

The Poverello

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“As in heaven Your will is punctually performed, so may it be done on earth by all creatures, particularly in me and by me.” St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Minister's Letter

PROFESSION CELEBRATION
CONGRATULATIONS GERRY, PAULA AND SUSAN!!!
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019 -- 1:30PM Mass
Dinner Following in the Dining Room

Brothers and Sisters,

Pax et Bonum!!! We celebrate Profession this month for **Susan Ayoub, Paula Jerzy** and **Gerry Borycz**. The Rite of Profession is within the Sunday liturgy for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. It is a time of reflection for all of us. It is good to ponder the meaning of our Profession and how we are living it out today. I've included for this month's meditation a message from Pope Francis that he gave for World Youth Day 2019. I think it also applies to us Franciscans.

I encourage each of you to read again the Profession chapter in the FUN Manual. It is written from a presentation, "Profession in the SFO: Gift and Commitment" given by Fr. Felice Cangelosi, OFM, Cap. in 2008. A few passages from his talk are below:

"Sanctification is always the work of the Father, but it is channeled through the mediation of Christ and of the Church, and is realized in the Holy Spirit."

"The moment of Profession is an epicletical moment ...another Pentecost when the Spirit comes to dwell with us in a dramatic moment. The Spirit will assist in the actions of consecration and formation."

"Profession should take place within the context of the Mass. The Mass emphasizes what takes place at Profession – the sacrificial dimension of self-giving taking place. As baptized persons, candidates have a priestly/victim nature. The candidates by promising to live the Gospel life, make themselves entirely available to God and place their own bodies on the altar of Christ's sacrifice as a holy victim pleasing to God."

We are at God's disposal. "Profession is a commitment of life for life."

Franciscan Ministries Christmas Appeal – Mike and Kathleen Carsten have requested the following items for those they serve. Please bring them in at our November and December gatherings. I will be sure to get the items to them.

Clean, new/gently used warm clothing, men and women:

Shirts: L, XL, XXL, XXXL

Winter boots: Sizes 9 to 14

Heavy Winter Coats: L, XL, XXL, XXXL

Sturdy backpacks

Sleeping Bags: for cold weather

Hand Warmers: As many as you can! We go through thousands of these each year

Hoodies: L, XL, XXL, XXXL

White Tube Socks!!!! We go through thousands of these each month

For children, all sizes:

Winter coats, hats, mittens, boots

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REFLECTION

“I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done according to your word (LK 1:38). Her words are a brave and generous “yes.” It is the positive reply of one who understands the secret of vocation – to go beyond oneself and place oneself at the service of others. Our lives only find meaning in service to God and to other people.

To be at the service of others does not only mean to be ready for action. It means also to be in conversation with God with an attitude of listening, just like Mary. She listened to what the angel said to her and then she responded. It is by relating to God in the silence of our hearts that we discover our identity and the vocation to which God is calling us.

Dear (young) people, take courage enter within yourselves and say to God: “What do you want from me? Allow God to answer you. Then you will see how your life is transformed and filled with joy.” – Pope Francis, Video message to young people on the occasion of the 34th World Youth Day 2019.

Gratitude Corner

I am pleased to announce **Bernadette Mikowski** has accepted the position of councilor replacing on the Leadership Council. She is replacing Ona Moore as councilor who is our new Treasurer. Thank you Bernie for accepting this position.

I want to thank **Jerry Wolschon** for sharing with us his “Three Miracles” talk. His faith and intercessory prayer are a good witness for all of us. It was inspirational to see how God worked in very profound ways in his life. An inspiration for us all.

I also want to thank **Br. Faris Najor, OFM, Cap.** for his talk on Mary. He gave us new insights into our relationship with Mary. He left us to ponder “What is our image of Mary?”.

I continue to be very grateful for your continued generosity with your time, service and donations. I appreciate all that you do. I am looking forward to celebrating our Day of Profession with you. All of us (as a fraternity) gathered together at the Profession Mass make the presence and the action of the Church visible. We give joy and hope to the members of our community. We see Christ through the eyes of St. Francis.

Peace and Blessings,
Eileen

Upcoming Events

Friday, November 1 at 12:00 p.m. - All Saints Day Mass followed at 1:00 p.m. with the dedication of the Blessed Solanus crematorium at the Mt. Elliott Cemetery across the street from the Solanus Casey Center.

Sunday, November 17 at 1:30 p.m. - Profession Mass at the Solanus Center/St. Bonaventure Chapel.

Saturday, November 23 at 10:00 a.m. - Mass for Deceased Members at the Solanus Center/St. Bonaventure Chapel.

Sunday, December 15 at 1:30 p.m. - Fraternity Gathering - Christmas Concert and Reception at the Solanus Center.

Saturday, December 21 at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Gospel Happening at the Capuchin Service Center on Medbury.

Franciscan Book Discussion

The Franciscan Book Discussion will begin Admonitions of St. Francis of Assisi by John Michael Talbot on January 19, 2020. It can be ordered at the Solanus Casey Gift Shop. All are welcome to join the discussion! The meeting area is in the Solanus Center Library at 12:00 p.m.

