
PADRE PIO FRATERNITY

Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region

“We Are Not Alone”



The Padre Pio Fraternity is very proud to welcome David Shick, OFS, Joan Monti, OFS, Deacon Phil Rzewnicki, OFS, Anna Rzewnicki, OFS, Michael Oeser, OFS, Jeanne Casciere, OFS, Alexandra Rommel, OFS, Ben Whitehouse, OFS, and Gladys Whitehouse, OFS.

Due to COVID-19, those pictured above were the only ones able to attend the June 27 profession, with Mass led by Fr. Steve Kluge, OFM.

Profession has “officially” made them members of the Secular Franciscan Order, but all nine of our new members have made themselves instrumental to our community before that, so that profession was a mere formality.

All of our new members were also kind enough to share their experiences during the June 28 meeting. Thank you. And congratulations!

Council Members

Spiritual Assistant:

Fr. Steve Kluge, OFM

Minister:

Lee Cunningham, OFS

Vice Minister:

Ellen Ferrone, OFS

Formation Director:

S. Lynn Oeser, OFS

Treasurer:

Louis Coker, OFS

Secretary:

Michael Hancock, OFS

Councilors:

Suzie Nelson, OFS

Maureen Copan, OFS

Zubair Simonson, OFS

BSSF Region Minister:

DorothyAnn Rowland, OFS

Area 3 Councilors:

Ellen Ferrone, OFS

Martha Roman, OFS

Holy Father's Intentions for July –

Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

Suzie's Prayer Corner

Faith is the focus of my life. I always do Morning and Evening prayers. On a "slow" day, I also start with the Invitatory and include the Office of Readings. I purchased the four-volume Liturgy of the Hours when I was studying to be a Third Order Carmelite. After seven months due to the lack of fraternity and other apostolates, I decided that the Secular Franciscans were a better fit. For whatever reason Our Lady of Fatima and the Fatima message has always had a profound effect on me. I pray the Rosary daily and I say the Chaplet of St. Michael and when I have time the Chaplet of Saint Gertrude for the Poor Souls in Purgatory as well as offer sacrifices. I am always mindful of the Hour of Great Mercy and say the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayers associated with this devotion. I am currently doing the First Saturday devotion which involves confession at least once a month. Being a night person, I find attending daily mass in this area very difficult. I had always attended either the noon Mass on Fort Bragg or the evening Mass at St. Patrick's for the twenty years that I lived in Fayetteville, NC. I am working hard to change my circadian rhythm. In the meantime, I reflect on the daily Mass readings and do a spiritual communion. I am an avid reader of books on spirituality or the saints. My most recent gem is "The Three Ages of the Interior Life" by Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, O.P. I have always loved spending time in front of the Blessed Sacrament and try to make time for it whenever I am at church. Last but not least, I enjoy learning from my Franciscan brothers and sisters. I look forward to our monthly meetings to enhance my formation and participating in the formation of our new candidates. – *Jeanette Cottone, OFS*

Life on the Council:

With fraternity elections coming up in early 2021, some of our previous councilmembers have been generous enough to share their own experiences with us.

I have been on two councils for a total of 12 years. Both councils were reactivating a fraternity and it was a blessing to be involved. I have always felt that it was important to give service to any organization if one wanted to get the most from that organization. As Winston Churchill said, “We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.” Serving as counselor, secretary, vice-minister, and minister were all rewarding challenges. There was never a meeting when a different challenge wouldn't appeared. Mostly about dynamic relationships. Therefore, no dull moments so to say. Servant leadership implies the concept of a leader also being a good servant. I thank God for putting me in these positions and He will judge whether it was “good” or not.

Pax et bonum,
Frank E. Peluso, OFS



Chris Peffley, OFS – July 2

Victoria Romero, OFS – July 5

Sr. Bernadette Cappola, OSC – July 7

Sr. Carolyn Forgette, OSC – July 10

Sr. Claudia Phillips, OSC – July 18

Apostolates

For JPIC Email Ellen Ferrone, OFS

For Oak City Cares: Email Sharor Winzeler, OFS

For CPO or Library:

Email Maureen Copan, OFS

For Hospitality:

Email Gladys Whitehouse, OFS

For Prayer Requests:

Email Deacon Phil Rzewnicki, 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

Words of Faith by Padre Pio:

Let us always bear in mind that if the Lord were to judge us according to strict justice, none of us, perhaps, would be saved. So let us make righteousness and peace exchange a kiss, which we shall obtain if we always tend towards mercy rather than justice, in imitation of our Heavenly Father.

