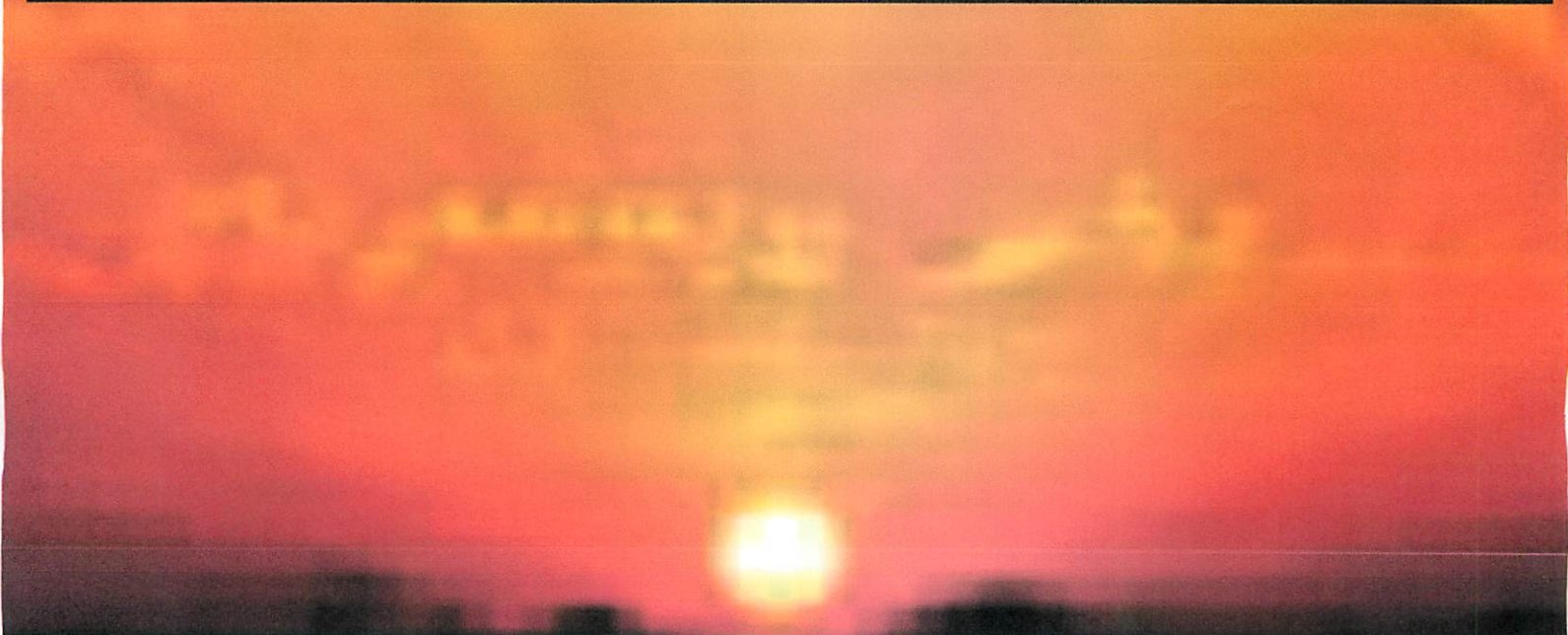
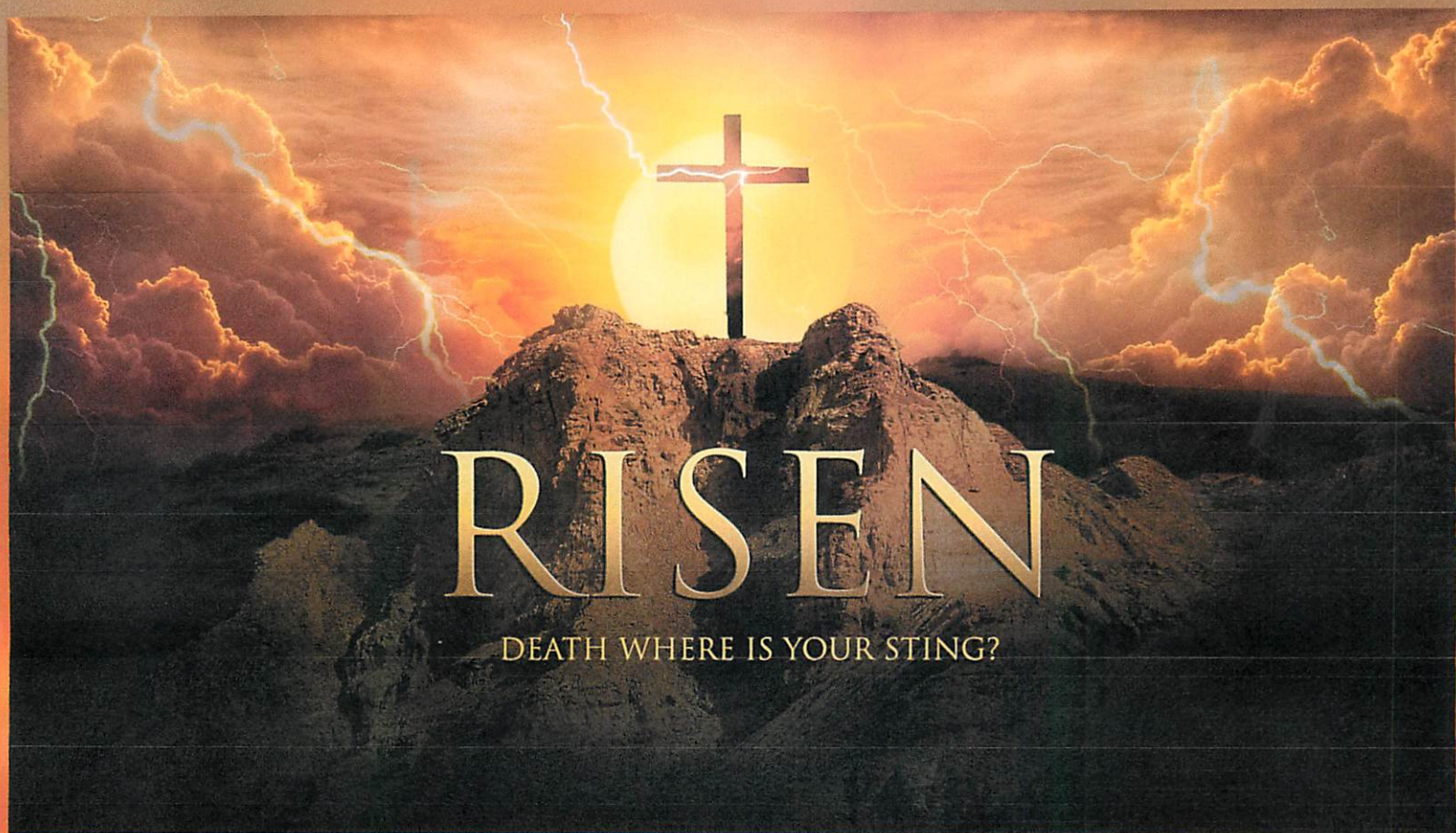
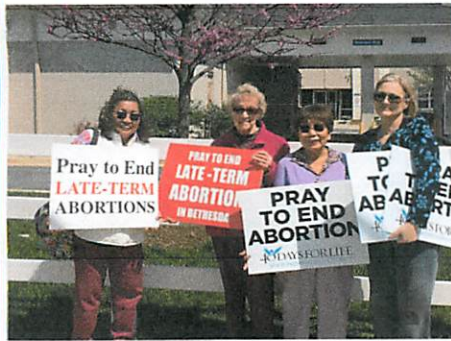


