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Let us begin again, for up to now we have done nothing.

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The Franciscan Friars Had Their Hand In The First Thanksgiving



Artist's rendition of Squanto

As we come to celebrate the feast of Thanksgiving, I thought I would see what I could find when I googled, "Franciscan Thanksgiving." Our Franciscan Family has had a part in very many events outside of Church history as well as within, and I found that includes that first Thanksgiving celebration among the first pilgrims from England and the native Americans. Most of us know and visualize this event so well. The pilgrims came ashore in America at Plymouth Rock and were befriended by the Native Americans there, who taught the pilgrims how to grow their food. Then the pilgrims prepared a feast with this food and invited the Native Americans out of appreciation and thanksgiving to God for the newly learned knowhow for such a bounty.

But an integral part of this story is always overlooked. Among the crowd of pilgrims and Native Americans was one who was mainly responsible for this event. He was an English-speaking Native American named SQUANTO. It was Squanto who led the Native Americans in the task of instructing the pilgrims in the agricultural techniques for growing the foods consumed at the first Thanksgiving feast. This was because he could speak English fluently enough to translate and had also been educated in the Catholic faith and the Franciscan charism.

(See "Squanto" on page 5)

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*The entire Regional Council
wishes you and your loved ones
a holy Christmas
and a blessed New Year.*

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Minister's Message



WHAT IS FRANCISCAN JOY?

In order to understand Franciscan Joy, we need to start at the very beginning of our Franciscan journey. Why did we become Franciscan? What were we searching for? What was to be our ultimate goal? All of us can come up with a handful of reasons

for coming into the Order. Once professed, we are expected to put these reasons into practice and ultimately experience Franciscan Joy.

As human beings, we are all searching for happiness, and what does happiness bring? It brings joy. According to the Webster dictionary, "joy is the emotion of great delight or happiness caused by something exceptionally good or satisfying; to be glad; rejoice, to gladden."

Does your Franciscan joy fit into any of the above definitions? If yes, how, if no, why? Each and every one of us experiences joy in a variety of ways and at different levels; it all depends on where we are on our Franciscan Journey.

As Franciscans, our joy comes from the Holy Spirit, who gives us peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and love. Our Franciscan commitment fosters growth in a very special way, to live the Gospel life, the source of our joy.

When you experience the Holy Spirit within you, you have joy and peace that others see and desire. St. John Paul II often told us, "Be not afraid." Let us be not afraid to share this beautiful gift of joy with others, not only at Christmas but throughout the year.

Peace and joy are gifts from God, who is, and these gifts dwell within us. True joy is contagious. It needs to be set free so that it can be shared with others.

Our Pauline Rule and our General Constitutions tell us to be messengers of Joy and Hope:

Rule 13

[...] A sense of community will make them joyful and ready to place themselves on an equal basis with all people, especially with the lowly for whom they shall strive to create conditions of life worthy of people redeemed by Christ.

Rule 19

Following the Gospel, Secular Franciscans therefore affirm their hope and their joy in living. They make a contribution to counter widespread distress and pessimism, preparing a better future.

Messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, they should strive to bring joy and hope to others.

Article 26 General Constitutions

1. Even in suffering, Francis experienced confidence and joy from:

- the experience of the fatherhood of God;
- the invincible faith of rising with Christ to eternal life;
- the experience of being able to meet and praise the Creator in the universal fraternity of all creatures.

2. In the fraternity, the brothers and sisters should promote mutual understanding and they should see to it that the atmosphere of their meetings is welcoming and that it reflects joy. They should encourage one another for the good.

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At Greccio, our holy father St. Francis found joy in the reenactment of that most holy night in Bethlehem, just as we will experience joy next month as we celebrate the birth of God's beloved Son.

Luke, Chapter 2:8-10 tells us:

⁸In the countryside close by there were shepherds out in the fields keeping guard over their sheep during the watches of the night.

⁹An angel of the Lord stood over them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified,

¹⁰but the angel said, "Do not be afraid. Look, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by all the people."

I can only imagine Francis experiencing this great joy when he held the baby Jesus in his arms at Greccio, "a joy to be shared by the whole people."

