
Padre Pio Fraternity

BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS REGION

Ongoing Formation

Another month of social distancing, another Zoom meeting: Father Jim Sabak, OFM, joined us and spoke about the history of, as well as the importance of, the Liturgy of the Hours. This daily prayer, along with the Eucharist, are “two sides of the same coin” as Fr. Jim described it, meant to be done in tandem. Fr. Jim spoke at length of how many historical misunderstandings about the role, and importance, of the Liturgy have unfortunately led to little use of this daily prayer in the daily lives of the faithful.



A snapshot of the fraternity meeting, done via Zoom, on May 31.

Holy Father's Intentions for June – The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the heart of Jesus.

Suzie's Prayer Corner

Upon awakening each morning, I sit in my sacred space. I have a picture of the San Damiano cross on my table and an icon of Francis and Clare and a picture of the Prodigal Son, a small nativity and a candle. I read the scripture for the day. Then I pray two prayers given to me by my spiritual director and then I enter into a quiet time usually 20 minutes and meditate and gaze at the 8x10 copy of the San Damiano cross and try to be still and open to hear what God is asking of me this day. I have been doing this for the most of my formation time when I started my journey into the OFS. I believe I have grown in my spirituality as a result of my formation, my prayer routine and my spiritual direction. I am grateful for all.

Joan Monti, OFS



Frank Peluso, OFS - June 12
Joanne Jacovec, OFS – June 19

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Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation

I have been the JPIC Animator for about 4 years and have loved every minute of being in Fraternity and working alongside so many wonderful people.

Today I am stirred by this pandemic and the amazing acts of charity that are taking place as so many “Shelter in Place.” It seems the perfect time to lift up so many good works.

The special newsletter edition “Pandemic Time” brought to light that in spite of the overwhelming need in our world, I am inspired to call out these good works, these corporal works of mercy.

We answer the call of Matthew 25 by providing food for the hungry, growing gardens, preparing and delivering meals, caring for the sick, praying for our nurses, doctors and therapists, giving blood, and making phone calls.

We are clothing others through sewing protective masks. We are visiting the marginalized by writing letters to those in prison.

I’m also reminded of the parable of the talents in which some multiplied their gifts and others were afraid to use them. By small and simple acts of kindness, much has been multiplied by our Padre Pio Fraternity.

It’s hard sometimes to know what being a Secular Franciscan is asking of us, so to tie this all together I’ll leave you with our Rule 14 “Secular Franciscans together with all people of good will, are called to build a more fraternal and evangelical world so that the kingdom of God may be brought about more effectively. Mindful that anyone “who follows Christ, the perfect man, becomes more of a man himself,” let them exercise their responsibilities competently in the Christian spirit of service. ~Art 19, OFS General Constitution; Art 14, OFS Rule

By Ellen Ferrone, OFS

Apostolates

For JPIC & Oak City Cares,
Email Ellen Ferrone, OFS

For CPO or Library:

Email Maureen Copan, OFS

For Hospitality: Email Gladys
Whitehouse, OFS

For Prayer Requests:

Email Joanne Jacovec, OFS

For Scrapbook:

Email Jeanette Cottone, OFS

For Sunshine:

Call Marge Zombek, OFS

For the Newsletter:

Zubair Simonson, OFS

For the Website:

Email Sharon Winzeler, OFS

June – Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

1. Bl. Felix of Nicosia, lay brother, Capuchin religious. d/ 1787
2. Bl. John Pelingotto, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1304
3. Bl. Andrew of Spello, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1254
4. St. Francois Caracciolo, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1608
5. Bl Pacific of Cerano, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1482
6. Bl. Lawrence of Villamagna, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1535
7. Bl. Himiliana Cerchi, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1246
8. Bl. Nicolas de Gesturi, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1958
9. Bl. Innocent Guz, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr 1940
10. Bl. Edouard Poppe, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1924
11. Bl. Yolanda of Hungary, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1298
12. Bl. Floride Cevoli, Virgin, Capuchin religious, d. 1767
13. St. Anthony of Padua, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1231 Plenary Indulgence for cordbearers_
14. Bl. Zephirin Jimenez, Martyr, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1936
15. St. Vincenta Gerosa, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1847, and Saint Mary Bartholomea Capitanio.
16. Bl. Marie-Therese Scherer, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1888
17. Bl. Peter Gambacorti, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1435
18. Bl. Guy of Cortona, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1250
19. Bl. Achille Puchata, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr 1943
20. Bl. Micheline de Pesaro, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1356
21. Bl. Herman Stapien, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr 1943
22. St. Thomas More, Martyr, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1943
23. St. Joseph Cafasso, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1860
24. Nativity of St. John the Baptist
25. Bl. Bienvenu de Gubbio, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1232
26. Bl. Frederick Jassoone, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1916
27. Bl. Marguerite Baeys, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1879
28. St. Barthelemie Capitanio, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1833
29. Sts. Peter and Paul, Holy Day of Obligation, Plenary Indulgence 30. Bl. Raymond Lulle, Martyr, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1315

