
Padre Pio Fraternity

Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region

Let Us Pray for the Repose of the Souls of Deceased Members of our Padre Pio Fraternity Saints of the Seraphic Order.

On November 29, the Church celebrates the many Franciscan saints who followed in the footsteps of St. Francis. It is a special day for all Franciscans to celebrate the feast of 'All the Saints of the Seraphic Order.'

Grace Lambert, OFS -Professed- 10/4/1984-Deceased 11/28/1985

A. Gordon Keating, OFS-Professed 11/25 /1945-Deceased 6/22/1986

Daniel Skurski, OFS-Professed 12/4/1987- Deceased 9/04/1994

Paul Rutz, OFS - Professed 12/7/ 1986- Deceased 1/30/1995

Lesley Stinson, OFS-Professed 10/7/1995/-Deceased 2/13/1996-

Wally Bauer, OFS -Professed 09/7/ 1958- Deceased 1/21/1997

Patricia Stapleton, OFS-Professed 05/05/1999-Deceased 11/30/2010

Ron Howe, OFS professed 10/2/1999--Deceased 1/19/2012

Jane Sullivan-Farris, OFS- Professed 5/5/1996-Deceased 03/7/2012

Louise Friedman, OFS- Professed-1/2/1983 -Deceased 07/24/2013^[1]_[SEP]

Vincent McKone, OFS' - Professed-12/13/1953 ~ Deceased January 5, 2015

Rosemary Ann Schneider OF S, Founder, Deceased 04/22/2016

Art Schneider, OFS Founder, Dates unknown

Fr. Joseph Madden, OFM Conv. Jan.30,1935 - April 23, 2019

Louis Coker, OFS Professed-06/25/2016 ~ Deceased July 13,2020



Ongoing Formation

We continued our discussion of Marco Bartoli's *Saint Clare: Beyond the Legend*, which began with a very necessary clarification, of course, of what a "legend" is, in the technical sense.

Reflection Questions:

If Clare is a "light in an enclosure"—both bright and humble—what are you? Make up a metaphor that describes yourself. Why did you choose that? Are you happy with your description, or do you seek something else? HAVE FUN with this one...and don't be afraid to laugh!!

St Clare is both Luminous, and Modest. Is this a good combination of qualities in today's world? How are we as Secular Franciscans, to be both luminous and modest in our daily lives?

Biography of the Saints contain historical facts about the saint as well as theological interpretation—disclosing the spiritual side of the Saint. Now consider your life—daily thoughts, words, and deeds. How do they reflect both an outward factual truth, as well as a spiritual reality? How will looking at yourself this way help in your formation and ongoing journey as a Franciscan?

For ongoing formation next month we will be discussing chapter 3 of *Saint Clare: Beyond the Legend*.

Special Reminder:

In your prayers, remember also the deceased among our Prayer Partners, the Poor Clare Nuns of Traveler's Rest, SC.

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Working on it!

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Holy Father's Intentions for November –

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Suzie's Prayer Corner –

Prayer isn't meant to be difficult, meant for those we perceive to be holy, or more "perfect" than we are. It is never far away either! Prayer is a deep conversation between friends, a heart to heart: sometimes listening, sometimes speaking, and not necessarily aloud. Our spiritual and prayer lives need nurtured as much as our physical and mental processes do.

When I was a young mother, I loved late night feedings, in my rocker, facing the night sky through the picture window. God was So close! Or maybe I grew close to God, understanding the parallels between us as I grew into parenthood, listening for His desires for them, not just my own.

Later as an adult I have suffered from several illnesses that have caused me to take a leap of faith, and pray unceasingly for others not just myself. I have come to see Jesus standing with me, God my father holding me tight, my companions Francis and Clare nearby.

Now we are in the midst of a world-wide viral pandemic. Once again, I struggle physically, often up at night. My prayer life has gone full circle, back to silent nighttime chats with my beloved Creator. My prayer has become my life, and my life continues to become more prayer. Not saying I am always good at it. But I persevere. I encourage others to deepen their prayer life, too.

After all, we are all on the same Spiritual Journey, following Jesus to the Father.

-Charlotte Witosky, OFS

Profession Anniversaries:

Zubair Simonson, OFS, will be five years professed on November 14.

Ceremony of Introduction and Welcoming

October 25 was a very special meeting. Several orientees formally declared their intentions to begin the process of their formation as Secular Franciscans to the Padre Pio Fraternity. Having declared, they have also been paired with sponsors. We are very excited to have them!

