

The Poverello

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star,
and on entering the house
they saw the child with Mary his mother.

Matthew 2: 10-11

Minister's Letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Blessed and Joyous New Year! At our January meeting we will be focusing on our OFS Rule. In the Tau—Fall Issue, our National Minister, Jan Parker and our General Minister Tibor Kauser have written articles relating to the 40th anniversary of our rule. The heading reads: “The OFS Rule: A Gift, a Call, an Inspiration, a Tool”. Very simply put it is a Way of Life. For your reading pleasure I’ve sent out a digital version of the Tau via email. It is also available at the NAFRA website: <https://secularfranciscansusa.org>.

We have chosen the path of St. Francis to live out Jesus call to us for conversion and transformation. It is a gift from God, a treasure for our path to truth and our help to build and evangelize Gospel Life in our community. We bring our authenticity of love, joy and hope to others as we embrace our Franciscan call through our prayers and service.

I encourage you to pray the rule before our **January 20th** gathering. Try not to just read it, but ponder it to see what God is calling you to transform in your life. God is always full of surprises. He may suggest something you hadn’t thought of. Through our peaceful center we will be instruments of peace and mercy to others.

REFLECTION

St. Francis Paraphrase of the Our Father—

AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US, and if we do not forgive perfectly, Lord, make us forgive perfectly, so that, for love of you, we may really forgive our enemies, and fervently pray to you for them, returning to no one evil for evil, by trying to serve you in everyone.

Book Discussion

Our next book we will discuss is “Surrounded by Love, Seven Teachings from Saint Francis” by Murray Bodo. If you want a book let me know and I will place an order.

Peace and Blessings in Christ,

Eileen

The OFS Rule: A Gift, a Call, an Inspiration, a Tool

Our General Minister Tibor Kauser has written a letter addressed “To my sisters and brothers in the Secular Franciscan Order, all over the world” and “To all YouFra members, all over the world.” Tibor’s letter was written in celebration of the 40th Anniversary of our Rule. We share his letter with great joy, and agree with our sister Mary Stronach, translated it into Spanish: “Every word, every thought touched me and helped me strengthen my vocation.” This is a partial part of the letter, but can be viewed on the national website.

National Minister’s Message, written by Jan Parker OFS

A gift

Before all, the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order is a treasure, a gift of God, that shows how much God and the Church loves the Secular Franciscan Order. It is something that cannot be bought, cannot be merited. As Pope Saint John Paul II told us: “It is a real treasure in your hands, it is in accord with the spirit of the Second Vatican Council, and it responds to what the Church expects of you” . Therefore we have to give thanks for this gift; give thanks to God and give thanks to the Church.

Like every gift, it is somehow bearing the imprint of the giver, showing us how beautiful and rich life God wants us to live. Each and every article of the Rule reflects on the infinite richness of God, and is like a gemstone that puts light on various aspects of our identity and of our life. When we now celebrate the 40th anniversary of our Rule, we have to remember, that it is not the gift itself, what we celebrate, but the giver, who is God himself. Let us live therefore this celebration by being grateful to Him and by giving thanks to Him with our prayer, with our love, with our entire life.

A call, an invitation

“The Lord continues to call others to live with him and to follow him in a relationship of particular closeness. He continues to call others to serve him directly. If he lets us realize that he is calling us to consecrate ourselves totally to his kingdom, then we should have no fear! It is beautiful – and a great grace – to be completely and forever consecrated to God and the service of our brothers and sisters.”

