

The Porter

St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, MD
Secular Franciscan Order – March 2019
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The Porter deadline for the March issue is April 3. **Please send news, prayer requests, poems, or interesting** things that you think other members may enjoy to: Joan Faltot, 8217 Grainfield Rd, Severn, MD 21144, or send by email (address above).



Fraternity Meeting

Saturday, March 16, 2019

St. John the Evangelist, 607 Ritchie Hwy., Severna Park, MD 21146

8:30 Mass – Church. Meeting 9:15 – Youth Room

NOTE WELL: Our April meeting will be on the 27th, the fourth Saturday.

Refreshments



Glen Burnie/Pasadena. Annapolis/Eastern Shore will be next, so please arrange to take the supplies home and restock if necessary. *Please remember to bring your own cup!*

Liturgy

Annapolis/Eastern Shore: Office of the Passion of St. Francis (Handout will be available)

Program

Br. Rigo will speak on Conversion with discussions; the meeting may be a little longer than usual

Prayer Requests



For our sick and/or homebound members: (Please help us update this list.) Joan's husband Bill Kvetkas, Rita Rossi's husband Tony, Pat Troup, Brigid Cobb, Joe McHugh's brother John, Mary Henry's daughter-in-law Katherine, Evelyn Jones' niece, Genny Wilbourne's granddaughter Jessica, Kathleen Sievers' niece Mandy and her son Michael.

Profession Anniversaries


Dennis Mallon -- 04/06/1955 (64 years – WOW)

Birthdays

Joe McHugh – 3/19	Jean Gaes – 3/25	Fr. James Watson – 4/09
Sarah Ranke – 3/19	Mary Cicero – 4/06	
Susan Burns – 3/20	Susan Greif – 4/07	

Outreach

Lighthouse Shelter Lunches: Thursday, March 28, 9:30 a.m. at home of Joan Kvetkas
Phoenix Academy "Backpacks": Wednesday, March 20, 12:30 p.m. in the cafeteria
For more information, contact Denise.

<p>Treasury</p> 	<p>Current balance: \$1,581.28 (we will be paying part or all of our fair share of over \$1,000 shortly)</p> <p>REMINDER - Please remember to use the memo line of your check to designate how you wish your contribution to be directed. There are 3 possible designations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Fund (this covers fraternity operations and the Sabu family in India), • Phoenix Academy (for student weekend food packs), and • Tokens (bus tokens for the Lighthouse Shelter clients). <p>You can write one check and specify on the memo line how you wish to direct your contribution to any or all three areas. Example: \$20 Com / \$10 Phoenix / \$5 Token. None of these amounts should be interpreted as being what is expected from any particular member.</p> <p>Cash contributions are also acceptable, but checks are preferred.</p>
<p>Council Meeting</p>	<p>Friday, April 12, 10.00 at the Tyrrells' home.</p>
<p>Save the Date</p>	<p>March 23, 8:30 am: Day of Reflection: <i>Walking Together ... an Ecumenical Journey</i> presented by Anne Mulqueen for Professed members, candidates, Inquirers & Guests. St. Clement Mary Hofbauer Church, 1212 Chesaco Ave. Baltimore, MD 21237. Sponsored by Little Flower Fraternity. See flyer on page 6.</p> <p>April 13, 8:30am-4:00pm: The Joy of the Gospel, a Franciscan Day of Reflection For Inquirers, Candidates, and formation team 2019. Registration due by March 23. See flyer of page 7.</p> <p>May 31-June 2 Regional Retreat at Priestfield, WV. Br. Michael Meza, OFM Cap., will be the retreat director. Flyer and registration form on page 8.</p> <p>September 28 (tentative) Br. Tage Danielson's ordination to the Priesthood in Pittsburg.</p>

COMMUNITY

Minister's Minute:



What is out of balance in your life? That was the first question asked in a book I am reading these forty days of Lent. The book urges us to root out sin from our lives. That should always be our goal—every 40 days, not just in Lent—but we get encouragement in Lent from the Church to do this more consciously. We are called to put a little extra effort into it. We are to return to God with our whole heart (Joel 2:12). This is what conversion is about—turning from sin back to God.

Franciscan life is very much about conversion. Our Secular Rule 7 says we are to “conform [our] thoughts and deeds to those of Christ by means of that radical interior change which the gospel itself calls ‘conversion.’ Human frailty makes it necessary that this conversion be carried out daily....” When you received ashes last week you may have heard “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” At our parish, we heard, “Repent, and believe in the Gospel.” We are called to repent in Lent, which means we are called to penance (the words have the same root).