Joy is God within us. If we are filled with joy, the Holy Spirit can use us as His instrument to overcome the evil in our midst. In our joy we bring hope to the hopeless and comfort to those in need of comfort, for joy brings peace not only to us but to all we meet. Joy is that love we give to others. As Saint Augustine tells us, "we become what we receive." He is talking about the Eucharist, but we can apply this to joy as well.

Have a holy Advent and a most blessed Christmas Season.

Your Franciscan brother in Christ,

Bob Longo, OFS
Regional Minister

Interfaith and Ecumenical Relationships Go Hand in Hand

Many have asked me the question: What is the difference between the terms “Interfaith” and Ecumenical?” Many people assume they are one and the same in meaning and use them interchangeably. Even though they are similar in action, they are different as to whom they are directed.

Both describe a partnership or relationship of religions and beliefs. “Interfaith” refers to activities and relationships among Christian and non-Christian religions and faiths, while “Ecumenical” involves the relationships among different Christian faiths and ecclesial communities. The Directory for the Application of the Principles and Norms on Ecumenism by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity addresses this topic in Article 210, “Ecumenical Cooperation in the Dialogue with Other Religions.” It states that contacts between Christian and non-Christian religions differ substantially from contacts among the different Christian religions. Ecumenical refers to the promotion of unity among all the Christian churches, a unity “Christ willed among all His disciples.” The Directory goes on to state that interfaith relationships positively influence ecumenical relationships by strengthening the level of communion among the different Christian faiths. This is especially helpful in building up the religious relationships Christians have with the Jewish.

Directives governing Catholic relationships with Jewish people have been issued by the Commission for Religious Relationships with the Jews. The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue governs relationships with other religions. In these relationships, Catholics find ways to collaborate with members of other churches and ecclesial communities. They are given opportunities to dialogue and partner in action with the Jewish and other non-Christian religions in matters of justice, peace, support for family life, respect for minorities and the marginalized, etc. People coming together from different Christian communities can partner with common biblical and devotional re-

sources to address issues that commonly concern them, further fostering Christian unity in the process.

The significance of that famous story we all know as Franciscans of the meeting of our Father Francis with the Sultan Malek-Al-Kamil bears this side-by-side similarity. In 1219, Francis took the occasion of the Fifth Crusade to travel with the armies of Europe to Egypt to speak to the Muslim people about Christianity. When Francis and the Sultan met, both realized in their attempts to convert each other to their beliefs, that their faiths were both God-centered. This encounter became an important milestone in interfaith dialogue. Each took the time to listen to the other and upon so doing found common ground among the differences in their religions.



In the process, they demonstrated that they were experiencing God in the same way, even though they had different beliefs and devotional practices. This same thing can happen today, if Christians of different ecclesial communities and Christians and non-Christians can join together and engage in dialogue with each other. If we can bring the various religious communities together in partnership and address the issues affect-

ing all people regardless of their affiliation, we can and will find a common cause in which to work. Working interfaith-wise can, in turn, further nurture ways for Christians to come together in an ecumenical effort to address these same issues of today.

Please remember to contact me to let me know of any activities, projects, or events of an interfaith or ecumenical nature in which your fraternity is currently engaged. I would like to share these, with your permission, with the other fraternities of the region in future editions of the UTN.

“That they all may be one.” John 17:21

Mike Huether, OFS
Interfaith/Ecumenical Chairman

Mark Your Calendar

November 22, 2019 – Meeting of Regional Council with national visitation team. Friday evening, Country Inn and Suites.

November 23, 2019 – Chapter of Ministers and National Visitation. St. Clare Parish, 714 Myrth Avenue, Essex, MD 21221. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.



April 4, 2020 – Day of Reflections for Inquirers, Candidates, and Newly Professed. Shrine of St. Anthony, Ellicott City, MD 8:30 a.m.



May 29-May 31, 2020 – Regional Retreat. PriestField Retreat Center, Kearneysville, WV. Registration begins at 4:00 p.m.



Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation

Preliminary Results from the JPIC Survey

Thanks to all the individual fraternity members who responded to the survey. It provided an opportunity for fraternities to discuss these issues and to consider appropriate actions.

Charity Work

Most individual Secular Franciscans, and most of our fraternities, already maintain apostolates to provide direct charity to needy persons or groups in their community. Examples from the survey include preparing and serving meals in homeless shelters, regular donations of food and clothing items, recycling and sustainable environmental practices, and financial support for American Indian communities and indigenous people in Guatemala. Many of our fellow Franciscans are already very involved in many works in their parishes, serving in various ministry functions, and being good friends and neighbors to their fellow parishioners. These are good works, they are evidence we are living our Rule, and they make a real difference in our community.

