

**ST MARY OF THE ANGELS FRATERNITY  
ORDER OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN  
THE ANGELUS \* JANUARY 13, 2018**



**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, PRAY FOR US!**

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**IT'S STILL MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

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**AND HAPPY BLESSED NEW YEAR!**

**A BIG SHOUT OUT OF THANKS TO LILIAN**

**For hosting our annual Christmas Party!**

**IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL PARTY FULL OF FUN , PRAYERS AND  
GOOD COMPANY AND TREASURED BY ALL.**



**THE BEFORE PICTURE!**



***“The Grinch Who Stole Christmas”*** by Dr. Suess is a favorite Christmas Story which has touched the hearts of millions of children and adults alike. The miserable grinch steals every Christmas gift and decoration in Whoville on the night before Christmas and waits with evil glee to hear the sad wails from the children and adults of Whoville on Christmas morning. Instead he hears and sees the Whos join together in a joyful hymn of praise in celebration of our SAVIOR’S BIRTH ! His tiny heart grows TWO SIZES BIGGER when he sees the Whos witness to the true meaning of Christmas in such a forceful way. Of course he instantly repents and joins in the celebration of Our Lord’s Birth. **Such an inspiring story shows we can change hearts too when people realize by our witness that ALL that really matters to us is Jesus.**





### HAPPY FEAST OF THE EPHIPHANY!

By the power of the Holy Spirit the 3 wise men travel from distant lands following a star given to them by God to guide them to Jesus and give him gifts of gold, in honor of His Kingship, Frankincense, in honor of His Priesthood, and Myrrh, in honor of His Holy Sacrificial Death for us. Let us give Him everything we can: our gold - all we treasure on earth that He asks of us and declare Him to be our true treasure, our Frankincense - all our Masses, prayers, love and adoration, and our Myrrh— our suffering and death according to His Perfect Divine Will.

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Submitted by Genie Dutton

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MIKE, HAZEL, BRENDA & MARLYN!**

**1/21—Mike Huether. 1/23 – Hazel Cummings and Brenda Dawson, 1/25 Marilyn Wall**



Please Join us!

On Thursday, January 3, 2019, a Mass at 9:00 a.m. will be celebrated at the Shrine of St. Jude, Rockville, Md., for St. Mary of the Angels Fraternity members, living and deceased. Please try to attend this family gathering.

And...



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Portia and Carmencita have lovingly put together a pilgrimage for us to the John Paul II Center on January 12th. The Pilgrimage has been planned by Portia and Carmencita Fiesta. If you would like to attend, a lunch is being provided and payment must be received by Portia right away. Please mail your checks for \$13.00, made out to her, if you're attending.

Offered are chicken, roast beef, turkey, corned beef, etc., sandwiches, chips, drinks which must be ordered ahead of time. Call Portia for more info at 301-590-5007 or 240-651-9956. If you are not in time to reserve a lunch, do not let that deter you from coming and having a wonderful time. You can always bring a lunch!

And...

Our January Meeting will feature a presentation by Marilyn on Chapter 3 of the book *Live Like Francis*. Please try to read it ahead of time and take notes. Portia will provide a presentation on the John Paul II Center and report on our Fraternity's pilgrimage there. Tom will lead the Christian Prayer, Carmencita will give a Treasurer's Report and Mike will deliver a monthly message. Genie will lead the meeting. Susan will regretfully miss it as she has to take her daughter back to college.

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Please remember each other in prayer.

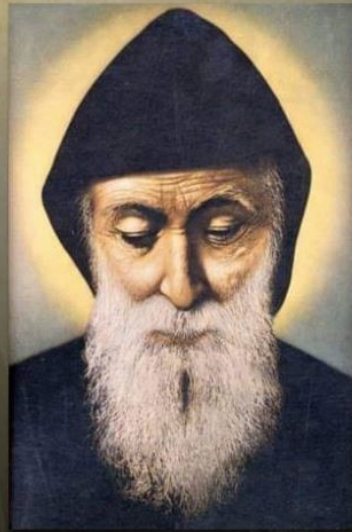
As Marilyn wrote in an email yesterday, PRAYER WORKS! Please pray for Sonia who has injured her ankle, for Tap, Rose Mary Mazzaglia, Connie and her family, Joyce and others in our Fraternity who provide full time care to their disabled relatives and for all



## SAINT CHARBEL MAKHLUF, Hermit

"The war of the Evil One against the Lord is his war against the family, and the war of the Evil One against the family is the core of his war against the Lord. Because the family is the image of God... the foundation of God's plan."

- Saint Charbel, Hermit



### SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT'S MESSAGE

By Michael Huether OFS

January, 2019

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Article 17 of our Rule tells us:

"In the family, they should cultivate the Franciscan spirit of peace, fidelity, and respect for life, Striving to make of it a sign of a world already renewed in Christ.

