




The Porter

St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, MD
Secular Franciscan Order – March 2023
<http://stconradannapolis.sfousa.org/>

The Porter deadline for April is the 7th. Please send news, events, prayer requests, poems, or any interesting items that you think other members may enjoy to: Joan Faltot, 8217 Grainfield Rd, Severn, MD 21144, or send by email to jd6bouv@verizon.net.

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|  <p>Fraternity Gathering</p> | <p align="center">Saturday, March 18, 2023</p> <p align="center">Gather in the Parish Office (old Convent) following Mass at 8:30 AM</p> <p align="center">🍩🍩🍩 St. John the Evangelist 🍩🍩🍩 689 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park, Md. 21146</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>Refreshments</p>  | <p>Bowie/Crofton/Severna Park Please remember to bring your coffee cup. Glen Burnie will be next, so please arrange to take the supplies home and restock if necessary.</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>Liturgy</p> | <p>Welcome Ceremony for Monica Ruppert – Glen Burnie has Liturgy so they may be called upon if an additional reader is needed.</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>Program</p> | <p>Fr. Patrick will give a talk on the sacramental theology of penance</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>SAVE THE DATE</p> | <p>Our May fraternity gathering will be on May 20 at Capuchin College where we will celebrate the profession of Linda Haney. Mass will at 11:00 am followed by a cold buffet.</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>Prayer Requests</p>  | <p>For physical and spiritual healing of: Lita Milan, Bill Chitty, John Corbis, Jerry Miante, Kathleen Sievers, Judge Dodge, Carole Marsh's sister, Harry Thompson, Jeanne Wilbourne, Ed Wilbourne (rehabilitation), Jackie Chaplin (sister of Kathleen Sievers), Joan Kvetkas, Gertrude Shelton (Marie's mom), Ed Sievers (Kathleen's husband), Evelyn Jones, Tessie Chitty, Kellie Eye (granddaughter of Susan Greif), Bill Mulqueen, Ruth Shea's husband, Evelyn Jones' niece, Jimmy Wilbourne, Gerard Malka (brother of Genny Wilbourne), Carolyn Malka (sister-in-law of Genny Wilbourne) <i>(Please help update this list by sending changes/additions/deletions to jd6bouv@verizon.net)</i></p> | | | | | | |
| <p>Birthdays</p> | <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Joseph McHugh – 03/19</td> <td>Jean Gaes – 03/25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sarah Ranke – 03/19</td> <td>Mary Cicero Gemmell – 04/06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Susan Burns – 03/20</td> <td>Susan Grief – 04/07</td> </tr> </table> | Joseph McHugh – 03/19 | Jean Gaes – 03/25 | Sarah Ranke – 03/19 | Mary Cicero Gemmell – 04/06 | Susan Burns – 03/20 | Susan Grief – 04/07 |
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| <p>Profession Anniversaries</p> | <p>Dennis Mallon – 04/06/1955</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>Council Meeting</p> | <p>Friday, March 31 at 7:00 via Zoom</p> | | | | | | |

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| <p>Upcoming Events</p> | <p>July 21 – 23, 2023 Regional Retreat. Loyola on the Potomac Retreat House, 9270 Loyola Retreat Rd, Faulkner, MD 20664. Weekend facilitator: Fr. Charley Miller, OFM, Holy Name College, Silver Spring, Dd. Details are in the works. For latest information see: https://saintmargaretof cortona.org/upcoming-events/</p> |
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Minister’s Minute:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this season of Lent we have an opportunity to hear the Scriptures and the words from the pulpit that encourage us to prayer, fasting and almsgiving and we seek to “Listen, Discern and then Go Forth” to do what is ours to do in response. Father Christopher Panagopolos, TOR in his article in the TAU expands on this Interior Cultivation needed in each of us as we are “inwardly cleansed and interiorly enlightened and inflamed by the fire of the Holy Spirit” to do penance and be converted to be more the image of Christ in the world loving God and our neighbor even more.

Father Patrick Monahan OFM Cap. will be inspiring us to go deeper in examining ourselves and our Lenten response thus far in his talk this Saturday. REMEMBER we will be meeting again at St. John the Evangelist this time in our new room in the Office (the old convent) building.

We will be distributing the book *When Saint Francis Saved the Church* by Jon Sweeney which will be read at home and then discussed chapter by chapter at our meetings with input from Father Patrick.

PEACE, LOVE AND JOY, JUDITH

Cold, dreary, rainy day weather.... Put your feet up and relax with

A movie: Stone Pillow (free on Amazon Prime, 4.5 star rating)

In an effort to understand the plight of homeless women living on the streets, young social worker, Carrie Lange attempts befriending a homeless woman named Florabelle. Florabelle believes Carrie is runaway and tells her to go to the homeless shelter for help. So begins Carrie's education in survival on the streets of Manhattan. The movie focuses in on the harsh reality of the homeless and the relationship which grows between the two women. The 1985 made-for-TV movie stars Lucille Ball as Florabelle and Daphne Zuniga as Carrie. Recommended by Judith Tyrrell.

