ST MARY OF THE ANGELS FRATERNITY ORDER OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN THE ANGELUS * NOVEMBER 11TH, 2018



Some of our members WITENSSING and PRAYING outside the Bethesda office of late term abortionist Leroy Carhart during the October 40 Days for Life Campaign. Truly this is as FRANCISCAN as it gets!

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Please remember the Holy Souls in this month.

The Holy Souls can NOT PRAY FOR THEMSELVES. Only YOU and I can help them.

They can, however, pray for you and in fact they do pray ardently for their benefactors. How would it feel to be stuck in the anguish of Purgatory with everyone who loved you on earth simply saying you were in Heaven and not praying for you?

ITS SO EASY FOR US TO HELP THEM BUT WE HAVE TO TRY.
FAITH THAT IT REALLY MATTERS IS THE KEY.

According the Manual Of Indulgences published by the USCCB,
SPECIAL NOVEMBER PLENARY INDULGENCES
applicable only to the souls in purgatory are granted to the faithful:
Who on any day from November 1 to 8, devoutly visit a cemetery
and pray for the departed;

and meet the other normal conditions for any plenary indulgence:

Be detached from sin,

Make a sacramental confession within 20 days of the indulgenced act (one confession suffices for every indulgenced act made within that 20 day period),

Receive Eucharistic Communion and

Pray for the Pope's intentions (one Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be suffice).

You must have the intention of acquiring the indulgence at the time of the indulgenced act!

While you can obtain only one plenary indulgence per day (unless you are dying), any act which does not qualify for a plenary indulgence, still obtains a partial indulgence.

You can offer to God every indulgence for a soul in purgatory but ask our Good God to keep the last one you make for yourself.

Some Other Plenary Indulgences which are easily obtained:

* Pray a Rosary with others in a church

Say the Station of the Cross in front of Church Stations

** Read Holy Scripture for 30 minutes.

DON'T FORGET ST. GERTRUDE'S PRAYER TO FREE 1000 Souls!

SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT'S MESSAGE

November, 2018

Article 15 of our Rule says:

"Let them individually and collectively be in the forefront in promoting justice by the testimony of their human lives and their courageous initiatives. Especially in the field of public life, they should make definite choices in harmony with their faith."

The second section of the Rule deals with ways secular Franciscans bring the message of the Gospel and give true witness of Jesus Christ through ministry and apostolic action. We as seculars have a special and unique lifestyle when it comes to living the Gospel life. But the real substantiation comes when we express it in our specific modes of service and ministry.

The first aspect of this evangelical action is what I feel is needed the most by our secular world: social justice, both on the individual and community levels. We first must demonstrate this justice ourselves as well as prompt it in others. We should be doing this not just in our private lives for all to see, but in the settings of politics, business, economics, etc.--in short the public. This is actually mandated by our Rule to all of the Franciscan family in the name of promoting social justice. It is also in defense of and moves toward a common public expression of our rights when it is done for the purpose of demonstrating our conviction of our faith and Franciscan charism(religious liberty and the right to express it). As always, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can bring ourselves to practice this in all areas of our lives.

I wish all of you and your families a very happy and joyous Thanksgiving!

Peace and all Good,

Mike

OUR NOVEMBER MEETING Opening Prayer

- 1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY ON SUNDAY DEC. 9 Lilian
- MONTHLY MASSES FOR OUR DECEASED MEMBERS, Carmencita
 - DECEMBER 4TH PILGRIMAGE TO ST. ANTHONY"S SHRINE ON TROY HILL, PITTSBURGH PA Susan
- JANUARY PILGRIMAGE TO THE ST. JOHN
 PAULL II CULTURAL CENTER Portia
 - DOROTHY DAY SCHEDULE Genie
 - 2. PRESENTATION ON PURGATORY
 Susan
 - 3. CHRISTAIN PRAYER LED by Tom
- 4. BREAK & PRAYER PARTNERS by Mary
- PRESENTATION AND GROUP DISCUS-SION ON "REFLECTION TWO" FROM "LIVE LIKE FRANCIS:" by Mike Huether
 - 6. ONGOING FORMATION by Tom

HAPPY NOVMEBER BIRTHDAYS

18th - Jamie Bernardo

No Five Year Professions this month.