By living the grace of matrimony, husbands and wives in particular should bear witness in the world to the love of Christ for His Church. They should joyfully accompany their children on their human and spiritual journey by providing a simple and open Christian education and being attentive to the vocation of each child."

A third apostolic action of the Gospel message looks into family life. Contrary to the popular standard today especially, the family is still the God-established unit of our human society (and all other forms as well if we consider our Holy Father Francis's idea of creation as our, "Home"). It is but a smaller version of our total world always up for redemption by Christ. Our own Franciscan-based families both are and can be examples of the love and dignity and that of Christ's love for His Church in contrast to the Godless versions of today's "dysfunctional" families we see in our communities. We have long since already known of the special ministry of husband and wife in two major areas: the education of our children and being witnesses for Christ, experiencing Him through our family life. As laity, this sort of apostolic action is perhaps one of the most important measure we take in portraying the mission of the Church.

Peace and all Good,

Mike

## Minister's January Message

I hope you all have had a very Blessed Christmas.

January seems to be a very good month to reflect that earth is not our eternal home and that it determines where we will spend out eternity and the degree of glory we will enjoy in Heaven. Lets put our shoulders to the plow and do all we can to make sure we and many many others get there safely and with the degree of glory God wishes to bestow upon us. How? The Sacraments, Adoration. Forgiveness, the Rosary, relentless and kind Spiritual and Corporeal Acts of Mercy and loyalty to Church Teaching.

On Facebook I notice that a number of people who self-identify as Franciscans do not support core Church teachings in several critical areas. While one is so heartened to see the liberality of love which marks the beautiful Franciscan soul, it is sad to how this same liberality of love seems to lead souls astray as they reject doctrine which they see as uncharitable. This is an error of our age.

Please believe in the catechism of the Catholic Church in all of its teachings. On her deathbed, Mother Seton admonished her sisters to remain good children of the Church. This can be difficult in our day and age. St. Francis is a wonderful model in this. He was unfailingly loyal to church teaching and also unfailingly courteous and loving even when he realized that the person with whom he was interacting was an unrepentant sinner. St. Francis did not try to walk away from church teaching in a confused understanding of brotherly love. St Francis did not reject sinners just the sins. It is so easy to wish that active homosexual marriage should be permitted in sacramental unions celebrated in the church, that abortion in very difficult circumstances of poverty and incest are ok, or that euthanasia for those gripped in terrible suffering is acceptable, but they are not. In humility let us accept Church Teaching as our unfailing guide.

Prayer: Dear St. Francis, never let us turn our hearts from God because of physical or emotional suffering, that of our own or others. Help us to be loyal children of the Church and always try to help our fellow man achieve his salvation as we work for our own.

**Do you like to pray a scriptural rosary? Try YOUTUBE,  
Father John Riccardo. Beautiful Spirit-Filled Reflections!  
And let us not forget the Holy Souls!**



# FEAST DAYS AND HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

## Month of the Holy Name of Jesus and His Holy Childhood

1. Feast of Mary Mother of God, and the Circumcision of Our Lord—Holy Day of Obligation; Plenary Indulgence possible (Chant in public Veni Creator)
2. Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus
3. Bl. Chriatiane Menaburi, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1310
4. Bl. Angela of Foligno, widow, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1310
5. Bl. Pierre Bonilli, priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1935
6. Feast of the Epiphany—Holy Day of Obligation
7. St. Charles of Sezze, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1670
8. Bl. Roger de Toddi, priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1237
9. Bl. Gilles de Lorenzana, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1518
10. Bl. Gregory X, Pope, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1276
11. St Thomas of Cori, priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1729
12. St. Bernard of Corleone, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1667
13. Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
14. Bl. Oderic de Pordenone, priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1331
15. Bl. James of Pieve, priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, martyr d. 1304
16. Sts. Berard and Companions, Protomartyrs of the Order, d. 1220
17. Sl. Matthew of Girgenti, Bishop, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1451
18. Bl. Jeanne of Saint Mary, virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1360
19. Bl. Marcel Spinola y Maestre, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1906
20. Bl. Jean-Baptiste Triquerie, priest, conventual religious, martyr d. 1794
21. Bl. Joseph Nascimbeni, priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1922
22. St. Vincent Pallotti, priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1850
23. Feast of the Marriage of the Blessed Virgin Mary
24. Bl. Paula Gambarà-Costa, widow, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1515
25. Bl. Emmanuel Dominguo y Sol, priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1909
26. Bl. Georges Matulwicz, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1927
27. St. Angela Merici, virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1540
28. Bl. Bienvenu de Recanati, priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1289
29. St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, Cordbearer, d. 1622
30. St. Hyacintha de Mariscotti, virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1640
31. St. John Bosco, priest, had been a tertiary before founding another religious Institute, d. 1888