Advocacy

Many fraternities and individuals reported that they are aware of, and participate in, various programs of the Franciscan Action Network (FAN). Our national council supports FAN and its role in advocacy. Many of us who live in the Washington Metropolitan Area can take part in its activities. Some individuals also indicated they participate in programs of their dioceses. My own diocese, the Diocese of Arlington, has established a Peace and Justice Commission to provide leadership on social justice issues. The two dioceses in Virginia, Arlington and Richmond, jointly support the Virginia Catholic Conference, which holds marches and information sessions on legislation being considered by the Virginia State Assembly. Dioceses in other states may provide a similar avenue for action. It is good when bishops lead the way on these issues.

Areas for Improvement

While JPIC issues are already included in the nationally distributed formation materials, such as the FUN Manual Up To Now, some respondents noted that JPIC should be given even more emphasis. Many fraternities have had deep discussions on JPIC issues during ongoing formation programs and various presentations; other fraternities apparently do not dwell on these issues. We would benefit from more forthright guidance from the national council on how to include Catholic Social Teaching and JPIC in our regular programs, as well as initial formation.

Goals for the Coming Year

Some fraternities have already set some goals for the 2019-2020 year. They include the following: The Earth Day Goal: Refuse, Recycle, Reuse; maintaining a Breakfast Ministry; support for OFM friars on migrant issues; and advocacy against late-term abortion in Maryland.

Most fraternities need further discussion before setting goals. To get this discussion started, it would be useful for each fraternity to designate a JPIC animator to facilitate a dialogue between the fraternity and the region.

Prayer and the Sacraments

We should never forget the importance of our prayer life, as individual Franciscans, and as a fraternity community. Our prayers, and participation in the sacraments, connect us to God and provide the energy we need to do good works. Through prayer we have an opportunity to listen to God. The Holy Spirit speaks to us in many ways: through scripture, through our interaction with other people, and in quiet contemplation. Like Sts. Francis and Clare, we need prayer to sustain us. In our prayers, may we ask our founding saints, and all of the Franciscan saints since their time, to guide and support us in our efforts to bring justice and peace to the world, and to value creation including the full range of “life” issues.

JPIC ISSUES IMPORTANT TO FRATERNITIES

Justice Issues

- Affordable housing
- Education quality and availability
- Health care
- Human trafficking
- Poverty
- Migrants and refugees

Peace Issues

- Gun violence
- Peacemaking

Integrity of Creation and Life Issues

Environmental Issues

- Recycling
- Sustainable practices

Women’s and Family Issues

- Pregnant homeless women (including pre-natal care)
- Support for expectant mothers in need
- Gender-based violence (domestic and worldwide)
- Protecting children from abuse (in the home, school, church)
- Sexual abuse in the workplace

Labor Issues

- Dignity of work
- Equal employment opportunities (Gender wage gap)

Respect for Life

- Abortion
- Elder care
- Euthanasia
- Assisted suicide

*Gil Donahue, OFS
JPIC Animator
St. Margaret of Cortona Region*

In the early 17th century, Squanto's tribe were contacted by the earliest English colonists. The colonists captured

Squanto and taught him the English language so he could be an interpreter for them. However, in 1614, the famous Captain John Smith (we remember him as the one who courted Pocahontas) was transporting Squanto, when one of his lieutenants, Thomas Hunt, kidnapped Squanto. Hunt took Squanto to Spain to sell him off as a slave. However, some Franciscan Friars (they were supposedly Capuchins, but this is not certain) bargained with Hunt and had Squanto released to them. The friars educated Squanto in the Catholic faith with an emphasis on the Franciscan charism and then baptized him. In 1619, Squanto returned home on a ship captained by John Smith, but when he arrived, he found that most of his tribe had died of the plague about a year previously.

God had both prepared and put him in place for what we know what happened next. The following year of 1620 came, and the pilgrims arrived: English colonists hoping to build a new religious community split from the Church of England. They needed instruction on how to survive

and prosper in this new rugged country later to be called America, having little food with them. And there was Squanto, ready to serve, speaking fluent English, and capable of rendering great instructional service to the pilgrims in both the Catholic and Franciscan tradition. The pilgrims looked upon him as a miracle and a Godsend. Squanto became an important part of these new settlers' community. The pilgrims even had to step in to save him when he was once again kidnapped by another Native-American tribe.

