

Padre Pio Fraternity

Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region

Rite of Extraction

Due to snow, as well as the recent surge in COVID cases nationwide, our January 23 fraternity gathering meeting was held via Zoom, rather than in-person. Although this switch did call for some improvisation, since the prudent decision not to meet in-person was agreed upon by the Council only a few days prior, our fraternity has become quite expert at Zoom gatherings over the last two years!

Jan. 23, 2022

Rite of Extraction



Jeanne Casciere, OFS, led our fraternity through the Rite of Extraction, with the assistance of readers Judy Newell, Alma Hammer, OFS, Mayra Rangel, and Rachel Bongiorno, OFS. Led by the Spirit, she drew the names of our saints, our virtues, and our scriptures on our behalf, and presented them to us with a very well-crafted slideshow (*picture above*), available here:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1orp32Xg56c3HahrVfRD5fEMzWvLiMDh/edit?usp=sharing&oid=111838359055695138601&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Hopefully, next year's Rite of Extraction will be in-person. But we will continue to keep improvising, for as long as we need to!

Holy Father's Intention for February – Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Candidates Corner – Valorie Davis



I was born August 31 in Elmhurst Hospital, Queens, New York. I have been married to my best friend and husband, Glenn forty-one years. He is retired now, healthy and the backbone of our family. We have one daughter, a son-in-law, and three active grandchildren who keep us busy. We also care for my mother-in-law.

We moved to North Carolina in the spring of 1994. I currently work for Wake County Public School Systems as an Instructional Assistant and am nearing retirement. We have been attending St. Francis of Assisi since 1995 and have seen a lot of growth and change over the years. I have participated in many interesting opportunities, programs, and ministries at St. Francis. One ministry, the Way of Francis, led me to the Secular Franciscans. But I believe it was the work of the Holy Spirit leading me all the way.

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Candidates Corner –

David Abell



I was born in 1934, the youngest of eleven children, and raised on a farm in Arkansas.

I worked for IBM Corporation, in upstate New York, for 26 years. I was married for 50 years to Sara Gallo, from NYC. She was born to eternal life in 2018. We moved to Raleigh in 1995. We have two adopted children, Andy and Maria, and one grandson, Emanuel Thompson.

My main hobby is playing guitar. I am also interested in saving our planet by living simply, and implementing rooftop solar.

It has been a joy and a blessing for me to work, pray and socialize with my Padre Pio brothers and sisters. I love you all wish you the very best always.



Joan Monti, OFS – February 2

Rachel Bongiorno, OFS – February 4

Michael Hancock, OFS – February 11

Sr. Kathy Ann Horvat, OSC – February 20

Nikem Okereke, OFS – February 21

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

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Words of Faith by Padre Pio:

“If God wills to prolong our trials, do not let us lament or try to find out the reason... We have to see God through the fire of thorns, and to do this we must go barefoot and renounce our own will and affection and accept the will of God wholeheartedly.” <https://padrepiodevotions.org/padre-pios-words/>

Items of Interest:

-Our May 13-15 retreat, which will be led by Fr. Steve Kluge, OFM, is titled *Grounded in the World: Living Franciscan Spirituality in the 21st Century*. If you plan on attending, the Sign-Up Genius link is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094faea922aa8-grounded>

-Apostolates are opportunities to serve, and to build community. Since our fraternity is growing, we are likely to be adding an apostolate to our list of activities. If you would like to suggest any particular apostolate which our fraternity can be involved in, email your suggestion to Ellen Ferrone, OFS, with details.

-We will continue to explore Ilia Delio's book, *the Humility of God*, for on-going formation at our next gathering. Gladys Whitehouse, OFS, will be lead us with a presentation on Chapter 3. Come prepared!

-The next meeting of our fraternity's book discussion group, covering *the Way Between*, will take place on February 13. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094faea922aa8-padre>

-Our next meal service at oak City Cares will be on Saturday, February 26. If you are interested in volunteering, keep an eye out for the Sign-Up Genius link in your email.



February is the month of the Most Holy Family

Our next fraternity gathering (in-person if possible, Zoom if necessary) will be on February 27, 2022