Submitted by Genie

ON NOVEMBER 1st, the Feast of All Saints, a Mass for our Living and Deceased Members was offered at St. Judes.

DECEMBER 7th will be our next Mass at St. Judes Church.

Thank you Carmencita for arranging this.

From our dear Rose Mary after receiving our care package inspired by Alina, with contributions from many of us and delivered by Genie:

"I'm so overwhelmed by the love and caring of the Fraternity. I don't know how to thank you all for the food, cookies, chocolates, soups, crackers, rice, cereals, pasta, party tray, canned vegetables and fruit, towel, prayer cards, scarf, flowers and most of all the love and prayers. And Jeanne Dutton who has been my constant companion through my journeys. And who she and her son Mark delivered all the love from all of you. I AM OVERWHELMED!! I have enough food for months! I would love to have emails of the members so I may thank them. I'm finally healing from my fall and I know it has to do with all of your prayers. God bless you for always thinking and praying for me



OOPS: THE HUGE SHOUT OUT OF THANKS SHOULD HAVE BEEN TO THE

ST JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO FRATERNITY
FOR HOSTING THE LOVELY REGIONAL PICNIC

ADVENT!

St. Francis kept a strict fast of bread and water during Advent. In fact he started it even before Advent on the feast of

St. Martin of Tours, November 11.

Our Advent starts late this year on December 2nd.

St. Francis, Please pray for us that we embrace the penitential Advent season and practice some mortifications and offer some sacrifices and special good works, in preparation of the great Christmas Feast.



JOIN US ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 9TH!

OUR FRATERNITY'S JOYFUL CHRISTMAS PARTY!

11AM TO 3PM.

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

LILIAN IS KINDLY HOSTING THIS EVENT AGAIN IN HER CONDO'S PARTY ROOM.

209 MONROE STREET,

THE CHESEPEAKE ROOM

TERRACE LEVEL

ROCKVILLE MD

PLEASE ALSO BRING A

WRAPPED GIFT

TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR VERY FUN
CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE
WE WILL PRAY THE CHRISTIAN PRAYER
CALL SUSAN AT 301 525 1555 IF YOU GET LOST!

ADVENT PRAYER (Minister's Message) BY Susan Dear St. Joseph,

We who love Jesus so very much, also suffer from crowds in our own "inns".

We are swamped with busy schedules in December, Christmas Dinners to plan and make, gifts to buy and wrap and give, parties to go to in a spirit of celebration, and schedules that were busy before December and now could become absolutely hectic.

Help us St. Joseph to make FOCUS ON JESUS as our FIRST PRIORITY.
Help us to make room in the inns of our minds and hearts for Our Lord.
Help us to SIMPLIFY where we can in a spirit of joyful focus. Help us to make this season holy so that we truly can be present with our Lord in joy and wonder.

Let us offer to the LORD all we do to make this Christmas Season JOYFUL FOR OTHERS as our SPECIAL GIFT to HIM.

LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE of SERVICE

God the Father willed that you, me and every human being be created out of Divine love and in His image and likeness. Your moment of conception was a moment when the Divine granted you a place in the unfolding story of the human race. Your life, all human life, though frail in nature, is and will always be a sacr4ed gift. God's infinite nature, Huis immeasurable generosity and God's love cannot be matched by any one person or the whole human race. God has always been, is now and forever shall be our Lord whose service unto humanity speaks so loudly.

Be willing to serve others without attaching and contractual terms or conditions. Be willing to serve others, most notably those among the least of us. How? There are many ways to serve our Lord by serving others. Do you make time to pray daily? Do you visit the sick or home-bound? Are you generous unto others in your words, actions and deeds? Our world is watching over you. Are you attentive to the ways of our good Lord?