**ST MARY OF THE ANGELS FRATERNITY
ORDER OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN
THE ANGELUS * MAY 19TH, 2019**



We met outside the office of late-term abortionist Leroy Carhart in Bethesda MD on April 10, and we prayed 20 decades of the Rosary to end abortion and help the moms in crisis pregnancies. We were a living light in the deadly darkness.



MAY MEETING AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer and Reading

2. Wishing Happy Birthdays and Other Fraternity News, including brief mention of November Elections and Pastoral Visit, the need for a volunteer to take over the Speaker and Whiteboard from Greg (please volunteer), the upcoming retreat at the Priest Field Pastoral Center on the weekend of May 31st, a report on the 40 Days for Life Prayerful Witness on April 10, a mention of our monthly Mass for our Fraternity members and our Dorothy Day dinner.

3. Portia discusses our upcoming bus trip Pilgrimage on June 9th to St. Anthony's Shrine on Troy Hill Pittsburg PA

5. *Live Like Francis: Who Still Needs the Book?*

6. . *Live Like Francis* by Peggy —Please read Ch. 6

BREAK & SEND OFF

FOR GREG AS THIS IS HIS LAST

CERTAIN MEETING WITH US!

8. Hand out of many wonderful books provided by Father Michael Briese and mention of his new Foundation .

7 *Prayer Partners* by Mary

8. *Christian Prayer* led by Tom

9. *What It Takes To Be an OFS Franciscan* by Tom

Sadly Greg Davis and his lovely wife Coty are moving to Pittsburgh PA this summer and this may be his last meeting with us (possibly he can join us for one or two more meetings). Greg has served faithfully several times as Minister and for many years was the editor and publisher of the Angelus. He brought contemplative prayer to us in a special way. In short Greg has been one of our most faith-filled and dedicated members. We will miss him very much. This month we will take a special few moments honoring Greg and enjoy a goodbye cake in his honor at the break.

Greg says: "Well, folks, the final touches to this big move are coming to a close. Coty and I will be moving to the Pittsburgh area on or about August 1, 2019. This is so we can be closer to our only son. And, we will live in a townhouse where we can have both a cat and a dog."

As far as being a Franciscan with us, Greg says:

15 Years later

I was professed in April, 2004. A gradual conversion has taken place in me, thanks to the many friendships and fundamental Franciscan ideals I have experienced. Of the eight "My Franciscan Way" pledges I made in writing in 2004 (as part of my profession) there is one that really stands out, meaning there has been a lot of progress, but there is much work to be done: *BE PEACEFUL ... embrace violence and anger with peace and harmony. Prevent violence from causing unwanted chain reactions.* It was St. Clare who inspired this idea, and it remains today.

PRAYER NEEDS, MONTHLY MASS, APRIL BIRTHDAYS & PROFESSION ANNIVERSARIES

Submitted by Genie

***** A MASS FOR ALL LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS WILL BE OFFERED ON MAY 2nd at St. Jude's at 9:00 AM. Please come and assist if you can. *****

Continue your prayers for Peggy Nicholson and her friend, Patricia McShea. Patricia will be entering Potomac Valley assisted living soon and both ladies thank the fraternity through Jesus for this marvelous outcome.

Carol Smith, recovering from serious back problems which has immobilized her for months and is progressing well with rehab and will be able to drive again soon. In the midst of this she contacted the debilitating virus which seems to be going around now but is recovering well from that. She has had many friends and neighbors seeing her through all this and mentioned that Fr. Briese stopped by with electrolyte drinks which began her healing from the virus. We are very blessed by his continuing presence in our lives. Get well soon, Carol.

Alina is grateful for our prayers for her sister Felicia. She is in rehab working hard on learning to walk again. She thanks God every day for being alive! Alina asks for prayers for her husband, Ted for good health and her daughter, Thea for her as yet unborn baby due in September.

Rose Mary and Alfio Mazzaglia – Alfio will be returning soon from assisted living. Rose Mary has arranged some home care for him and purchased a baby monitor to assure his safety. Keep them in prayer as they undergo these challenges.

Dale Eppig is recovering well from her hip replacement surgery but is still unable to drive. Keep her in prayer. She misses contact with us.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 10, Alfio Mazzaglia

May 24, Connie Berrara

SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT'S MESSAGE

May, 2019

The 21st article of our Rule says to us:

"On various levels, each fraternity is animated and guided by a council and minister (or President) who are elected by the professed according to the constitutions.

There service, which lasts for a definite period, is marked by a ready and willing spirit and is a duty of responsibility to each member and to the community.

Within themselves the fraternities are structured in different ways according to the norms of the constitutions, according to the various needs of their numbers and their regions, and under the guidance of their respective council."