Squanto's influence, however, was short-lived. Within two years of the Pilgrim's landing, he became ill and died. So, we thank and bless him for his short but serviceable life for those who first came and started this great country of ours today!

As we gather this Thanksgiving with our family and friends, let us remember those blessings our Lord has given to us, such as Squanto, great and small, and pray together a prayer of Thanksgiving written by our Father Francis.

—Mike Huether, OFS
Regional Vice Minister

Prayer of Thanksgiving

You are holy, Lord the only God.
And your deeds are wonderful.
You are strong.
You are great.
You are the Most High.
You are Almighty.
You, Holy Father, are king of Heaven and Earth.
You are Three and One, Lord God, all good.
You are Good, all Good, supreme Good, Lord God, living and true.
You are Love. You are Wisdom. You are humility. You are endurance.
You are rest. You are peace.
You are joy and gladness.
You are justice and moderation.
You are all our riches, and you suffice for us.
You are beauty.
You are gentleness.
You are our protector.
You are our guardian and defender.
You are our courage. You are our haven and our hope.
You are our faith, our great consolation.
You are our eternal life, Great and Wonderful Lord,
God Almighty, Merciful Savior. Amen

**October 3, 2018, and the Promise
of the Resurrection**

Editor's note: Becky Kreidler is an FMS missionary who began her journey being present to those she encountered in Guatemala. Experiencing pain in her knee and learning she would need surgery, she decided to return home to Mt. Prospect, Ill., in late March 2019 where she had surgery. Since then, she has been dedicating time to healing and discerning where God is calling her next in His mission for the world. She will begin her next chapter in early 2020, when she begins serving in Bolivia. In this article, written just before the Transitus celebration, Becky reflects on new inspiration found in St. Francis' story.

Amid my continued knee pain, I have found solace in the little exercise that feels comfortable. Most recently, that has been going on morning walks. The slow pace of these walks often humbles me and reminds me of the continued state of healing I'm living in and awakens me to thankfulness for the mobility I am capable of, despite the fatigue. My heart is also drawn to the time to think, lift up prayers, and be close to creation.

With the one-year anniversary of the day the pain in my knee began quickly approaching, I have often reflected on the past year and my journey with this chronic pain. On one particular morning walk amid my wandering thoughts, my mind landed on a clear question: Do you realize that you started feeling pain in your knee on the day of Transitus? Without any prompting, the Spirit planted this question in my mind, inviting me into deeper reflection about what death meant to Francis and how God has used the past year of pain to teach me about death and His promise of resurrection.

Transitus is a unique celebration that takes place each year on October 3, the eve of the feast day of St. Francis. It literally means "the passage" or "the crossing" in Latin. Franciscans around the world celebrate this great saint's passing because Francis himself embraced death during his lifetime, even fondly referring to her as "Sister Death."

With the eyes of Christ, Francis was able to look beyond this world in his lifetime and see death as a returning to eternal union with God. Rather than recoil in the face of death, Francis, like so many of the saints, hoped for death, remembered that he would die, and did not fear when the time came for him to pass. And so Transitus is ultimately a reminder that how Francis left this world is also how he celebrated life: with faithful commitment to follow Christ by welcoming all God had intended for him.

On October 3 of last year, trying to shake off and ignore the pain that set in earlier that day, I attended my first Transitus service alongside the FMS community. What was a minor concern that day slowly transformed into my own

passing from myself into a profound surrender, what Fr. Richard Rohr often refers to as "dying before we die."

In his book *Learning to Fall*, author Phillip Simmons writes about this type of dying we are all called to as disciples of Christ:

"All great spirituality is about letting go. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection show us how to win by losing. In fact, this "Path of Descent" could be called the meta-narrative of the Bible. It is so obvious, consistent, and constant that it's hidden in plain sight. Christianity has overlooked this overwhelmingly obvious message by focusing on other things. Why did that happen? How is it that we were capable of missing what appears to be the major point? I think it has to do with the Spirit patiently working in time and growing us historically. I think it has to do with human maturity and readiness. And I think it has a lot to do with the ego and its tactics of resistance."