<https://padrepiodevotions.org/padre-pios-words/>

**Oak City Cares:**

The look of working with our apostolate at Oak City Cares has changed since the onset of COVID-19. We've switched from homemade casseroles and fresh salads to packaged snacks.

We resumed volunteering at the center that feeds the homeless and others in need on Saturday, June 18. For the two months prior, the fraternity donated toward catered meals because COVID-19 restrictions prevented us from serving food to the guests.

Now we are permitted to distributed packaged meals. Bill Barkey from Sacred Heart Cathedral continues to grill hot chicken dogs, and we provided sides like chips, cookies, granola bars and fruit.

Our next service will be on Saturday, July 25. Look for a way to volunteer through a Sign-Up Genius in your email soon. – *Sharon Winzeler, OFS*

July – Month of the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ

1. Feast of the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
2. Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady
3. Bl. Marie Anne Fontcuberta, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1886
4. 40 Martyrs of China, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order and Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1900
5. Bl. Ignace Falzon, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1865
6. St. Maria Goretti, Virgin Martyr, Corderbearer, d. 1902
7. Bl. Oddino Barrotti, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1400
8. St. Elizabeth of Portugal, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1336
9. St. Veronica Giuliani, Virgin, Capuchin religious, d. 1727
10. 8 Martyrs religious of the Franciscan 1st Order of Damas, d. 1860
11. 11 Martyrs religious of the Franciscan 1st Order of Holland, d. 1572
12. Sts. Geoffrey and Joachim, Priests, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyrs 1679
13. St. Francis Solano, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1610
14. St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1274
15. Bl. Bernard of Baden, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1458
16. Our Lady of Mount Carmel; St. Marie-Madeleine Postel, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1846
17. Bl. Pierre De Foligno, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1614
18. St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1614
19. St. Vincent de Paul, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1660
20. St. Jerome Emilien, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1537
21. St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Capuchin religious, Doctor of the Church, d. 1619
22. Bl. Angelina of Marciano, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1435
23. Bl. Louise of Savoy, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1503
24. Bl. Modestin de Jesus-Marie, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1864
25. Bl. Antoine Lucci, Bishop, Conventual religious, d. 1752
26. St. Anne, mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary
27. Bl. Mary Magdalene Martinengo, Virgin, Capuchin, d. 1737
28. Bl. Marie-Therese of the Infant Jesus, Virgin, Capuchin, martyr 1941
29. Bl. Alphonse de l'Immaculee, virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1946
30. St. Leopold de Castelnovo, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1942
31. St. Ignace de Loyola, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1556

Items of interest:

-The next (presumably Zoom) gathering will be July 26, 2020.

-Due to COVID-19, the Annual Regional Gathering (ARG), scheduled for August, has been cancelled.

-Starting in September we shall be reading *Saint Clare: Beyond the Legend*, by Marco Bartoli for ongoing formation. The book may be purchased on Amazon.

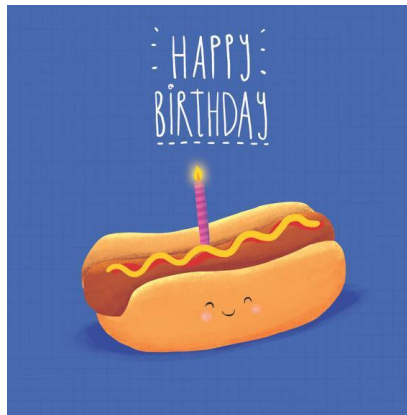
-CPO is now only opened three times a week, having been shut down for several weeks after three workers contracted COVID-19.

-“We Are Not Alone,” by Sandy Ridge Mennonite is available for viewing on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OviilwujVtE>

-Our very own Sharon Winzeler, OFS, recently had an article published in the Tau-USA, in honor of Fr. Lester Bach, OFM. Here is the link: <https://secularfranciscansusa.org/2020/06/17/remembering-father-lester-bach-ofm-cap/>

A Correction by the Editor:

The Poor Clare nuns of Traveler’s Rest, SC, are our prayer partners. It is custom to include their names in the monthly newsletter...something the new editor has learned since last month. Please accept my apology, and thank you for your prayers. And...



Sr. Maryann Jenkins, OSC – June 2

Sr. Sharon Ratteree, OSC – June 19

Sr. Mary Marguerite John, OSC – June 21

Fun Fact:

July 4 is the Feast Day of Elizabeth of Portugal, a 14th Century queen consort...who was a Secular Franciscan.