This call is echoing in the Rule, and we have to respond to this call with generosity, without fear. God is calling us as we are. We are imperfect and weak, never mind, but we shall not be deaf and blind! We know, how “the glorious confessor of Christ, Blessed Francis, the institutor of this order, showing the way to ascend to the Lord both in word and example, instructed his own sons in the sincerity of his own faith, and he wanted them also to acknowledge it themselves, to hold it constantly, and to fulfill it similarly with work, so that walking soberly by means of its path, they may, after the workhouse of the present life, merit to be possessors of eternal beatitude.”³ This call of God has been put in a form in our Rule: Be “possessors of the eternal beatitude”, so, be Holy! Live in a manner that leads you to holiness! Observe the Rule, that helps you to follow Christ in every moment of your life, in all the aspects of your life! “We come to a full sense of the dignity of the lay faithful if we consider the prime and fundamental vocation that the Father assigns to each of them in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit: the vocation to holiness, that is, the perfection of charity. ... It is ever more urgent that today all Christians take up again the way of gospel renewal, welcoming in a spirit of generosity the invitation expressed by the apostle Peter “to be holy in all conduct” (1Pt 1:15). ... The vocation of the lay faithful to holiness implies that life according to the Spirit expresses itself in a particular way in their involvement in temporal affairs and in their participation in earthly activities.” This call to holiness obliges us to respond affirmatively. The very positive call of God needs our very positive response. Let us be those who will transmit this call of God to others, let us call others to God, so that “as many as possible be called back to the praise of Christian sanctity by Our timely invitation” .

FRATERNITY VISION: RELATIONSHIP BUILDING – BRIDGE BUILDING – SERVICE

Caring Hearts Ministry --The Caring Hearts Coordinator, **Melissa Lindow** is looking for participants for this ministry. Our hope is to communicate more frequently with our members unable to attend the monthly gatherings. The Caring Hearts Ministry is looking for donations of unused stamps and greeting cards. Please bring the donated unused stamps and greeting cards to the upcoming monthly meetings.

Healing Service – **Ron Kessler** is in need of volunteers! He is looking for a servant follower(s) to take turns with him on Wednesday mornings picking up Panera Bread and pastries from Farmington Hills. Then to deliver the baked goods to the Solanus Center, for the Wednesday Healing Service Hospitality.

Here are some websites that can provide helpful information for the fraternity:

Amazon Relief: <http://www.amazonrelief.org/>

Franciscan Action Network: <https://www.facebook.com/franciscanactionnetwork>

Franciscan Ministries: <http://www.franciscanministry.org/>

CIOFS International Fraternity: <http://www.ciofs.org/portal/en/>

OFS USA National Fraternity: <https://secularfranciscansusa.org/>

OFS Divine Mercy Region Fraternity: <https://divinemercuryregion.com/>

OFS St. Bonaventure Fraternity: <http://www.sfstbonaventure-detroit.org/html/council.html>

Liturgy of Hours: <http://universalis.com/>

Liturgy of Hours: <http://www.ibreviary.org/en/>

Updated email for Robert Snyder:

2019 Fraternity Calendar

JANUARY

- 2 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
5 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.....Leadership Council Meeting
9 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
16 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
20 (Sun.).....1:30 p.m.....Fraternity Gathering
23 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
25 (Fri.) - 27 (Sun.).....Married Couples Retreat at Capuchin Retreat
26 (Sat.).....9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.....Gospel Happening: Capuchin Warehouse on Medbury
30 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service

FEBRUARY

- 2 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.....Leadership Council Meeting
6 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
13 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
17 (Sun.).....1:30 p.m.....Fraternity Gathering
20 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
~~27 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service~~
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MARCH

- 2 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.....Leadership Council Meeting
3 (Sun.).....11:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.....Corporate Communion Mass & Luncheon at St. Charles Borromeo
6 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
13 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
17 (Sun.).....11:00 a.m.....Fraternity Gathering: DAY OF REFLECTION
20 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
23 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.....Mass for Deceased Members
27 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service

APRIL

- 3 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
5 (Fri.)- 7 (Sun.).....Men's Retreat at Capuchin Retreat
6 (Sat.)10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.....Leadership Council Meeting
10 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
17 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service

20 (Sat.).....9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.....Gospel Happening: Capuchin Warehouse on Medbury
 21 (Sun.)..... Easter Sunday (Third Sunday of the Month) 17
 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
 24 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
 26 (Fri.)- 28 (Sun.).....Women’s Retreat at Capuchin Retreat,
 27 (Sat.).....Ministers’ Spring Gathering in Saginaw
 28 (Sun.).....1:30 p.m.....Fraternity Gathering
 28 (Sun.).....10:00 a.m.-12 Noon.....Formation Team Meeting