My story this past year has often felt like a series of losses, of little deaths: the death of my expectations for what mission would be, the dying of physical comfort and normalcy, the passing of an ego that just did not want to bear this particular cross for this long. The spirit has gracefully helped me along my own personal "path of descent," into emotional helplessness and a body feeling so wounded.

Through this smallness, I have seen God use my aches and the anxiety welling up in my heart to lead me to His feet. As He has pulled me in closer, meeting my heart in all its reluctance to accept the reality of persistent pain, He was teaching and continues to slowly teach me that, even though I do not yet feel physical relief, the presence of God always outpours in one direction: the direction of love. Consequently, God is always moving toward resurrection, including my own. Now, rather than simply feeling it or believing it, I am learning to allow the path of life, death, and life again—the Mystery of Christ and of all humanity—to teach me.

It is believed that, on his deathbed, St. Francis said, "I've done what is mine to do. May Christ now teach you what you are to do." After the experience of the past year, I now more devotedly lean on St. Francis' example in my journey within God's mission, because these little deaths I've been experiencing, united to Francis' Transitus, renew my conviction that the "passings" I experience can be endured with confidence and joy. Ultimately, they lead to renewed life. And so I invite you to be still and sit in this truth alongside me: we are all heirs of a grand promise of resurrection.

Might you be called to serve as a lay missionary and start the next chapter of your own journey? Consider applying to Franciscan Mission Service. Visit our website for more information and to apply for Fall 2020: www.franciscanmissionservice.org.

Around the Region

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY ADMITTED

Dennis Bernardo, Little Flower Fraternity, Rosedale, Md.

NEWLY PROFESSED



Erin Evans, OFS

Erin Evans, OFS, St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity, Triangle, Va.
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LOSSES IN THE FAMILY



Mary Chandler, OFS, June 18, 1932-October 3, 2019. Mary was a member of St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity, Ellicott City, Maryland, and was professed on October 23, 2016.

William Farrell, III, OFS, July 26, 2019. Bill Farrell was professed on September 21, 1988, in the St. Katharine Drexel Region, and transferred to St. Clare, Delaware, on November 9, 2012.

Ed Geiger, OFS, August 15, 1941-October 17, 2019. Ed was a member of Tau Fraternity and was professed on December 11, 2005.



Helen Hillstrom, OFS, October 29, 2019. Helen was a member of St. Mary of the Angels Fraternity and was professed on September 14, 2002. She served as minister, treasurer, and council member.

Robert Naylor, OFS, September 6, 2019. Robert was a member of Companions of Francis and Clare Fraternity and was professed on March 28, 1993.



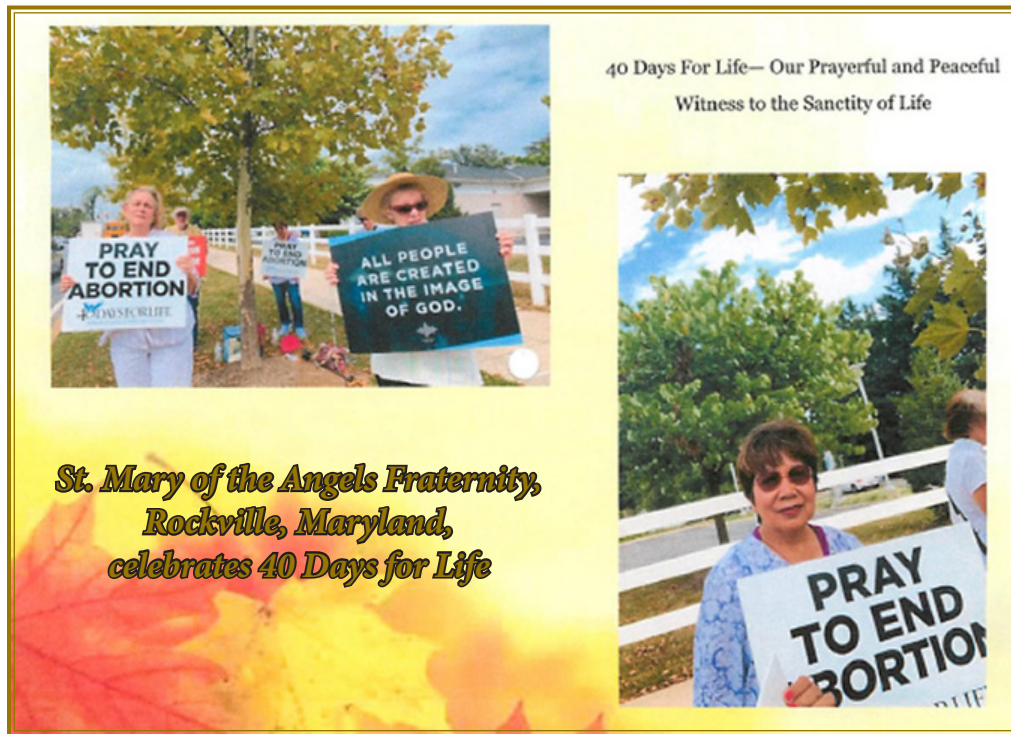
William Walker, OFS, March 11, 1935-September 29, 2019. Bill was a member of St. Clare Fraternity, Delaware and was professed on October 24, 1955.