A book: Lent and Easter wisdom from St. Francis and St. Clare by John Kruse. The book provides a daily reflection--from Ash Wednesday through the Second Sunday of Easter--begins with thoughts from some appropriate theme based on the Saints writings, supported by Scripture, a prayer, and a suggested activity for spiritual growth. (This book is part of a 9-book series *Lent & Easter Wisdom* which includes wisdom from Pope John Paul II, Thomas Merton, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Benedict, St. Alphonsus Liguori, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, and Pope Francis.)

Recommended by Judith Tyrrell.

This is a **Prayer for a Lenten Journey by St Francis-“A Letter to the Entire Order** that begins the above book”

Almighty, eternal, just and merciful God, give us miserable ones the grace to do for You alone what we know you want us to do and always to desire what pleases You. Inwardly cleansed, interiorly enlightened and inflamed by the fire of the Holy Spirit, may we be able to follow in the footprints of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and by Your grace alone, may we make our way to You, Most High, Who live and rule in perfect Trinity and simple Unity, and are glorified God almighty, forever and ever Amen.

Please share your Recommendations via email to jd6bouv@verizon.net.

MORNING DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Topic: "Trust in God – The Most Certain Way Through Darkness"

For those who missed or would like to review the talk given Sr. M. Donata Farbaniec on the message Divine Mercy, it is available St. John the Evangelist's website at <https://stjohnsp.org/livestream>. The box **Related Videos** is arranged in order by date with the most recent video showing first. The talk was given on February 18 so one will need to page through the list over 9 pages, or simply enter "Trust" in the search box.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank you for your continuing generosity !!!

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| January Balance | | \$4,001.95 |
| Feb. FFA Stipend | (\$100) | |
| Feb. SA Stipend | (\$100) | |
| February Collection | \$625.00 | |
| February Balance | | \$4,426.95 |

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES – DENISE MIANTE

Phoenix Academy – Food bags were filled Wednesday, February. 22nd. Next scheduled filling will be on Wednesday, **March 15th** at 9:30 in the cafeteria. Contact Denise if you are able to help.

Shelter Lunches – Made and delivered 50 sandwiches on Thursday, February 23rd. Next scheduled sandwich-making is on Thursday, **March 23rd** at 9:45 at Catherine's home. For additional information, contact Catherine at cmgonzalez59@outlook.com.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

February 22 to April 2, 2023. Please be a Voice for the Vulnerable--pre-born babies and their mothers--by praying and fasting to end abortion. Please stand vigil and pray with us outside Planned Parenthood of Annapolis for just one hour (or, if possible one hour a week) during the 40 days. Mothers entering abortion clinics respond to peaceful vigil standers with positive signs offering help, hope, and, life for their pre-born baby. Former abortion workers report that up to 75% of abortion appointments are no-shows when people are praying outside the abortion clinic. You can make a difference and save a life. St. Jane Frances and Our Lady of the Chesapeake Parishes will pray with St. John the Evangelist Parish members on Tuesdays from 1pm to 5pm and on Saturdays from 7am to 11am. Contact Genny Wilbourne to sign up, for car pooling and for more information at <mailto:gawjmj@verizon.net>.

Fraternity contributions can be mailed to:

*Joe McHugh
1740 Tedbury St
Crofton, MD 21114*

Remember, when making your donation to the fraternity, use the memo line of your check to designate where you wish your contribution to be directed. There are three possible designations:

COM - Common Fund (this covers fraternity operations and the Sabu family in India)

BUS - bus tokens for the Light House shelter clients

Phoenix – Phoenix Academy 'backpack' food program

MOTHER MARY ELIZABETH LANGE

The canonization cause of Mother Mary Lange, founder of the world's first sustained women's religious community for Black women, has taken a step forward. Baltimore-based Oblate Sisters of Providence received an email on February 27, from the Vatican informing the sisters that it has approved the "*positio*" -- the documentation on the life of Mother Lange, which includes both the theological and historical record of her life.

Mother Lange's *positio* will go to the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints for review. When the review is completed, it will be sent to Pope Francis, and he will declare Mother Mary Lange venerable," she said.



"Venerable" is a declaration of a sainthood candidate's heroic virtues. Next would come beatification, after which she would be called "Blessed." The third step is canonization. In general, the last two steps require a miracle attributed to the intercession of the sainthood candidate and verified by the church.

Mother Lange established St. Frances Academy in Baltimore in 1828 to educate Black children in an era of slavery. She went on to form the Baltimore-based Oblate Sisters of Providence in 1829 as the first woman's religious community for African Americans. the Oblate Sisters taught the children of slaves and former slaves how to read the Bible. They went on to teach in schools, work in parishes, care for the sick and labor in other ministries in the United States, Cuba, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, and parts of Africa.

