

**ST MARY OF THE ANGELS FRATERNITY
SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER
THE ANGELUS * SEPTEMBER 8, 2019**



The Good Shepherd by our very own Dale Eppig

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OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING

WELCOME, PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Prayer

3 Hail Marys In Honor Of Mary's Birthday

Report on Our Monthly Mass by Genie

Elections! By Genie and Sonia

Franciscan Saint Naming Ceremony at the Shrine at the Picnic by Genie and Susan

Regional Picnic Final Sign Up

Possible October 12th Pilgrimage to the Grotto

Carmencita's Presentation on Chapter 8 of "Live Like Francis"

Good Shepherd Print by Artist Dale Eppig

Break

CHRISTAIN PRAYER Led by Tom

The Topic of Human Trafficking and Some Surprising, Sad and Scary Facts

By Susan

TOM'S ONGOING FORMATION

PRESENTATION BY MIKE HUETHER

**Monthly Mass, Birthdays, Five Year Profession Anniversaries, Prayer Intentions, and Monthly Fraternity Mass
Submitted by Genie**

Family, our monthly Mass for the living and deceased members of our Fraternity will be **Friday, September 6, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Shrine of St. Jude Church, Rockville, Md.** Please note that Mass may be held at Madigan Hall, next to the Church, if revisions to the sanctuary have not been complete

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY!

To Dale Eppig on September 8th

No Five Year Professions this month.

Pray for the needs and intentions of our members:

Alina Zygmunt - For peace, acceptance and harmony among the Zygmunt family and for the soul of her beloved husband Ted.

Lilian Soriano, as she continues to mourn the loss of her beloved daughter.

Rose Lawrence – Residing in assisted living in Pa. - Several severe health issues.

Father Michael as he serves the poor of Southern Maryland.

Our Fraternity members who provides meals for Dorothy Day Shelter.

Members and family with on-going health issues: Hazel Cummings and husband Marty; Rose Mary & Alfio Mazzaglia and Tap Nguyen; Peggy Nicholson with friend Patricia; Joyce Routh and husband Jim; Carol Smith; Mary Badjo and nephew Ethan, Connie's Mom, Susan's Mom. Susan's two newborn grandsons (Ian is a premie).



SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT'S MESSAGE, September, 2019

The 25th article of our Rule tells us:

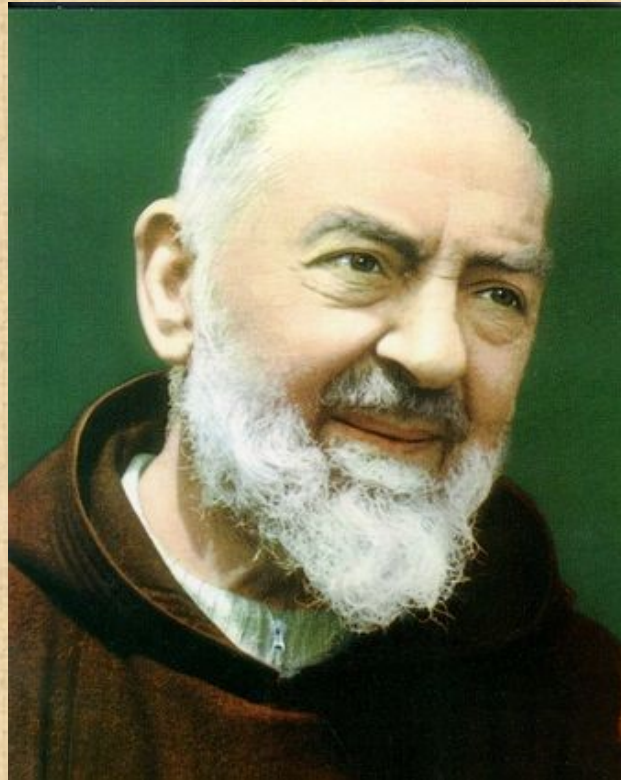
"Regarding expenses necessary for the life of the fraternity and the needs of worship, of the apostulates, and of charity, all the brothers and sisters should offer a contribution according to their means. The local fraternities should contribute toward the expenses of the higher fraternity councils."

As we can see, this article, even though almost the last in our Rule (and we're sure for good reason that it is), still stresses an important topic: that of our voluntary contributions given to finance the fraternity's many and various functions and activities. The fraternity, in turn and according to its means and prior arranged plans, is obligated to contribute to the financial support to the spiritual and temporal functions of the region, province, national, and international fraternities. This next to last article of our Rule actually is, in theory, an extension of the traditional values stressed in the very first article where all OFS members are responsible for taking care of all of the affairs of the fraternity in whatever way is necessary and able to be performed.

Next month: Our very last article 26 on the utmost importance of spiritual assistance to our fraternities.

