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Minister's Letter

ALL GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD!! JESUS CHRIST HAS RISEN *ALLELUIA*ALLELUIA*

“Shake off anxiety. Last year it was something that you now smile about. Tomorrow it's about something that will not be serious if you raise your heart to God and thank him for whatever comes.” Blessed Solanus Casey

Easter Blessings to All!!

Sisters and Brothers,

It was a pleasure at our March gathering to have **Fr. Fred Cabras, OFM, Cap.** speak to us on anxiety, prayer and distractions. This was a timely presentation given the COVID times in which are living. The group discussions gave us opportunities to reflect on the distractions that come to us during prayer. These distractions include worries, to-do-lists, concern for ourself and others and many other distractions that keep us from focusing our attention fully on God. We also discussed distractions are normal in prayer life and bring them to the Lord in our prayer. These distractions become part of our prayer. There is no need for frustration. Continue to work on your prayer life. It is through prayer where we make strides in our spiritual life.

Vocations are important for our fraternity. We have a new Orientation class starting on **April 18 at Noon** on Zoom. Please promote our fraternity to your friends and family who may have a Franciscan heart. Please have potential Orientees contact Maryann Kummer at mkummersfo@gmail.com for more information.

At our **April 18 Gathering** we will introduce ourselves to the Inquirers and they will introduce themselves to us. The Inquirers are in the process of selecting sponsors. These introductions will help them in this process.

Join Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/8765411335?pwd=Ys0VvKxXR3RWT2VlaTV3V2RsZzZM5dz09>

Meeting ID: 876 541 1335

Passcode: 694109

Conference Call Information

Dial In Number: 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 876 541 1335

Passcode: 694109

Please keep our sisters in prayer as they participate in the **Women's Retreat** at the Capuchin Retreat Center from **April 24-26**.

April 24 is our Spring Regional Meeting. It will be held via Zoom. Registration information is included in this edition. I hope you will take the time to participate.

Jubilarian Mass is scheduled for August 15 at 1:30 pm in the Chapel at the Solanus Casey Center.

We were unable to have our Jubilarian Mass last year due to COVID. Therefore, we will be celebrating our Jubilarians for 2020 and 2021 in August.

Enjoy the Easter season. May it be filled with much joy and many blessings.

Peace and Blessings,

Eileen

REFLECTION – Bonaventure, The Major Legend of St. Francis

One day, while Francis was weeping in a solitary place as he looked back over his past years in bitterness, the joy of the Holy Spirit came over him and he was assured of the complete forgiveness of his sins. Then he was caught up above himself and totally engulfed in wonderful light, and, with his inmost soul opened wide, he clearly saw what would transpire for him and his sons and daughters in the future.

Reflection – Jacopo de Voragine, Golden Legend

On the feast of the Resurrection the brothers in the hermitage at Greccio prepared the table more elaborately than usual with white coverings and glassware. When the man of God saw On the feast of the Resurrection the brothers in the hermitage at Greccio prepared the table more elaborately than usual with white coverings and glassware. When the man of God saw this, he traced his steps immediately, placed on his head the hood of a beggar who was present there, took a staff in his hand, went outside and stood at the door. While the brothers were eating, he made a clamor at the door, that for the love of God they should give an alms to a poor, weak stranger. Invited, the poor man entered, and sitting alone on the floor, he placed his dish on the ashes. When the brothers saw this they were filled with great amazement. Francis then said to them: I saw a table set and made ready, and I know that is not the table of poor men begging from door to door.”

April 2021 Prayer Request for Priests

ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT, MI

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Rev. L. Madey	2 Re. J. Mahoney	3 Adam Cardinal Maida
4 Rev. T. Maida, Rev. T. Maka	5 Rev. J. Maksym, Rev. J. Mallia	6 Rev. R. Malloy, OFM, CAP.	7 Rev. L. Marek, Rev. C. Marion	8 Rev. C. Martins, C.C., Rev. S. Masih	9 Rev. A. Maslejask, S.CHR.	10 Rev. S. Mateja, Rev. C. Maus
11 Rev. P. Mayfield, P.I.M.E.	12 Rev. J. Mayworm	13 Rev. K. Mazur, P.I.M.E.	14 Rev. T. Mazur, Rev. R. McCabe	15 Rev. T. McCabe, S.J.	16 Rev. B.J. McCarrick, S.A.C.	17 Most Rev. R. McClory
18 Rev. L. McCulloch, M.M.	19 Rev. J. McDermott, S.J.	20 Rev. C. McDonnell	21 MSGR. G. Mcenhill	22 Rev. J. McKenzie	23 Rev. J. McNulty, Rev. T. Meagher	24 Rev. J. Mech, Rev. J. Medina, S.J.
25 Rev. B. Meldrum, Rev. J. Meyer	26 Rev. G. Michalik	27 Rev. J. Michalski, S.CHR.	28 MSGR G. Miller, Rev. B. Milosz	29 Rev. M. Mitchell, L.C.	30 Rev. M. Molnar, MSGR. J. Moloney	

Divine Mercy Regional Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS)

2021 Virtual Spring Gathering

All Members & Spiritual Assistants
Are invited to join this ZOOM Gathering!

