

**ST MARY OF THE ANGELS FRATERNITY
ORDER OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN
THE ANGELUS * FEBRUARY 10, 2019**



BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

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OUR FEBRUARY MEETING

Led by Genie

Opening Prayer

Genie's Presentation on

"Live Like Francis" Reflection Four

Portia's Presentation On Forgiveness

BREAK

Christian Prayer by Tom

Presentation on BACH Book by Tom

Talk 1 of 2 by Mike on LENT

Request For IDEAS AND PRESENTERS

FOR 10 to 15 minute presentations
for Upcoming meetings

Closing Prayer

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & PROFESSION ANNIVERSARIES, PRAYER NEEDS,

Submitted by Genie Dutton

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JOYCE ROUTH! February 28th

PRAYERS NEEDED!!

Frank Barletta for the success of his shoulder surgery

Rose Mary Mazzaglia is having tests for imbalance and dizziness problems. Her husband, Alfio, is presently in assisted living but must return home soon. Rose Mary will need to find help somewhere with his care.

Hazel Cummings' husband Marty will begin chemotherapy soon. Her mother-in-law, who lived with them, just went blind and is presently in a nursing home. Hazel says she is dealing with these challenges with a wing and a prayer.

Continue your prayers for Tap Nguyen, Joyce Routh and her husband, Peggy Nicholson as she assists her friend Patricia.

and all of our Fraternity brothers and sisters with health needs and other needs of all kinds.

LIVE LIKE FRANCIS by Jovian Weigel **OFM & Leonard Foley OFM**

Thank you Marilyn for your inspiring discussion on Reflection 3.

Which of you who attends our meetings still does not have this book?

Please let Susan know. We are considering ways to get each of you a copy.

SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY PRESENTERS

February, Reflection 4: Genie

March Reflection 5: Lilian

April Reflection 6: Mary

May Reflection 7: Carmencita

June Reflection 8: Peggy

July Reflection 9: Susan

August Reflection 10: Mike

Who would like to volunteer to present in September and October?

Please let Susan know!

Our Monthly Mass for our living and deceased Fraternity Members was celebrated on Friday February 1st at St. Judes. Thank you to Carmencita and Genie for arranging this

and for those of you who assisted.

We are so blessed by this!

A HUGE SHOUT OF THANKS TO PORTIA

for putting together a wonderful Fraternity Pilgrimage to the John Paul II National Shrine on January 12th. Marilyn and Jim celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary with the group as Father Bob celebrated a solemn Mass and a first class relic of St. John Paul II was venerated. Portia reported on the beauty of the Shrine.

The Fraternity voted to make Portia our official
PILGRIMAGE DIRECTOR
and we will not be disappointed!

Helpful Hints!

Carol Smith told us at our last meeting about the app **Relevant Radio**. They have an evening rosary and you can call in your intentions and a lot of people will pray for them! Carol emailed me the info: <http://relevantradio.com/app>

Looking for a **Free App for your Christian Prayers**, Mass Readings and other prayers? Carol suggested **Laudate** and I use **iBreviary**. Both have a lot to offer. Carol provided this more specific info: It is free and has no ads. Its content has Daily Mass Readings, Liturgy of Hours, New American Bible, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, good selection of prayers and latin prayers with translations. It also has podcasts that for the Daily Readings, multiple daily reflections and Rosary mysteries that you can listen to anytime. You can download it from iTunes here. Store URL is <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/laudate/id499428207&mt=8>

Thank you Carol!

Tom sent us this information about the AMAZING TAU-Daily daily emails:

Receive a daily email featuring, in rotation, the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order, the Admonitions of St. Francis, an article from the General Constitutions / National Statutes, Little Flowers of St. Francis, Franciscan quote, and a Franciscan saint of the day.

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Thank you Tom!

*Prayers with Confidence: I can personally recommend putting prayer requests on this amazing website dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe: www.sancta.org. Our Lady seems to have a special predilection for this site.

Candles: Lighting a candle in front of a statue of St. Joseph is very powerful!

Pilgrimages: Special graces flow from each pilgrimage you make especially to Shrines in honor of Our Lady and our special patron saints.



SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT'S MESSAGE, By Michael Huether OFS

February, 2019

We see in Article 18 of our Rule:

"Moreover, they should respect all creatures, animate and inanimate, which 'bear the imprint Of the Most High,' and they should strive to move from the temptation of exploiting creation to the Franciscan concept of universal kinship."

"Ecology" is a word we all, as members of the Franciscan family, have all but adopted: coming to know and love, looking upon it as encompassing our relationship with all creatures of our God and King with ourselves and our environments. It is, as we know, the thematic thrust of all of our Holy Father Pope Francis's encyclical, "Laudati Si". And it is the fourth expression of our Franciscan charism and apostolate. All of the Franciscan family are familiar with the place of creation in our Father Francis's mind--sun and all celestial bodies, weather, water, earth, wind, fire, forgiveness, and even death--all representations of our union with God. Creation has the sacred aspect of being one with all of the people in the history of salvation. Because of this, Secular Franciscans show all respect for creation using it for only God's purposes. All of our action here are to enable nature and technology, building a society conscious wise uses of our natural resources.

We can only hope and pray here that our persistent efforts at this ministry in preservation of creation will stem the selfish tide of abuse, waste, and exploitation of our earthly resources today.

Pax Et Bonum,

Mike

"Be who God made you to be, and you will set the world on fire."

St. Catherine of Sienna

Please consider how you can energize our fraternity with your own special talents. If you have an idea for a meeting, please let us know. If you would like to share something about your own story, your own relationship with our Lord, or how you are finding your own path of love in this troubled world, we want to hear it. If you want to put something in the Angelus, please send it in. If you can assist at the monthly Mass for our living and deceased Fraternity members, you will bless us. All efforts to help us with the Dorothy Day apostolate or as we prayerfully witness against the horrors of abortion at the 40 Days March For Life, are greatly appreciated. We are very grateful for the sharing of gifts which enrich us all.

Secular Franciscans are active in apostolates. We are leaven in the world; raising the world around us to the remembrance of God. We are prayerful, caring and loving.

How important is it to bring love, caring and the gift of prayer to others? So very important that it is hard to comprehend. And yes, we fall but we keep trying.

Excerpt from *Mother Teresa Was Called to Serve the Poorest of the Poor* by Kevin Cotter, <https://focusoncampus.org/content/how-mother-teresa-was-called-to-serve-the-poorest-of-the-poor>:

"Mother Teresa formed the Missionaries of Charity, whose goal would be "to satiate the thirst of Jesus Christ on the Cross for Love and Souls" by "laboring at the salvation and sanctification of the poorest of the poor."

I Thirst

The focus on the Jesus' thirst stemmed back to Mother Teresa's meditation on Jesus' words "I thirst" while He was on the cross at Calvary. While Jesus had a physical thirst, Mother Teresa perceived that Jesus' thirst was spiritual as well. He thirsted for love and longed for souls to come to know Him.

In her own words: "Why does Jesus say 'I thirst'? What does it mean? Something so hard to explain in words... 'I thirst' is something much deeper than just Jesus saying 'I love you.' Until you know deep inside that Jesus thirsts for you — you can't begin to know who He wants to be for you. Or who He wants you to be for Him."

The Mission of our Lives is reflected in the simple words of the Baltimore Catechism :

6. Q. Why did God make you?

A. God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him for ever in heaven.