MAY

1 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
 4 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.....Leadership Council Meeting
 8 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
 15 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
 18 (Sat.).....9:00 a.m.-12 Noon.....Gospel Happening: Capuchin Warehouse on Medbury
 19 (Sun.).....1:30 p.m.....Fraternity Gathering – JUBILARIAN MASS & POTLUCK DINNER
 22 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
 29 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service

JUNE

1 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.....Leadership Council Meeting
 5 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
 9 (Sun.).....1:30 p.m.....Fraternity Gathering – (2nd Sunday due to Father’s Day celebration on the third Sunday)

 12 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
 19 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
 22 (Sat.).....8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m..... ..Gospel Happening: Capuchin Soup Kitchen on Conner
 26 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service

JULY

3 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
 6 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.....Leadership Council Meeting
 10 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
 17 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
 21 (Sun.).....1:30 p.m.....Fraternity Picnic at Belle Isle Shelter #2
 21 (Sun.).....10:00 a.m.-12 Noon.....Formation Team Meeting

AUGUST

- 2 (Fri.)-4 (Sun.).....Annual Ministers' Gathering in DeWitt
7 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
10 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.....Leadership Council Meeting
10 (Sat.).....St. Clare Study Day at Solanus Casey Center
8 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
14 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
18 (Sun.).....1:30 p.m.....Fraternity Gathering
21 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
28 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service

SEPTEMBER

- 4 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
7 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.....Leadership Council Meeting
11 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
15 (Sun.).....11:00 a.m.....Fraternity Gathering – Day of Reflection
15 (Sun.).....10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.....Formation Team Meeting
18 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
22 (Sun.).....11:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.....Luncheon for St. Charles Parish
25 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service

OCTOBER

- 1 (Tue.)-3 (Thurs.)Mid-Week Franciscan Retreat at Capuchin
Retreat
2 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
3 (Thurs.).....7:00 p.m.....Transitus
4 (Fri.).....7:00 p.m.....Mass in honor of St. Francis & Reception
5 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.....Leadership Council Meeting
9 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
16 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
19 (Sat.).....9:00 a.m.-12 Noon.....Gospel Happening: Capuchin Warehouse on
Medbury
20 (Sun.).....1:30 p.m.....Fraternity Gathering
23 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
26 (Sat.).....Regional Formation Day in Saginaw
30 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service

NOVEMBER

- 2 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.....Leadership Council Meeting
6 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
13 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service

- 16 (Sat.).....10:30 a.m.....Profession Retreat and lunch
- 17 (Sun.).....1:30 p.m.....Fraternity Gathering - Profession Mass and Dinner
- 20 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
- 23 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.....Mass for All Deceased Franciscans, Parents, Benefactors & Affiliates
- 27 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service

DECEMBER

- 4 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
- 7 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.....Leadership Council Meeting
- 11 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
- 15 (Sun.).....1:30 p.m.....Fraternity Gathering – Christmas concert and reception
- 18 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
- 21 (Sat.).....9:00 a.m.-12 Noon.....Gospel Happening: Capuchin Warehouse on Medbury

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 2.....Bernadette Mikowski
- 3.....Jeanine Ward
- 7.....Gary Johnson
- 8.....John Bodell
- 10.....Mary Lou Catino
- 10.....Bridget Schultz
- 22.....Ben Stapel
- 25.....Thomas Nozewski
- 25.....Paul Catrow
- 28.....Beverly Hanus
- 31.....Stephen Garcia

In December 2018 issue of the Poverello, there was a missed birthday for **Mary Saber**. We apologize for not putting her in the birthday list. Happy belated birthday Mary!