St. Pope John XXIII Our Newest Fraternity

Canonically Established October 19, 2019



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Sandy Horvath
David Littleton
Anne Marie Pessagno
Mary Rohde
Teresa Shenk
Nina Teti
John Treichel
Ron Van Nest
Marie Waleryszak



Websites of Interest

Celebration of the feast of the Baptism of Jesus on the Jordan River

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYf8u5cK3U&mc_cid=e8be04ac8b&mc_eid=c4905a3908

The ins and outs of the Titanic

<https://populareverything.com/colorized-photos-of-life-on-the-titanic-days-before-it-sank/>

Thank you Honey Scott

Pod of humpback whales off Hawaii coast

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2259655954116829>

Sculptures that move

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pwT5XM6bx2Q>

Thank you Honey Scott

A lovely article about a 100-year-old friar

<https://oal.lu/qvKS7>

Thank you Indira Kris

New saint

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marguerite_Bays

Amazing sand sculptures

<https://www.texassandfest.org/2019-results/>

Thank you Honey Scott

Israel unveils ancient road 'where Jesus walked' to temple

<https://www.foxnews.com/science/israel-road-jesus-temple-ancient-jerusalem>

16th Century Boxwood Carvings Are So Miniature Researchers Used X-Ray To Solve Their Mystery

<https://themindcircle.com/16th-century-boxwood-carvings/>

Thank you Honey Scott

Unsealing of Christ's Reputed Tomb Turns Up New Revelations

<https://news.nationalgeographic.com/2016/10/jesus-christ-tomb-burial-church-holy-sepulchre/>

The Assisi Project: A Fellowship of Franciscans in Spirit | Founded in 2007

<https://assisiproject.com/>

Thank you John Carlson

Archaeologists claim to have found site of St. Peter's birth

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/has-st-peters-birthplace-been-discovered-archaeologists-claims-to-have-found-the-site>

Two-part very informative and powerful video, *The Significance and Power of Profession*, delivered by Fr. Richard Trezza, OFM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZgowg5egpU>

and

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oJWlcoeiTIY>

Thank you Larry Bleau



"Monk at Computer" from the Centre for the History of the Book, University of Edinburgh

Franciscan Saints, Blesseds and Feasts

(Click on the name to go to a Web link.)