Rule 7 continues: “On this road to renewal the sacrament of reconciliation is the privileged sign of the Father’s mercy and the source of grace.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church also refers to the sacrament variously as the sacrament of conversion and sacrament of penance. We Seculars were originally called the Brothers and Sisters of Penance. The original meaning of penance and still the meaning of penance in Franciscan life is conversion. Unfortunately, some people (perhaps the majority of Catholics) believe penance is merely the three Hail Mary’s the priest tells you to say or the good deed he tells you to do when you leave the confessional. That’s just part of it. We can do that good deed or pray that number of prayers, but we really need a change of heart, mind, and spirit at the same time, and not just when we leave the confessional. We are called to penance daily. That’s conversion; that’s Franciscan!

Let His love, grace, and mercy fill you this Lent and each day thereafter. May your prayer, fasting, and almsgiving lift you up. And may you praise His Name in all circumstances. Pat

JPIC -- JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION, ANIMATOR JUDITH TYRRELL, OFS

Our fraternity theme for 2019 is “Gospel Life in Fraternity and the World” and we know that mission begins with our families, that place where we learn that respect for the dignity of all life. (Rule 17-In their 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.).

In the hall on the windows of the room where we had met with our Poor Clare fraternity friends at Carroll Manor there were posters honoring famous women in science and medicine, in government, sports and the arts because of Women’s History month. We had heard the stories of these simple elderly farm women who have that hidden mission of praying as contemplatives and sharing God’s love with those they encounter in the halls of their residence. A family friend (who had lived in Burma) with whom my husband and I had celebrated her 100th birthday once gave me this poem. It speaks to me of the “invisible” women all over the world who are washing the sheets, doing the dishes, cleaning house and caring for kids and grandkids, unsung WOMEN OF THE MONTH. Women Together For A New World (International Women’s Day was March 8)

You and I will fold the sheets
Advancing towards each other
From Burma, from Lapland
From India where the sheets have been washed in the river
And pounded upon stones;
Together we will match the corners.
From China where women on either side of the river
Have washed their pale cloth in the White Stone Shallows
“Under the shining moon.”
We meet as though in the formal steps of a dance
To fold the sheets together, put them in the air
In wind, in sun over bushes, or by the fire.
We stretch and pull from one side and then the other-
Your turn. Now mine.
We fold them and put them away until they are needed.
A wish for all people when they lie down to sleep-
Smooth linen, cool cotton, the fragrance and stir of herbs
And the faint but perceptible scent of sweet clear water.

The care of grandkids is a loving service that many Seculars perform. Lauri Przybysz a woman from our parish who is “famous” in her own right as Executive Director of the Christian Family Movement USA and the President of the National Association of Family Life Ministers, has written a book, *Catholic and Grandparenting* to help us thru the challenges and opportunities to help form our grandchildren in the values of peace, respect for life and the dignity of all men and women from conception to natural death. familyministryresources.com

During Lent we have the opportunity to learn about the family struggles to survive and the help Catholic Relief Services is giving those highlighted on the Rice Bowl. We see how we are so blessed with food, shelter, clothing and so much more. How much we can help others, our brothers and sisters all over the world.

Recently my husband and I watched *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* (Netflix). Perhaps you have heard of this story of the suffering of this Milawi, African family, the starvation they faced through the destruction of the land and the cutting down of the forests that led to it and the sacrifices of the father and mother to educate the boy which led to his “harnessing the wind”. The pain of this mother and countless others make them Women Of the Month and of the Year.

The Environment: from recent issues of The Washington Post

Churches encourage giving up plastic for Lent https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/2019/03/05/latest-lent-challenge-churches-give-up-plastic/?utm_term=.1375c3d86f2b

Annapolis is facing more flooding https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/in-annapolis-the-tide-has-come-in-and-out-540000-times-but-now-its-worrisome/2019/02/17/8e686b6e-3136-11e9-8ad3-9a5b113ecd3c_story.html?utm_term=.c30e9184d4f1

Setting the right course on climate change in Annapolis https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/local-opinions/setting-the-right-course-on-climate-change-in-annapolis/2019/03/08/9276dc3e-3eb7-11e9-922c-64d6b7840b82_story.html?utm_term=.1a1a2c20e557