****After two delays, our very own Zubair Simonson's interview will finally be airing on EWTN's The Journey Home with Marcus Grodi on June 1 at 8 pm****

Excerpt from a Letter by Padre Pio to Antonietta Vona:

Have no fear at all about any future harm that could happen to you in this world, because perhaps it might not happen to you at all, but in any event if it were to come upon you, God would give you the strength to bear it ... If God lets you walk on the stormy waters of adversity, do not doubt ... do not be afraid. God is with you. Have courage and you will be delivered.
<https://dailytimes.ng/tips-given-by-padre-pio-during-the-spanish-flu/>

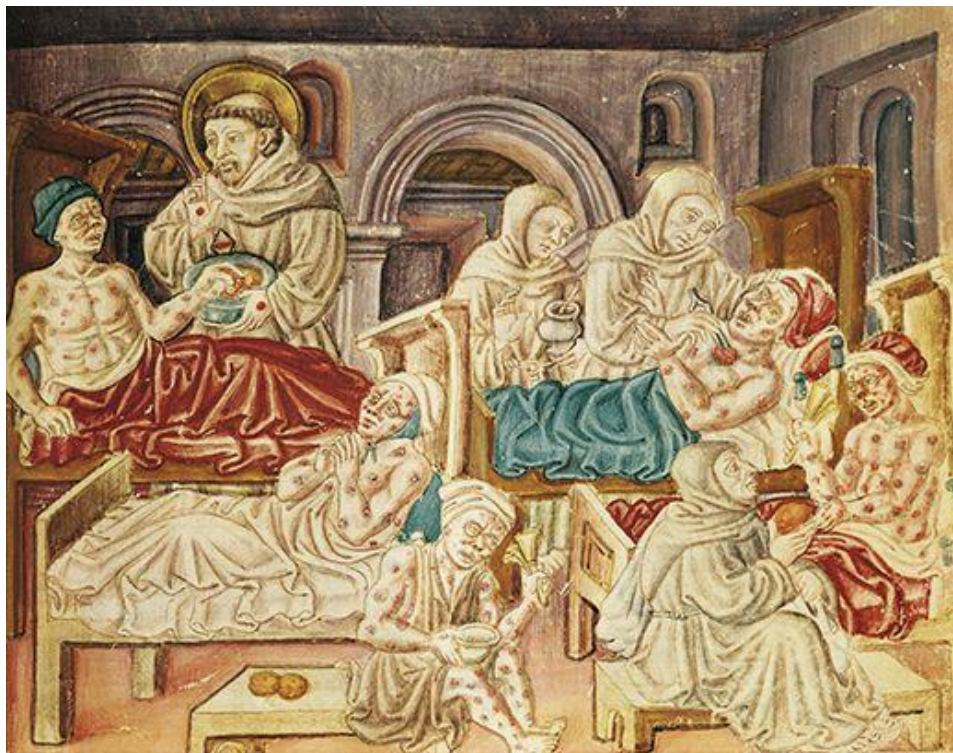
Updates:

The fraternity shall be resuming service for **Oak City Cares** on June 27, with meals being served outside and in boxes and/or bags

Profession of new members will be scheduled for June 27, although there is still no word, as of the date of this writing, whether St. Francis of Assisi Church will be open. Please keep an eye out for updates.

Congratulations **Zubair Simonson** on being chosen, by lot, to be a member of the council!

New guidance for mass and the sacraments, effective May 22, has been posted on the website of the Archdiocese of Raleigh here: <https://dioceseofraleigh.org/news/updated-guidance-masses-parish-ministries-and-sacraments-effective-may-22>



Faith is always at a disadvantage; it is a perpetually defeated thing which survives all conquerors.
-G.K. Chesterton