NOVEMBER

- 17 [St. Elizabeth of Hungary](#), Secular Franciscan, Patroness of the Third Order (July 7, 1207-November 17, 1231)
[Bl. Jeanne de Signa](#), Secular Franciscan Order, hermit (1244-November 9, 1307)
- 18 [Bl. Salome of Cracow](#), Franciscan Third Order Secular (1201-November 17, 1268)
- 19 [St. Agnes of Assisi](#), Order of St. Clare; St. Clare's younger sister (c. 1197-November 16, 1253)
[Bl. Salvatore Lilli and companions](#), Priest, Franciscan First Order, Martyrs of Armenia (June 19, 1853-November 22, 1895)
- 20 [Bl. Maria Milagros Ortells Gimeno](#), Capuchin Poor Clare, Martyr (November 29, 1882-November 20, 1936)
[Bls. Paschal Fortuño Almela and Companions](#), First Order friars, martyrs of Spain, d. 1936
- 21 [Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)
- 24 **Commemoration of All the Deceased of the Seraphic Order**
- 25 [Bl. Elizabeth of Reute](#), Third Order Regular (November 25, 1386-November 25, 1420)
[St. Humilis of Bisignano](#), Religious, Order of Friars Minor (August 26, 1582-November 26, 1637)
[Bl. Louis Beltrame Quattrocchi](#) (1880-1951) and [Bl. Maria Corsini-Beltrame Quattrocchi](#) (1884-1965) Third Order Secular, first Secular Franciscan couple beatified together
- 26 [St. Leonard de Port-Maurice Priest](#), Order of Friars Minor (December 20, 1676-November 26, 1751)
- 27 [St. Francis Anthony Fasini](#), Priest, Order of Friars Minor Conventual (August 6, 1681-November 29, 1742)
- 28 [St. James de la Marche](#), Priest, Order of Friars Minor (c. 1391-November 28, 1476)
- 29 [All Saints of the Seraphic Order](#)
We pray the Franciscan Litany of the Saints
- 30 [Bl. Antoine Bonfandini](#), Priest, Order of Friars Minor (d. 1482)

DECEMBER

- 2 [Bl. Mary Angela Astorch](#), Capuchin Poor Clare (September 1, 1592-December 2, 1665)

- 2 [Bl. Raphael Chylinski](#), Priest, Order of Friars Minor Conventual (January 8, 1680/90-December 2, 1742)
- 4 [Bl. François Galves](#), Priest, Order of Friars Minor, martyr (d. 1623)
[Bl. Pietro Tecelano](#), Third Order Secular (c. 1190-December 1289)
- 5 [Bl. Peter of Sienna](#), Third Order Secular (d. December 4, 1289)
- 7 [St. Mary Joseph Rosello](#), Third Order Secular before founding another institute (1811-December 7, 1811)
- 8 [Feast of the Immaculate Conception](#), Patroness of the Seraphic Order, Holy Day of Obligation, Plenary Indulgence for tertiaries and cord bearers
- 9 [Bl. Clara Isabella Fornari](#), Poor Clare Nun (June 25, 1697-December 9, 1744)
- 11 [Bl. Francis \(Arthur\) Bell](#), Priest, Order of Friars Minor, martyr of England (January 13, 1590-December 11, 1643)
[Bl. Hugolinus Magalotti](#), Third Order Secular (d. 1373)
- 12 [Finding the Body of Our Holy Father St. Francis](#)
[Bl. Bartolo da San Gimignano](#), Priest, Third Order Secular (1228-December 1300)
[Bl. Pius Ludwik Bartosik](#), Priest, Friars Minor Conventual, martyr (August 21, 1909-December 12, 1941)
[Our Lady of Guadalupe](#)
- 14 [Bl. Jean Discalceat Priest](#), Franciscan (c. 1278-December 1349)
- 15 [Bl. Mary Frances Schervier](#), Founder Religious Sisters of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis (January 8, 1819-December 14, 1876)
- 23 [Bl. Nicolas Factor-Estaña Priest](#), Order of Friars Minor (June 29, 1520-December 23, 1583)
- 24 [Bl. Bentivolio of Bonio](#), Priest, Order of Friars Minor (d. 1231)
- 25 [Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ](#)
- 28 [Blessed Matthia Nazzarei](#), Poor Clare Nun (March 1, 1253-December 28, 1319)
- 29 [Bl. Gerard Cagnoli](#), Lay Brother, Order of Friars Minor (c. 1267-c. 1342)
- 30 [Bl. Margaret Colonna](#), Poor Clare Nun, (c. 1255-December 30, 1280)