The Vatican is considering the testimony of a woman who says she was cured of a life-threatening condition through the intercession of a 19th century Baltimore nun. Similar testimonies from around the world are making their way to the motherhouse of the Oblate Sisters of Providence in Arbutus, Maryland.

Already filling three volumes, the letters have arrived from Ireland, Cuba, the Philippines, and all over the United States – bolstering hopes that Mother Mary Lange may one day be named a saint.

Six Saints Beatification Prayers

Prayer for the Beatification of the Venerable Pierre Toussaint

Lord God, source of love and compassion, we praise and honor you for the virtuous and charitable life of our brother in Christ Venerable Pierre Toussaint.

Inspired by the example of our Lord Jesus, Pierre worshiped you with love and served your people with generosity. He attended Mass daily and responded to the practical and spiritual needs of friends and strangers, of the rich and the poor, of the sick and the homeless of nineteenth century New York.

If it is your will, let the name of Venerable Pierre Toussaint be officially raised to the rank of saint, so that the world may know this Haitian New Yorker who refused to hate or be selfish but instead lived to the full commandments of heaven and the divine law of love—love for God and for neighbor. By following his example and asking for his prayers, may we, too, be counted among the blessed in heaven. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Prayer for the Beatification of the Venerable Mother Henriette Delille

O good and gracious God, you called Henriette Delille to give herself in service and in love to the slaves and the sick, to the orphan and the aged, to the forgotten and the despised.

Grant that, inspired by her life, we might be renewed in heart and in mind. If it be your will, may she one day be raised to the honor of sainthood. By her prayers, may we live in harmony and peace, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the Beatification of the Venerable Father Augustus Tolton

O God, we give you thanks for your servant and priest, Father Augustus Tolton, who labored among us in times of contradiction, times that were both beautiful and paradoxical. His ministry helped lay the foundation for a truly Catholic gathering in faith in our time. We stand in the shadow of his ministry. May his life continue to inspire us and imbue us with that confidence and hope that will forge a new evangelization for the Church we love.

Father in Heaven, Father Tolton's suffering service sheds light upon our sorrows, we see them through the prism of your Son's passion and death. If it be your will, O God, glorify your servant, Father Tolton, by granting the favor I now request through his intercession [mention your request] so that all may know the goodness of this priest whose memory looms large in the Church he loved.

Complete what you have begun in us that we might work for the fulfillment of your kingdom. Not to us the glory, but glory to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, your Son and Our Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are our God, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen

Prayer for the Beatification of the Servant of God Mother Mary Lange

Almighty and Eternal God, you granted Mother Mary Lange extraordinary trust in your providence. You endowed her with humility, courage, holiness, and extraordinary sense of service to the poor and the sick. You enabled her to found the Oblate Sisters of Providence and provide educational, social, and spiritual ministry, especially to the African American community. Mother Lange's love for all enabled her to see Christ in each person, and the pain of prejudice and racial hatred never blurred that vision.

Deign to raise her to the highest honors of the altar in order that, through her intercession, more souls may come to a deeper understanding and more fervent love of you.

Heavenly Father, glorify your heart by granting also this favor [here mention your request] which we ask through the intercession of your faithful servant, Mother Mary Lange. Amen.

Prayer for the Beatification of the Servant of God Julia Greeley

Heavenly Father, your servant Julia Greeley dedicated her life to honoring the Sacred Heart of your Son and to the humble service of the poor. Grant to me a generous heart like your Son's, and if it be in accordance with your holy will, please grant this favor I now ask through Julia's intercession [insert intention]. I pray this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the Beatification of the Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman

Ever-loving God, who by your infinite goodness inflamed the heart of your servant and religious Sister Thea Bowman, with an ardent love for you and the People of God, a love expressed through her indomitable spirit, deep and abiding faith, dedicated teaching, exuberant singing and unwavering witnessing of the joy of the Gospel.

Her prophetic witness continues to inspire us to share the Good News with those whom we encounter, most especially the poor, oppressed, and marginalized. May Sister Thea's life and legacy compel us to walk together, to pray together, and to remain together as missionary disciples ushering in the new evangelization for the Church we love.

Gracious God, imbue us with the grace and perseverance that you gave your servant, Sister Thea. For in turbulent times of racial injustice, she sought equity, peace, and reconciliation. In times of intolerance and ignorance, she brought wisdom, awareness, unity and charity. In times of pain, sickness, and suffering, she taught us how to live fully until called home to the land of promise. If it be your will, O God, glorify our beloved Sister Thea, by granting the favor I now request through her intercession [mention your request], so that all may imitate her love for you and your Church. We ask this through your Son and Our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

For more information on these "saints", see Michael R. Heinlein, Editor, *Black Catholics on the Road to Sainthood*, Copyright 2021 by Our Sunday Visitor.