Sat., April 24th, 2021 9:45am to 3pm



PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Each person attending **MUST RSVP by April 15th**

[Register Here](#)

Happy Lent to all members of the Divine Mercy Regional Fraternity!

As Easter approaches, we look forward to all our members attending the Region's Annual Spring Gathering on Saturday April 24th, 2021 this year on ZOOM!

The morning focus is an introduction to the encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*. It is our hope that this presentation and small group discussion will assist your fraternity in using the document for on-going formation.

The afternoon focus is a State of the Region report, holding open forums, and discussing ways to re-engage members and "re-form" connections post-COVID!

You must Pre-Register in the box above by April 15th if you plan to attend.

On the day of the Gathering April 24th, please sign-in by 9:45am. The Gathering starts promptly at 10:00 am!

The Schedule for the day is attached for your preplanning!

All members are invited to join this Gathering which will give us the opportunity to share time with fellow Franciscans at least virtually, to grow in fraternity, and to support our way of life!

Any questions please email Regional Secretary Theresa Brown OFS at divinemercuryregion@gmail.com or call her at 248-335-1703.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1.....Sharon Krill
- 1.....Mary Myler
- 14.....Ruby Thompson
- 23.....Doris Allen
- 23.....Anna Ortego-Seitz
- 30.....Loretta Chmielarczyk
- 30.....Dolores Samulski

Franciscan Holy Days



- April 5 – St. Benedict the Black
- April 16 – St. Bernadette Soubirous
- April 17 – St. Benedict Joseph Labre
- April 21 – St. Conrad of Parzham
- April 23 – Bl. Giles of Assisi
- April 24 – St. Fildelis Sigmaringen
- April 28 – Bl. Luchesius

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

Jackie Hale



Members of our Fraternity

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| Lettie Aguilar | Patricia Long |
| Dan and Jan Atkinson | Ilene Manning & Family |
| Claire Boutain | Stella Mordarski |
| Joyce Brouillette | Connie Musial |
| Jerry Borycz | Ray Mylenek |
| Pat Cardellio | Jo Marie Nardi |
| Sophia Cisneros | Mary Poole |
| Salina De La Rosa | Barbara Pardington |
| Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue | Diane Raymond |
| Daniel Gabriel | Marilyn Ricard |
| Mary Gillen | Mary Saber |
| Stephen Haycox | Joe Sopian |
| James Heymes | Bridget Schultz |
| Gary Johnson | Ben Stapel |
| Joyce Kaminski | Eileen Smith |
| Esther Kelley | Ruby Thompson |
| Ron Kessler | Anna Tyler |
| Sharon Krill | Terry Westbrook-Lienert |

Our Deceased Members

- Virginia Mann

Our Deceased Relatives

Relatives needing prayers

- Tiffany Fogg, niece of Daniel Gabriel
- Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forys
- 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
- Kathleen Penridge, cousin of Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue
- Theresa Poole, mother of Mary
- Donald Schrotenboer, son-in-law of Marguerite Brannigan
- Matthew Smith, son of Eileen Smith
- Jim Smith, grandson of Claire Boutain
- Tom Sherfield, son-in-law of Claire Boutain
- Sandra Woods Family
- Denise Maltese, mother of Brittney Walendzik



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				1 BD: Sharon Krill BD: Mary Myler	2	3
4 EASTER  <i>Pss Prop</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10 10:30 am - 11:30 am Leadership Council
11 <i>Pss Prop</i>	12	13	14 BD: Ruby Thompson	15	16	17
18 FRATERNITY GATHERING ON ZOOM 1:30 P.M. <i>Pss III</i>	19	20	21	22	23 WOMEN'S RETREAT BD: Doris Allen BD: Anna Ortego- Seitz	24 WOMEN'S RETREAT REGIONAL MEETING ON ZOOM
25 WOMEN'S RETREAT <i>Pss IV</i>	26	27	28	29	30 BD: Loretta Chmielarczyk BD: Dolores Samulski	

Fax et Phonum

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Eileen Smith

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Fr. Bill Hugo.....

APPOINTMENTS

Continuing Formation Coordinator:

Brittney Walendzik.....

Gospel Happenings Coordinator:

Sharon Krill

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Ron Kessler

Hospitality co-Coordinators:

Julia Ertzbischoff-Donohue

Infirmarian:

Jackie Hale

Caring Hearts

Melissa Lindow

JPIC Coordinator:

Doris Allen

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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