JANUARY

- 1 [Mary, Mother of God](#)
- 3 [Most Holy Name of Jesus](#)
- 4 [Bl. Christina of Tuscany](#), Virgin, Third Order Secular (d. 1310)
- 5 [Bl. Didacus Joseph of Cadizi](#), Priest, First Order Capuchin (1743-1801)
[Bl. Ruggiero da Todì](#), Religious, Order of Friars Minor (d. 1237)
- 6 [St. Charles of Sezze](#), Priest, Order of Friars Minor (October 19, 1613-January 6, 1670)
- 7 [St. Angela of Foligno](#), Widow, Third Order Secular (1248-January 3, 1309)
- 8 [Bl. Eurosia Fabris](#), Third Order Secular (1866-1932)
- 9 [Bl. Giles of Laurenzana](#), Lay Brother, Order of Friars Minor (1443-January 10, 1518)
- 10 [Bl. Gregory X](#), Pope, Third Order Secular (c. 1210-January 10, 1276)
- 11 [St. Thomas of Cori](#), Priest, Order Friars Minor (1655- 1720)
- 12 [St. Bernard of Corleone](#), Priest, First Order Capuchin (1605- 1667)
- 13 [Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ](#)
- 14 [Bl. Odoric de Pordenone](#), Priest, First Order (1286-1331)
- 16 [Sts. Berard de'Leopardi of Calvi, Peter de'Bonanti of Sangemini, Otto de'Petricchi, Accursio Vazuzio and Adjutus of Narni](#), Protomartyrs of the Franciscan Order (d. 1220)
- 17 [Bl. Giuseppe Tovinii](#), Third Order Secular (1841-1897)
[Bl. Matthew of Girgenti](#), Bishop, Order of Friars Minor (d. 1451)
- 20 [Bl. Jean-Baptiste Triquerie](#), Priest, First Order Conventual (m. 1794)
[St. Eustochia Calafato](#), Virgin, Poor Clares (March 25, 1434-January 20, 1485)
- 22 [Bl. Joseph Nascimbeni](#), Priest, Third Order Secular (1851- 1922)
[St. Vincent Pallotti](#), Priest, Third Order Secular, Founder Pallottine Fathers (April 21, 1795-January 22, 1850)
- 23 [St. Marianne Cope](#), Third Order Regular (January 23, 1838-August 9, 1918)

- 24 [Bl. Paula Gambara-Costa Widow](#), Third Order Secular (March 3, 1463-January 24, 1515)
- 27 [St. Angela Merici](#), Founder, Third Order Regular (March 21, 1474-January 27, 1540)
[Bl. Paul Joseph Nardini](#), Priest, Third Order Secular, Founder of the Franciscan Sisters of the Holy Family (July 25, 1821-January 27, 1862)
- 28 [Bl. Bienvenu de Recanati Priest](#), First Order (1289)
- 29 [St. Francis de Sales](#), Bishop, Doctor of the Church, Corderbearer (August 21, 1567-December 28, 1622)
- 30 [St. Hyacintha de Mariscotti](#), Third Order Regular (1585-January 30, 1640)
- 31 [St. John Bosco](#), Priest, Third Order Secular (August 16, 1815-January 31, 1888)
[Bl. Louisa Albertoni Third Order Secular \(1473-January 31, 1533\)](#)

FEBRUARY

- 3 [Bl. Andrew of Segni](#), First Order Lay Brother (1240-February 1, 1302)
- 4 [St. Joseph de Leonisse](#), Priest, First Order Capuchin (January 8, 1556-February 4, 1612)
- 5 [St. Jane of Valois](#), Founder, Franciscan Order of the Annonciades (1464-1505)
- 6 [Martyrs of Japan](#), First Order Priests, Lay Brothers, and Third Order Secular (m. 1597)
- 7 [St. Colette of Corbie](#), Foundress, Colettine Poor Clares (January 13, 1381-March 6, 1447)
[St. Giles Mary of St. Joseph](#), Lay Brother, Order of Friars Minor (November 16, 1729-February 7, 1812)
[St. Giovanni of Triora](#), Priest, Order of Friars Minor, Martyr (March 15, 1760, February 7, 1816)
[Bl. Pius IX](#), Pope, Third Order Secular (May 13, 1792-February 7, 1878)
- 8 [Bl. Anthony of Stroncone](#), Lay Brother, Order of Friars Minor (1391-February 7, 146)
- 9 [Bl. Leopold of Alpandeire](#), Lay Brother First Order Capuchin (June 25, 1864-February 9, 1956)
- 10 [Bl. Alojzije Stepinac](#), Bishop, Martyr, Third Order Secular (May 8, 1898-February 10, 1960)
[Bl. Clare of Rimini](#), Poor Clare Nun (1282-February 10, 1346)
- 13 [St. Eustochium of Messine](#), Poor Clare Nun (March 25, 1434 - January 20, 1485)
- 15 [Translation of the relics of St. Anthony](#)
- 16 [St. Veridiana](#), Virgin, Third Order Secular (1182-1242)