Please contact **Jackie Hale** for more information or for questions.

Food and Francis at Capuchin Retreat

The presenters of this series will be Capuchin friars who are considered to have either an expertise or knowledge of a particular aspect of Franciscanism: **Bill Hugo, Biju Parakkalayil, John Corriveau, Tom Nguyen, and Jerry Kessel**. Each presentation will be stimulating and informative.

Give some thought to joining us for the Francis of Assisi series...plus enjoy a delicious meal. We are asking a donation of \$25 a session or \$100 for the whole series. Let us hear from you if you have questions or want to sign up. Give us a call, email us, or drop us a line and get signed up! Our very capable operators are standing by for your call!

Address for Capuchin Retreat:
62460 Mt. Vernon Road
Washington, MI. 48094

Schedule

5:45 - Registration

6:00-7:00 - Dinner

7:00-8:30 - Themed Talks

September 25th

October 9th & 23rd

November 6th & 20th



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1.....Mary Williams
- 3.....Ron Kessler
- 4.....James Heymes
- 8.....Connie Musial
- 11.....Dan Gabriel
- 22.....Caroline Florescu
- 23.....Nobert Chmielarczyk
- 24.....Stella Mordarski
- 25.....Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue
- 28.....Paula Jerzy

Gospel Happenings

December 21 at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.- Gospel Happening at the Capuchin Service Center on Medbury.

Address: 6333 Medbury Street
Detroit, MI. 48211

Please contact **Sharon Krill** for more information or to sign up!



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

Jacqueline Hale at

Members of our Fraternity

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| Lettie Aguilar | Hugh Montpetit |
| Dan and Jan Atkinson | Mary Ann Montpetit |
| Janet and John Bodell | Stella Mordarski |
| Claire Boutain | Ray Mylenek |
| Joyce Brouillette | Jo Marie Nardi |
| Pat Cardellio | Barbara Pardington |
| Sophia Cisneros | George Pelyak |
| Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue | Joe Quesnelle |
| Daniel Gabriel | Diane Raymond |
| Mary Gillen | Marilyn Ricard |
| Stephen Haycox | Mary Saber |
| James Heymes | Joe Sapien |
| Ted Hojna | Bridget Schultz |
| Gary Johnson | Eileen Smith |
| Joyce Kaminski | Ben Stapel |
| Esther Kelley | Ruby Thompson |
| Ron Kessler | Anna Tyler |
| Sharon Krill | Terry Westbrook-Lienert |
| Patricia Long | Joseph Wisk |

Our Deceased

Relatives needing prayers

- Tiffany Fogg, niece of Daniel Gabriel
- Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forsy
- Marie Hollerud, mother of Greg Johnson
- 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
- Kathy Olehowski, relative of Marguerite Brannigan
- Ken Parada, brother of Janet Bodell
- Kathleen Penridge, cousin of Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue
- Theresa Poole, mother of Mary
- Donald Schrottenboer, son-in-law of Marguerite Brannigan
- Jim Smith, grandson of Claire Boutain
- Tom Sherfield, son-in-law of Claire Boutain
- Sandra Woods Family
- Rita Walendzik, mother-in-law of Brittney Walendzik



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 ALL SAINTS DAY BD: Mary Williams	2 ALL SOULS DAY 10:00 am - 11:30 am Council Meeting
3 BD: Ron Kessler <i>Pss Wk III</i>	4 BD: James Heymes	5	6 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	7	8 BD: Connie Musial	9
10 <i>Pss Wk IV</i>	11 BD: Dan Gabriel	12	13 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	14	15	16 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Capuchin Warehouse
17 PROFESSION MASS 1:30 p.m. <i>Pss Wk I</i>	18	19	20 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	21	22 BD: Caroline Florescu	23 BD: Nibert Chmielarczyk
24 BD: Stella Mordarski <i>Pss Wk II</i>	25  BD: Fr. Solanus BD: Julia Ertzbischoff-	26	27 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	28 BD: Paula Jerzy	29	30

Fax et Phonum

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Fr. Bill Hugo

APPOINTMENTS

Continuing Formation Coordinator:

Brittney Walendzik

Gospel Happenings Coordinator:

Sharon Krill

Healing Service Social Coordinators:

Ron Kessler

Hospitality co-Coordiators:

Ona Moore

Julia Ertzbischoff-Donohue

Infirmarian:

Jacqueline Hale

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.

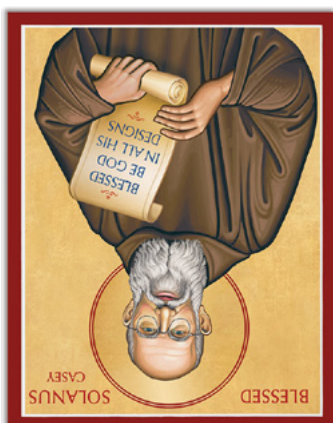
Franciscan Ministries Office next to St. Aloysius

FRANCISCAN BOOK DISCUSSION

Prior to each of our monthly meetings, from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m., 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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