Members of our Fraternity

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| Dan and Jan Atkinson | Mabel Michaels |
| Janet and John Bodell | Hugh Montpetit |
| Claire Boutain | Mary Ann Montpetit |
| Joyce Brouillette | Stella Mordarski |
| Pat Cardellio | Ray Mylenek |
| Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue | Barbara Pardington |
| Mary Gillen | George Pelyak |
| James Heymes | Joe Quesnelle |
| Caroline and Ted Hojna | Diane Raymond |
| Anna May Jezak | Marilyn Ricard |
| Gary Johnson | Mary Saber |
| Louis Joseph | Joe Sapian |
| Joyce Kaminski | Bridget Schultz |
| Esther Kelley | Ben Stapel |
| Ron Kessler | Ruby Thompson |
| Sharon Krill | Anna Tyler |
| Patricia Long | Terry Westbrook-Lienert |
| Ilene Manning & Family | Joseph Wisk |

Gospel Happenings Calendar

Saturday, January 26 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
at the **Capuchin Service Center/Capuchin Warehouse**. on :
6333 Medbury
Detroit, MI. 48211

Saturday, March 3 from 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at **St. Charles Borromeo** for the Corporate Communion Mass and Luncheon on
1491 Baldwin St.
Detroit, MI, 48214

*Please help to keep our prayer list up-to-date. Call:
Jo Marie Nardi at*

Our Deceased

Zalewski, Genevieve "Jean", mother-in-law of Stephen Haycox
Moceri, Frances, great-aunt of Brittney Walendzik

Relatives needing prayers

Yolando Bango, cousin of Melissa Lindow
Lee Borycz, wife of candidate Jerry Borycz
Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forys
Denise Joseph, daughter of Louis
David Kaminski, son of Joyce Joe Quesnelle
Frances Krempasky, daughter of Mary Krempasky
Patricia Mcleary, mother of Therese Joseph
Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas Nozewski
Kathleen Penridge, cousin of Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue
Theresa Poole, mother of Mary
Jim Smith, grandson of Clarire Boutain
Tom Sherfield, son-in-law of Claire Boutain
Sandra Woods Family

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	2 BD: Bernadette Mikowski	3 BD: Jeanine Ward	4	5 9:30 am - 11:30 am Council Meeting
6 EPIPHANY <i>Pss Proper</i>	7 BD: Gary Johnson	8 BD: John Bodell	9 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	10 BD: Mary Lou Catino BD: Bridget Schultz	11	12
13 <i>Pss Proper</i>	14	15	16 BAPTISM OF THE LORD 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	17	18	19
20 <i>Pss Wk 2</i> FRATERNITY GATHERING 1:30 P.M.	21	22 BD: Ben Stapel	23 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	24	25 MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT BD: Paul Catrow BD: Thomas Nozewski	26 MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT CAPUCHIN WAREHOUSE 9:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M.
27 <i>Pss Wk 3</i> MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT	28 BD: Beverly Hanus	29	30 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	31 BD: Stephen Garcia		

Fax et Phonum

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Eileen Smith

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Brittney Walendzik

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Stephen Garcia

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Doris Allen

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Maryann Kummer.....

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Ron Kessler

Sharon Krill

Ona Moore.....

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Fr. Bill Hugo

APPOINTMENTS

Continuing Formation Coordinator:

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Gospel Happenings Coordinator:

Sharon Krill

Healing Service Social Coordinators:

Ron Kessler

Hospitality co-Coordinators:

Ona Moore.....

Julia Ertzbischoff-Donohue

Infirmarian:

Jo Marie Nardi.....

Caring Hearts

Melissa Lindow

JPIC Coordinator:

Doris Allen

Annual Picnic Coordinator:

Ona Moore.....

MAKING FRATERNITY HAPPEN

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

Eileen Smith.....

FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE SOCIAL

Wednesdays at 2 PM

FRANCISCAN MINISTRIES

2nd Saturday of each month

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Franciscan Ministries Office next to St. Aloysius
Contact

FRANCISCAN BOOK DISCUSSION

Prior to each of our monthly meetings, from 10:45 a.m. until Noon, a Franciscan Book Discussion group gathers in the Solanus Center Library for anyone interested. For more information, contact:

Jacqueline Hale at

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