
Padre Pio Fraternity

Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region

Rite of Extraction -

The Rite of Extraction, one of our Franciscan traditions, was held during our Zoom meeting on January 24. Had this been a normal year, we would have physically gone to our meeting space in St. Francis Church and each physically handpicked our saints (to pray with), scriptures (to meditate on), and virtues (to grow in) from the hat ourselves. But all of this know that this past year has been pretty far removed from what we call “normal” and so we watched from our computer screens as Lynn Oeser, OFS, picked our saints, scriptures, and virtues out of the hat for each of us from her house. Cheers to improvisation!

You know who your saint is, and what your scripture and virtue are, so start praying! Lent is coming up after all.



Holy Father's Intentions for February - Violence Against Women

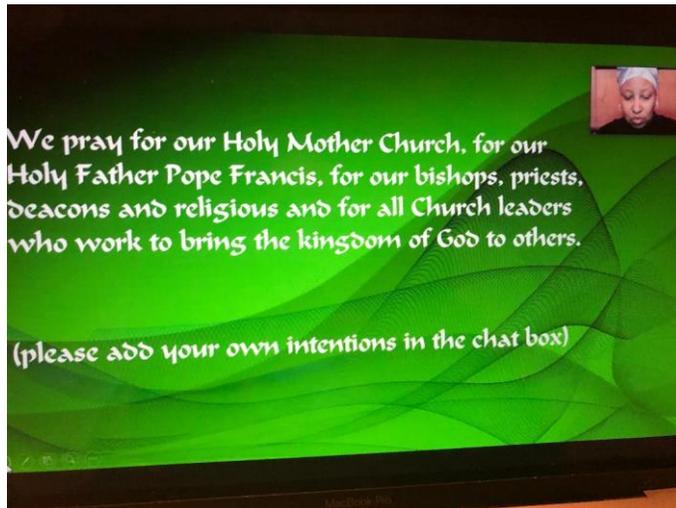
We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Election Update

Well the good news was that, after considerable diligence amongst those in the Council who had made several inquiries, our fraternity was able to reserve a space at St. Francis Church for us to hold our upcoming fraternity election, in which those who RSVP'd would be able to physically meet in a manner compatible with social-distancing, for January 31.

The bad news was that January 31, of all days, turned out to have snow and freezing rain in the weather forecast, and so the election needed to be postponed in consideration of the safety of our members.

Don't worry, we shall indeed be holding this election at the soonest possible date, so stay tuned for details!



JPIC Animator Carolyn Townes, OFS, led Prayers for Lamentation and Hope on Jan. 31 in response to our nation's recent and divisive troubles.

Council Members

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Pending final approval

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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

Suzie’s Prayer Corner

Many years ago I learned that Prayer is the lifting up of our minds and hearts to God – talking to God; and that is what Gail and I do. Sometime regularly (e.g. meals, bedtime, etc.) but mostly anytime we feel the need to be thankful for good news or ask for help in difficult situations.

Gail could almost always be found using a Rosary in her pocket, and I would say the Rosary when running (the miles would fly by). She often says a prayer “Angel of God my guardian dear, ... ever this day be by my side to light and guide my way”

As we are told in Rule 8: “let prayer and contemplation be the soul of all we are and do”. To help us, I read sometimes to Gail from “Francis the Journey and the Dream” in which Murray Bodo shares with us not only what Francis did but how he might have felt.

We trust that God is listening and believe he has answered our prayers with guidance throughout our lives.

Finally, I recently shared with my grandchildren the saying my mother told me many times when I was growing up “Pray a lot and do your best and God my child will do the rest.”