Sponsor

Deacon Phil Rzenwicki OFS
 Zubair Simonson OFS
 Maureen Copen OFS
 Ellen Ferrone OFS
 Dave Shick OFS
 Gladys Whitehouse OFS
 Ben Whitehouse OFS
 John & Gail Halada OFS
 Jeanette Cottone OFS
 Joan Monti OFS
 Alexandra Rommel OFS
 Shannon Brooks OFS
 Marie Roccaforte OFS
 Jeanne Casciere OFS
 Anna Rzenwicki OFS
 Theresa Flynn OFS

Orientee(s)

Dave Abel and Henry Sims
 Travis Bongiorno
 Mary Cockrill
 Mercedes Cooley
 Mike Gould and Joe Werner*
 Valorie Davis and Nkem Okereke
 Leon Cooke and Brian Dennison
 Richard Hammer
 Alma Hammer
 Mary Lou Holloway
 Kiki McCalister
 Maureen McFadden
 Jeanette Perez
 Rachel Robeson
 Mayra Rangel
 Anne Evangelista



Alexandra Rommel, OFS – Nov. 27

Sr. Kathy DeLancey, OSC – Nov. 27

Virginia Conway, OFS – Nov. 30

November – Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

1. Feast of All Saints – Holy day of Obligation
2. Commemoration of all of the Faithfully Departed – Plenary Indulgence for the holy souls when one visits a church or chapel and recites a Pater and a Credo
3. Bl. Helen Enselmini, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a “Poor Clare” sister, d. 1231
4. St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1584
5. Feast of the Saints Relics
6. Bl. Margaret of Lorraine, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a “Poor Clare” sister, d. 1521
7. Bl. Raynier of Arezzo, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1304
8. Bl. John Duns Scotus, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1308
9. Bl. Gabriel Ferritti, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1456
10. Bl. Louis Guanella, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1915
11. Bl. Mary Crucifixa, Virgin, the Franciscan 3rd-Order; a “Poor Clare” sister, d. 1826
12. Bl. John of Peace, Confessor, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1340
13. St. Didacus of Alcala, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1463
14. St. Nicholas Tavelich and Companions, Martyrs, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1391
15. Bl. Sebastien de Jesus, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1734
16. St. Agnes of Assisi, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a “Poor Clare” sister, d. 1253
17. Bl. Jane of Signa, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1307
18. Bl. Salome of Cracow, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a “Poor Clare” sister, d. 1268
19. St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Virgin Patroness of Franciscan Third Order Secular, Plenary Indulgence (renewal of Tertiary engagement), d. 1231
20. Bl. Migagros Ortells, Virgin, Capuchin religious, Martyr 1936
21. Feast of the Presentation of the Holy Virgin Mary
22. Bl. Salvator Lilli, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1895
23. Bl. Marie de Jesus Bon Pasteur, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1902
24. Bl. Timothy Trajonowski, lay brother, Conventual religious, martyr 1942
25. Bl. Humilis of Bisignano, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1637
26. St. Leonard of Port Maurice, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1751
27. St. Francis Anthony Fasani, Priest, Conventual religious, d. 1742
28. St. James of the March, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1476
29. Saints of the Seraphic Order
30. Bl. Anthony Bonfadini, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1482

Words of Faith by Padre Pio:

“As many souls of the dead come up this road [to the monastery] as that of the souls of the living.”

<https://aleteia.org/2017/11/07/when-padre-pio-was-visited-by-a-soul-from-purgatory/>

Items of Interest:

-After several months of difficulty trying to arrange a meeting with a representative at Wells Fargo, so that the interim treasurer's name could be added as a signer in place of our departed Brother Louis, OFS, the Council agreed that it would be wise to open an account with a separate bank, and to close the account with Wells Fargo. On October 23, an account was opened at BB&T for the fraternity. For those wishing to send donations via mail, no changes have been made to the address to send donations to.

-Just a reminder that the surveys sent out by JPIC last month, to help the ministry plan for the upcoming year, may still be filled out and would be much appreciated. But the deadline is nigh!

-For those who feel they may be called to serve on the Council, there is still opportunity this November to speak with John Halada, OFS, or anyone in the election committee, about it before the nominations are finalized. Don't be shy to pray about it!

-The fraternity's annual day retreat will be via Zoom this year, on December 5, from 9am-3pm. Save the date!



The Transitus of St. Francis was on October 3

Our next gathering (via Zoom) will be on November 22, 2020