Go out into the real world and live out the Gospel in your words and actions. Be willing to serve others...even those you might not like. Serve others, and in doing so be humbled by their meager belongings, the poor life they live, their inadequate food, clothing and shelter; their suffering not only from their fiscal poverty, but also their poverty of heart, mind and soul. Be or seek to become a true servant of Christ. You will succeed best by living out the Gospel. Read the Beatitudes in Mathew Chapter 5. Read the ancient prophets especially Isaiah. God is asking you, me and all of His disciples to listen to His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Then pray, read Holy Scripture, live out our faith by putting your faith into action. See Christ in the lives of the poor, the elderly, those with disabilities, the homeless, the chronically unemployed, and the absence of Christ in your own heart. Be humbled by this realization. Then pray with all your heart. And know our Lord rests in your company. He is with us throughout every hour and day of our God-given lives. Peace and Blessings,

Fr Michael W Briese

FEAST DAYS AND HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Submitted by Lilian Soriano

- NOV. 1 ALL SAINTS' DAY this day is dedicated and honor the saints of the church particularly those who do not have their own special feast day, those who have attained heaven and those who died and not yet reached heaven. It is a holy day of obligation, catholics are required to attend mass unless have an excellent excuse such as serious illness.
- NOV. 2 ALL SOUL'S DAY a holy day set aside for honoring the dead. According to catholics' belief, soul of a person who dies can go to one of 3 places. The first is heaven, where a person dies in a state of perfect grace and communion with God goes. The second is hell, where those who die in a state of mortal sin are naturally condemned by their choice. The intermediate option is purgatory, which is thought to be where most people, free of mortal sin but still in a state of lesser (venial) sin, most go to purgatory is necessary so that souls can be cleansed and perfected before they enter into heaven.
- NOV. 4 ST. CHARLES BORROMEO patron saint of bishops, cathechists, cardinals, seminarians, spiritual leaders. He led the effort to fight the protestants reformation. He is credited with the founding of seminaries, for the education of priests. He is also celebrated as a saint of learning and arts.
- NOV. 9 THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA the oldest and highest ranking of the four major basilica in Rome, official ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome, also called the Church of the Holy Savior or the Church of St, John Baptist.
- NOV. 10 POPE ST. LEO THE GREAT displayed endless dedication as pope, worked tirelessly as Peter's successor" guiding his fellow bishop"as equal in the episcopacy and infirmities". He is said that his significance rest in his doctrinal insistence on the mysteries of Christ and the church and in the supernatural charism of the spiritual life given to humanity in Christ and his body, the church.
- NOV. 11 ST. CHARLES OF TOURS many miracles and casting out of demons were attributed during his lifetime. He, while trying to win Druids to follow Jesus Christ and renounce their pagan beliefs, was dared to stand in the path of a sacred tree that was being felled. He agreed and was missed by the falling piece although standing right in its path. This was widely seen as miraculous and a symbol that the message he proclaimed about Jesus Christ was true. Many were converted to the christian faith.
- NOV.13 ST. FRANCIS XAVIER called Mother Cabrini, founded the Missionary sister of the sacred heart of Jesus, patron saint of immigrants, hospital administrators,. Two miracles attributed -restored sight to a child who was believed to have been blinded by excess silver nitrate and healed a terminally ill member of her congregation.
- NOV. 17 ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY vowed not to marry after the death of husband and to live a life similar to a nun, despite pressure from relatives. She joined the THIRD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS where she personally attended to the ill and ministered to the sick and provided support to the poor. Patron saint of bakers, beggars, death of children, homeless people, sisters of mercy and widows.



NOV 21 - PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - in thanksgiving, Joachim and Ann decide to consecrate Mary to God for her birth and bring her to the temple in Jerusalem. Mary was completely dedicated to God even in her childhood under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit who filled her with grace. She remained in the temple until her 12 years ..

NOV. 22 - ST. CECILIA - is the patron saint of musicians. Her mission is to foster and develop a strong church family of believers in Jesus Christ, our savior.

NOV. 24 - ST ANDREW DUNG-LAC - was born in Vietnam, decided to serve the church and his country by ministering to the Vietnamese people. He became a Catholic Priest and then a missionary for the promulgation of the faith. He was beheaded in Hanoi, Vietnam for the offense of being a priest.

NOV . 27 - MIRACULOUS MEDAL - owes its origin to the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She appeared as the Immaculate to St, Catherine Laboure, a novice with the Daughters of Charity. The Virgin Mother showed St.Catherine the design of a medal which would remind people of the love and protection that she continually offers to God's children..

NOV. 30 - ST. ANDREW, Apostle - was a Christian apostle and brother of St. Peter, both were fisherman.. He was presented as a disciple of John, the Baptist., patron saint of fishermen, Greece, Russia, and Scotland..