How a 7th-grader's strike against climate change exploded into a movement <https://www.washingtonpost.com/newssearch/?query=sarah%20kaplan%20climate%20strike>

Almsgiving during Lent

The family featured this week in the CRS Rice Bowl insert is from Guatemala (see below). Some of you will remember our friend Kathy Snider, who has ministered there for 20 years and who, after serving with for two years with Franciscan Mission Services, formed her own ministry and continues her ministry in the mountainous northwest part of the country. You can learn more at <http://ixcanministries.org/>



Encounter Norma

For young families living in the mountains of Guatemala, raising a baby can be hard. Most families grow corn and beans for a living, but a long-standing drought has caused harvests to shrink. There are few job opportunities, which means putting food on the table is a daily challenge. That's why when Norma discovered she was pregnant, she wondered how she would manage. "When I was young, my mom and dad didn't have money to buy much food," she says. "My mom would split one egg among four children." Norma wanted more for her son, Victor.

But at age 20, she didn't have much experience beyond helping her mother around the house. So, she looked for help. She found it in a CRS-sponsored program that teaches young mothers how to raise healthy children, grow nutritious food in small gardens and manage a healthy diet. Plus, CRS provided Norma with food throughout her pregnancy and monthly medical check-ups during Victor's first two years of life.

"I learned a lot of beautiful things," Norma says. "I learned how to take care of my boy and what foods to feed him so that he can grow healthy and strong."

Now, Norma is sharing what she learned with others as a "mother monitor." "It makes me proud to share the experience I had and the lessons I learned with other women," she says. It makes Norma proud—and makes her community a better place to raise a family.



Take a stand for life. From March 6 to April 14, our community will take part in 40 Days for Life ... a groundbreaking, coordinated, international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city

— and beyond. Prayer vigil held on public sidewalk in front (West St.) and behind (Smithville Rd.) Planned Parenthood building.

Planned Parenthood's address is 929 West Street, Annapolis. Do not walk through or park in Planned Parenthood's parking lot. Please do not block sidewalk or driveway. Parking is available at St. Mary's cemetery, Woodlawn Ave. or public garages off West St. If parking on Woodlawn, please reserve 3 spaces adjacent to the Pregnancy Clinic for their clients. Signs and materials (information, prayers and Annapolis City permit in a clear plastic box) are stored in the shed to the right of the Pregnancy Clinic and neighboring home. If no one is available to replace you when you leave, please return signs and box to the shed. More information is available on the Annapolis Vigil Guidelines on the website including an online form to sign up for vigil hours.

<https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/annapolis/>

Did you know that there is a movement to make Mattie Stepanek a saint? It is said that he lived and died a child, but had the spirit of a giant. See Mattie4Sainthood.org. He also wrote a booklet of Lenten meditations that is available on line at <http://mattie4sainthood.org/2019/03/05/march-2019-message-from-the-guild>

EVENTS OF INTEREST AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Please send information about special events in your parish that you would be of interest to the members of our fraternity to Joan at jd6bouv@verizon.net



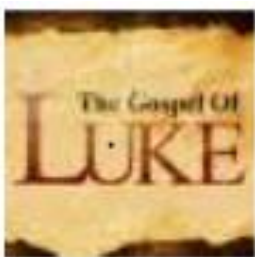
Thursday, March 28. 7:00-8:30pm (doors open at 6:30)

St. John the Evangelist Church

Presentation: "Women of the Bible: Eve, Potiphar's Wife and Mary Magdala.

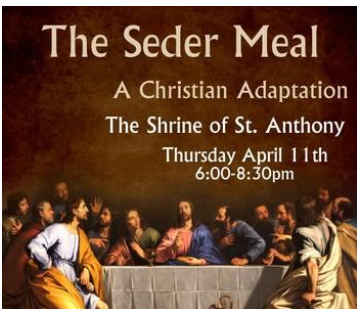
A one-woman presentation by Anita Gutschick, acclaimed actress who gives voice to Biblical women.

Light refreshments after the program * Free Will Donations accepted



"The Hospitality of God: Lessons from Luke's Gospel" presented by Fr. Jim Donohue on Wednesday evenings beginning **March 13th through April 10th**, all sessions begin at 7:00 pm at St. Bernadette Church in Severn. Fr. Jim Donohue is a Professor in the Theology Department at Mount St. Mary's University.