What this is saying is that all Secular Franciscan fraternities are united together under the leadership of a minister and council members who are to be ready, willing, suitable, and able to serve. This service is operated in various diverse ways according to the needs of the culture and tradition the fraternity finds itself. The fraternity members are to recognize the importance of selecting available, willing, and competent leaders guided by the Holy Spirit. The responsibility of the members themselves is to exercise complete control over the administrative and routine matters of the fraternity. The emphasis of diversified fraternity styles of life leads to the structure of the community being adjusted to the purposes of those responsible for forming it.

Next month, we will talk about our 22nd article to the Rule on a fraternity's canonical establishment.

Peace and all Good,
Mike

Minister: Susan Jamison
Secretary: Marilyn Wall
Formation Director: Tom McGrath
Mary Badjo & Margaret Nicholson



Vice-Minister: Genie Dutton
Treasurer: Carmencita Fiesta
Counselors: Lilian Soriano ,
The Angelus: Susan Jamison

Minister's Message

What is our true identity? That of Christ. Yes, even in our weakness and struggling with our own peculiar issues we are called to be Christ in this world. Confess your falls but do not be discouraged by them. One candle in the darkness is greater in its glory than the darkness. The goodness in you shines and is far greater than your failures.

And how do we proceed to take on this identity of Christ, What is our slant, grace, take, perspective, insight, challenge, solemn promised undertaking? To follow Francis. There are many ways to do this. The Franciscan Charism is unique amongst the religious/secular orders for its many variations of focus and approach in prayer, work and communication.

One of the greatest Franciscans of our time is the late Mother Angelica who spoke the truth frankly and boldly to millions of viewers on the EWTN network she founded. Mother minced no words in sharing the truth, even when the truth was extremely unpopular. She was not afraid of conflict if she felt that Our Lord was calling her to battle. And without a doubt, she brought many people to Christ. Many of her viewers attested this. I am so proud of her.



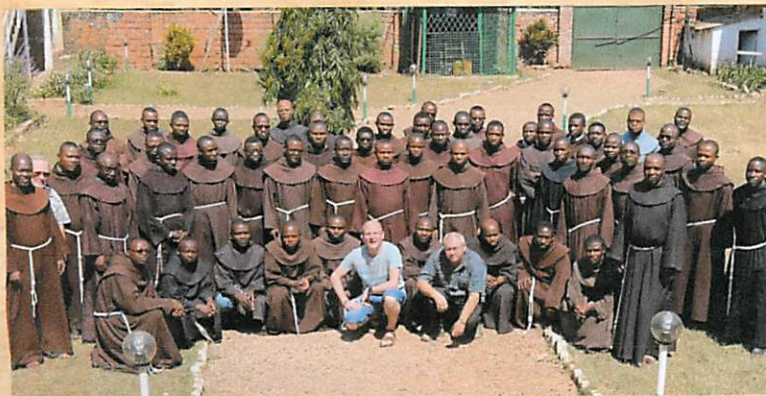
I am also very proud that Our Lady of Medjugorje chose a Franciscan parish in which to make her epic decades-long apparitions. That parish began decades of fasting, prayer, and hospitality.



I am also proud of Franciscan Martyr St. Maximilian Kolbe. He devoted himself to spreading honor of Mary Immaculate and gave his life to save another human being in Auschwitz. Precious to me also is that St. Maximilian had an amazing, essential and grace-filled understanding of the Blessed Mother's incredible status and identity as the spouse of the Holy Spirit. He was the first to grasp that when Our Lady said "I am the Immaculate Conception", using the I AM words reserved in the Bible for God alone, she was referring to her identifying relationship with her Spouse the Holy Spirit who is the God Immaculate Conception.

I am very proud of those Poor Clare Nuns who live a cloistered life endlessly devoting themselves to the adoration of God.

I am in awe of the Franciscan Missions whose missionaries live around the globe in dangerous impoverished places to serve Jesus in the poor.



