 <i>Pss Wk 2</i>	6 BD: Margaret Aluzzo	7	8 Meldrum Soup Kitchen: 10:30-1:00 BD: Kay Balas	9
10 EASTER 3 <i>Pss Wk 3</i> Noon: Walk thru Holy Doors Bl. Sacrament Cathedral	11	12	13	14 BD: Ruby Thompson	15	16
17 EASTER 4 <i>Pss Wk 4</i> JUBILARIAN MASS Presider = Fr. Mike 1:30 p.m. BD: Elizabeth Greenia	18	19	20	21	22	23 10:00 a.m. Mass for our Deceased BD: Doris Allen
24 EASTER 5 <i>Pss Wk 1</i>	25 BD: Rose Ossowski	26	27	28	29	30 BD: Loretta Chmielarczyk & Dolores Samulski

Fax et Phorum

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Vice Minister

Eileen Smith

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Brittney Walendzik

Healing Service Social Coordinators:

Ron & Liz Kessler

Hospitality Coordinator:

Jeanine Ward

Infirmarian:

Jo Marie Nardi

JPIC Coordinator:

Joyce Brouillette

Soup Kitchen Coordinator:

Ray Mylenek

Annual Picnic Coordinator:

Ona Moore

MAKING FRATERNITY HAPPEN

Our Fraternity gathers on the Third Sunday of every month. For more information, contact:

Maryann Kummer

In addition to our monthly Fraternity gathering, some members also gather in a small group:

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

**Pray Daily
for Vocations to the
Secular Franciscan
Order**



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Grace
Mercy
Forgiveness



*Three things we are
given freely everyday...*

Why do we choose
not to give it freely
to others?

We don't deserve it either

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