All attending Fr. Jim's presentation are also invited to pray the Church's traditional evening prayer, "Vespers" (also known as the Liturgy of the Hours) led by Deacon Candidate and Pastoral Associate, Dan Miller. Evening Prayer (Vespers) will begin prior to Fr. Jim's presentation, at 6:00pm in the Worship Space.



Date: Thursday, April 11, 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Location: The Shine of St. Anthony
Dining Room

Enter more deeply into the Jewish Passover and the mystery of the Last Supper celebrated by Christ and his disciples. RSVP is needed for this event.

Email: info@shrineofstanthony.org

Phone: 410-531-2800

DAY OF REFLECTION

Walking Together ... an Ecumenical Journey

Presented by Anne Mulqueen

For Professed Members,
Candidates, Inquirers and Guests!

Early Bird Registration!
Before March 1st \$25 per person
After March 1st \$30 per person

*Includes Continental Breakfast
and Chick-fil-A lunch*

There is a 4PM Mass for all those interested

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

WHEN:
SATURDAY,
MARCH 23, 2019
Registration and
Breakfast at 8:30am

WHERE:
St. Clement Mary
Hofbauer Church
1212 Chesaco Ave.
Baltimore, Md 21237

Please send your
registration tear-off
below with your check made
payable to:

Little Flower Fraternity
c/o Lisa Gough, OFS
121 Warwick Drive
Lutherville, MD 21093

Questions? Contact
Lisa Gough, OFS at
lisa21093@comcast.net

Day of Reflection Registration

Name _____ Fraternity _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

Lunch Choice: Please mark only one

Chick-fil-A Chicken Sandwich w/ chips and cookie

Grilled Cool Wrap w/ chips and cookie

Market Salad _____ Dressing



The Joy of the Gospel, a Franciscan Vision Franciscan Day of Reflection For Inquirers and Candidates 2019

Saturday, April 13, 2019, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Shrine of St. Anthony

12290 Folly Quarter Road

Ellicott City, MD 201042

(410) 531-2800

Sponsored by the St. Margaret of Cortona Regional Formation Team

Secular Franciscans are open to Franciscan Joy—the joy of the Gospel. Join with your Franciscan brothers and sisters from around the region as we explore the insights into Franciscan joy to be gained from Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel."

(Formation teams and newly professed are also invited.)

Cost: \$50.00 per person

Yes! I plan to attend the Franciscan Day of Recollection for Candidates and Inquirers.

Name

Fraternity

Address

City, State, ZIP

Email

Phone

- I am an Inquirer I am a candidate I am newly professed
 I am a member of the formation team

Please complete this form
and return by March 23
with check payable to

St. Margaret of Cortona Region
Registration fee is not refundable
after March 23.

Send form and payment to:

Peter Noyes, ofs
P.O. Box 860
Burtonsville, MD 20866
pnoyesofs@gmail.com

My heart is ready, oh God; my heart is ready.

Psalm 57:7

[Directions to the Shrine of St. Anthony](#)

REGIONAL RETREAT 2019

Where: Priest Field Pastoral Center, 4030 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV 25430-3742
When: May 31 - June 2, 2019
Who: All Secular Franciscans, including candidates, inquirers and spiritual assistants
What: TBA
Presenter: Br. Michael Meza, OFM Cap

REGISTRATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Submit form no later than **May 23, 2019**
2. Please type or print all information clearly.
3. Only one participant per registration form.
4. A deposit of \$100.00 must accompany this form. **Deposit is nonrefundable after May 23, 2019.**
5. **Make your check payable to ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA REGION*** and mail this form with payment to:
Peter Noyes, ofs
P.O. Box 860
Burtonsville, MD 20866
email: pnoyesofs@gmail.com

***Please make checks payable to St. Margaret of Cortona Region,
NOT to Peter Noyes or to Priest Field. Thank you.**

Name

Address

City State Zip

Home Phone E-mail

Fraternity

Please check room requirement:

Rooms are designed for double occupancy for maximum attendees.

- A) Single occupancy room: \$248.00[†]
- B) Double occupancy room: \$228.00
- C) Single occupancy cabin: \$282.00
- D) Double occupancy cabin: \$257.00
- E) Dormitory: \$184.00
- F) Days Only: \$126.00

[†]Select single occupancy only if there is a serious personal or medical reason. Thank you!

Please indicate any special needs you have:

Please choose a roommate, or one can be assigned for you.

Name of preferred roommate:

Amount enclosed with this form \$