I could go on and on... the Franciscan Charism is unique in its many-faceted charisms of grace to love, adore and serve God. Let us live ours as God leads us. Let us be Christ in the world as God calls us, even in our littleness, sinfulness and self-love. St Padre Pio,

another incredible Franciscan, said "Pray, Hope and Don't Worry." We must do our best to live out our Franciscan calling. We have many different examples of how our fellow Franciscans have been called to do that. Let us continue to open our hearts and minds to how God is leading us.

MAY SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS

SUBMITTED BY LIAN SORIANO

MAY 1 - St Joseph, the Worker - is a figure in the Gospel, the husband of Mary, and foster father of Jesus Christ.

May 3 St Philip and St James - Apostles and Martyrs, share the same feast day because the same relics were taken to Rome on the same day. St Philip, attributes as elderly, bearded saint and open to God man, holding a basket of loaves and a Tau cross. James, is also known as James the Lesser, to avoid confusing him in James, son of Zebedee, also an apostle and known as James, the Great

May 10 - Traditionally Ascension Thursday, Feast Day of St. Damien de Veuster - known now to all the world as Damien the devoted his life to Missionary work among the Hawaiian lepers.

May 12 - St Neruis, Achilles and St Pancras - each was martyred for his faith in Christ, in the same year during the persecution under the order of emperor Diocletian. These 3 martyrs remind us of our call to self sacrifice, faith and steadfast love even in the face of overwhelming opposition

May 13th, FEAST OF THE ASCENSION as designated by the USCCB

May 15 - St Isidore - Patron of Farmers.

May 16 - ST MARGARET OF CORTONA, Our Regions' special patron saint!



May 20 - St. BERNARDINE of Sienna - was an Italian priest and Franciscan missionary. He was the greatest of time journeying across Italy, calming strife - torn cities, attacking the pagans, attracting crowds of 30,000, following St Francis of Assisi's admonition to preach about "vice and virtue, punishment and glory".

THIS YEAR: May 20: PENTECOST, The great outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles which is deemed the birth of the Church!

May 22 - St. Rita of Cascia - was an Augustinian nun from Italy, Patroness of the impossible causes, and hopeless circumstances, sterility, abuse victims loneliness, marriage difficulty. parenthood, widows, the sick, bodily ill and wounds, because of the difficult and disappointing life. She is also one of the incorruptible saints, her body is venerated at the basilica in Cascia, Italy.

May 30th — St. Joan of Arc, Martyr

May 31st—Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorating her visit to St. Elizabeth

The Resurrection Message: PEACE BE WITH YOU!

<https://www.efca.org/blog/sunday-resurrection>

An excerpt from an internet article by a Christian theologian:

‘Peace be with you’” (Jn. 20:19). This word is key in this first encounter with Jesus. Jesus reiterates this statement, saying “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you” (Jn. 20:21). And then, “eight days later,” when Thomas is now with the other disciples, not having been with them in their first meeting with Jesus, he, once again, meets them in a similar manner and says, “Peace be with you” (Jn. 20:26). In light of the disciples’ fears on the evening of this resurrection day, Jesus’ words of peace refer immediately to their present situation. He reassures them in the midst of certain and real fear of the Jews, they ought to be at “peace.” This is not the first time Jesus mentions peace.

Earlier in the Gospel, John records Jesus saying, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid” (Jn. 14:27). Jesus gives peace unlike any peace offered by and experienced in the world. Based on the peace Jesus offers, our hearts are not to be troubled or afraid. Jesus reiterates this teaching post-resurrection. Later, Jesus declares, **“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world” (Jn. 16:33). Once again, Jesus promises to them peace – peace in the midst of tribulation.** The reason is because he has overcome the world. Now when Jesus meets with the disciples on the evening of the first day of the week, the day in which Jesus resurrected, his first words are “Peace be with you.” Not only are they uttered as a culmination of Jesus’ previous teaching. They are also filled with meaning because of his death-burial-resurrection.”

**ST. FRANCIS WAS NOTABLE FOR BESTOWING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
ON PEOPLE HE MET BOTH WITH HIS GREETING AND HIS PRESENCE.
IT IS THE RESURRECTION MESSAGE.**

**We live in the age of martyrs, Let us pray for their peace and their strength
as they suffer and even allow their children to be made to suffer in complete
and beautiful loyalty to Our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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.**

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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

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[†]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 \$ _____