Peace and all good,

Mike



Ministers' Message: Greetings! I was at FED EX in Germantown on Saturday having copies made of Dale Eppig's beautiful print, *The Good Shepherd*. Dale had told me to make copies as I wished, and that there was no copyright. The print is so beautiful I felt it should be shared and celebrated. Just as the copies were being made, the store music played a song with the male vocalist repeating over and over again "I will never let you go." Of course I immediately connected that song to the image of Jesus holding a lamb in a protective embrace. I took it as a God-given moment of assurance and I was overjoyed. That is his message to us dear friends. He loves us. He protects us. We can trust Him. But how can we every begin to repay him? By trying to bring other people into the safety and joy of His embrace. How are some simple ways to do that? Let us pray, light candles and sacrifice for other people we know well or just a little... lets try to engage them in conversation about Our Lord what that is possible. We will be doing God's beautiful work.

I am getting very excited about the Name Taking Ceremony at the Monastery during the picnic. If you are a professed member, please come ready to take the name of one or two Franciscan Saints. I have finally settled on two saints but it was a really hard choice. U am taking the names Agnes in honor of St. Agnes of Prague -this is not St. Agnes of Assisi the sister of St. Clare). St Agnes was maternally beloved of St. Clare and spent much of her life as a secular Franciscan doing major great works before finally retiring into the convent as a Poor Clare. Agnes is a family name and I felt this was a God-given name. And, while I was very drawn to taking the name of Julia in honor of Greeley, a U.S. Secular Franciscan Servant of God from Colorado in the 1800s, I decided on the name of Pio after St. Padre Pio. Padre Pio does so much for us and I need a lot of help. Case closed!

Sex Trafficking is a crime against humanity.

Pope Francis has consistently spoken out against it.

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/justice/francis-chronicles/human-trafficking-crime-against-humanity-pope-says>

The US has a huge problem afflicting its own female children citizens as well as immigrants.

“... the United States leads the world with the lowest average age of trafficking victims: 12, ... an child trafficking victim in the United States will bring a pimp \$200,000 to \$250,000 per year tax-free: “Now you have a real problem — a real problem.”

This in on our neighborhoods and schools.

<https://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/natalia-mittelstadt/8-days-director-youngest-girl-we-rescued-sex-trafficking-was-2>

From Homeland Security’s Online Publication:

https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/indicators-human-trafficking?fbclid=IwAR21a0xWqcclAANACRUDu3V4EA_ly86NlRjdrN9JT1ioJyWVQU37iJhPnxo

Indicators of Human Trafficking

Recognizing key indicators of human trafficking is the first step in identifying victims and can help save a life. Here are some common indicators to help recognize human trafficking....

Does the person appear disconnected from family, friends, community organizations, or houses of worship?

- Has a child stopped attending school?
- Has the person had a sudden or dramatic change in behavior?
- Is a juvenile engaged in commercial sex acts?
- Is the person disoriented or confused, or showing signs of mental or physical abuse?
- Does the person have bruises in various stages of healing?
- Is the person fearful, timid, or submissive?
- Does the person show signs of having been denied food, water, sleep, or medical care?
- Is the person often in the company of someone to whom he or she defers? Or someone who seems to be in control of the situation, e.g., where they go or who they talk to?
- Does the person appear to be coached on what to say?
- Is the person living in unsuitable conditions?
- Does the person lack personal possessions and appear not to have a stable living situation?
- Does the person have freedom of movement? Can the person freely leave where they live? Are there unreasonable security measures?

Not all indicators listed above are present in every human trafficking situation, and the presence or absence of any of the indicators is not necessarily proof of human trafficking.

Call this federal law enforcement phone number if you suspect someone is being trafficked: 1-866-347-2423

More facts on trafficking... its big business...

<https://www.dosomething.org/us/facts/11-facts-about-human-trafficking>



1. Trafficking involves transporting someone into a situation of exploitation. This can include forced labor, marriage, prostitution, and organ removal. This kind of exploitation is known by a few different names -- "human trafficking," "trafficking of persons," and "modern slavery" are the ones accepted by the US Department of State. ^[1]

2. It's estimated that internationally there are between 20 million and 40 million people in modern slavery today. Assessing the full scope of human trafficking is difficult because so many cases go undetected, something the United Nations refers to as "the hidden figure of crime." ^[2]

3. Estimates suggest that, internationally, only about .04% of survivors of human trafficking cases are identified, meaning that the vast majority of cases of human trafficking go undetected. ^[3]

4. Human trafficking earns global profits of roughly \$150 billion a year for traffickers, \$99 billion of which comes from commercial sexual exploitation. ^[4]

5. Globally, an estimated 71% of enslaved people are women and girls, while men and boys account for 29%. ^[5]

6. Estimates suggest that about 50,000 people are trafficked into the US each year, most often from Mexico and the Philippines. ^[6]

7. In 2018, over half (51.6%) of the criminal human trafficking cases active in the US were sex trafficking cases involving only children. ^[7]

8. Reports indicate that a large number of child sex trafficking survivors in the US were at one time in the foster care system. ^[8]

Runaway girls who have suffered sex abuse and foster children are two highly vulnerable groups in the US. But.. It happens in middle class families with good parents...

Wendy's Restaurant Founder Dave Thomas spent decades trying to get forever homes for kids in foster homes. His Foundation continues his work: <https://www.davethomasfoundation.org/>