Joan Monti, OFS – Feb. 2

Michael Hancock, OFS – Feb. 11

Sr. Kathy Ann Horvat, OSC – Feb. 20

February-Month of the Holy Family

1. Bl. Patrick O'Loughran, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr d. 1612
2. Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary
3. Martyrs of Japan, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, lay brothers and Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1597
4. St. Joseph de Leonisse, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1612
5. St. Jane of Valois, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1505
6. Bl. Pius IX, Pope, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d.1878
7. St. Egide-Marie de St. Joseph, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order d. 1812
8. Bl. Anthony of Stroncone, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1461
9. Bl. Clare of Rimini, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1346
10. Bl. Alojzije Stepinac, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1960
11. Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes, 1858
12. Bl. Andre Ferrari, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1921
13. St. Eustochium of Messine, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1485
14. Bl. Philippa Mareri, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1263
15. Translation of the relics of St. Anthony
16. Bl. Veridiana, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1242
17. Bl. Luke Belludi, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1286
18. St. Bernadette Soubirous, Virgin, cordbearer, d. 1879 Plenary Indulgence possible for the Cordbearers only
19. St. Conrad de Plaisance, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1351
20. Bl. Peter of Treja, Priest religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1304
21. St. Margaret of Cortona, penitent, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1297, Plenary Indulgence possible (renewal of engagements of the Franciscan Third Order Secular)
22. Feast of the Chair of St. Peter
23. Bl. Isabelle of France, Virgin of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1270
24. Bl. Innocent XI, Pope, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1689
25. Bl. Sebastian of Aparicio, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1600
26. Bl. Antonia of Florence, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1533
27. Bl. Louise Albertoni, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1533
28. Bl. Jeremie de Valachie, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1625



Words of Faith by Padre Pio

Let us always keep before our eyes the fact that here on earth we are on a battlefield and that in paradise we shall receive the crown of victory; that this is a testing-ground and the prize will be awarded up above; that we are now in a land of exile while our true homeland is Heaven to which we must continually aspire.

<https://www.patheos.com/blogs/standingonmyhead/2016/02/ten-lessons-from-padre-pio-for-lent.html>

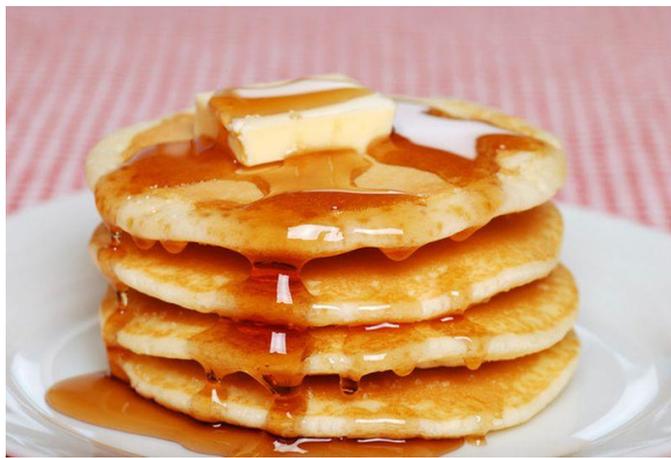
Items of Interest:

-We in the Padre Pio Fraternity were given prayer partners, brothers and sisters to pray with, and to pray for, as a way to keep in touch during these COVID times. If you have not reached out to your prayer partner yet, or your prayer partner has not reached out to you, don't be afraid to take the initiative!

-It's a new year, which means...it's time for fair share! Fair share is a check annually sent to regional, to help maintain their operations, by local fraternities. It is typically a local fraternity's largest expense in a given year. We at the Padre Pio are very blessed to have 34 active and excused professed members, and so our contribution to the Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region will help the Padre Pio Fraternity to help balance this expense, but if this would be, in any way, a financial strain, then do not worry about it at all. Checks may be mailed to our treasurer at:

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-After a very positive response to the survey question "Would you be interested in joining a group of faith and action-sharing individuals to discuss progress and growth on the social justice journey?" JPIC has decided to begin a group discussion, sometime during the Easter season, on this topic. Stay tuned for more details!



Our next gathering, via Zoom, will be February 28, 2021