

ST MARY OF THE ANGELS FRATERNITY  
ORDER OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN  
THE ANGELUS \* JUNE 14, 2020



MONTH OF THE  
**Sacred Heart**

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## **OUR JUNE ZOOM MEETING**

**June 14th, 1 PM.**

**Our May Meeting will be a ZOOM meeting.**

**Please look for the email from Tom inviting you to the meeting.**

**You can join the meeting as early as 12.30 for social time.**

**Tom will begin the meeting by leading us in Christian Prayer after our Opening prayer and some brief announcements.**

**Presentations at the Meeting will be given by Mary Badjo on the virtue of humility, John Di Benedetto on the Franciscan Crown, and Michael Oliver on effective listening.**

**We might put Michael first just to make sure we all listen attentively! LOL.**

**Thank you to each of the Presenters!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Happy Birthday to...

Susan Jamison —June 24

June Profession Anniversaries

**35 Years!**

Jaime Bernardo,  
Sonia Bernardo,  
Dick Schaefer

Private Mass at the Shrine of St. Jude Church will be celebrated on June 6th for living and deceased fraternity members.

## Minister's Message

Today, a Tuesday, I decided that I would spend Tuesdays offering for some special intention or purpose. After going through my usual list of supplications and groups for whom I pray (happy marriages for my two unmarried children, a particular child, the whole family, Green Scapular Brethren, the souls in purgatory, etc.), I decided completely out of character (sorry to say) to offer up the day in GRATITUDE for all God was doing in my life and in the lives of my loved ones and for people the world over. I usually get stuck on supplications!

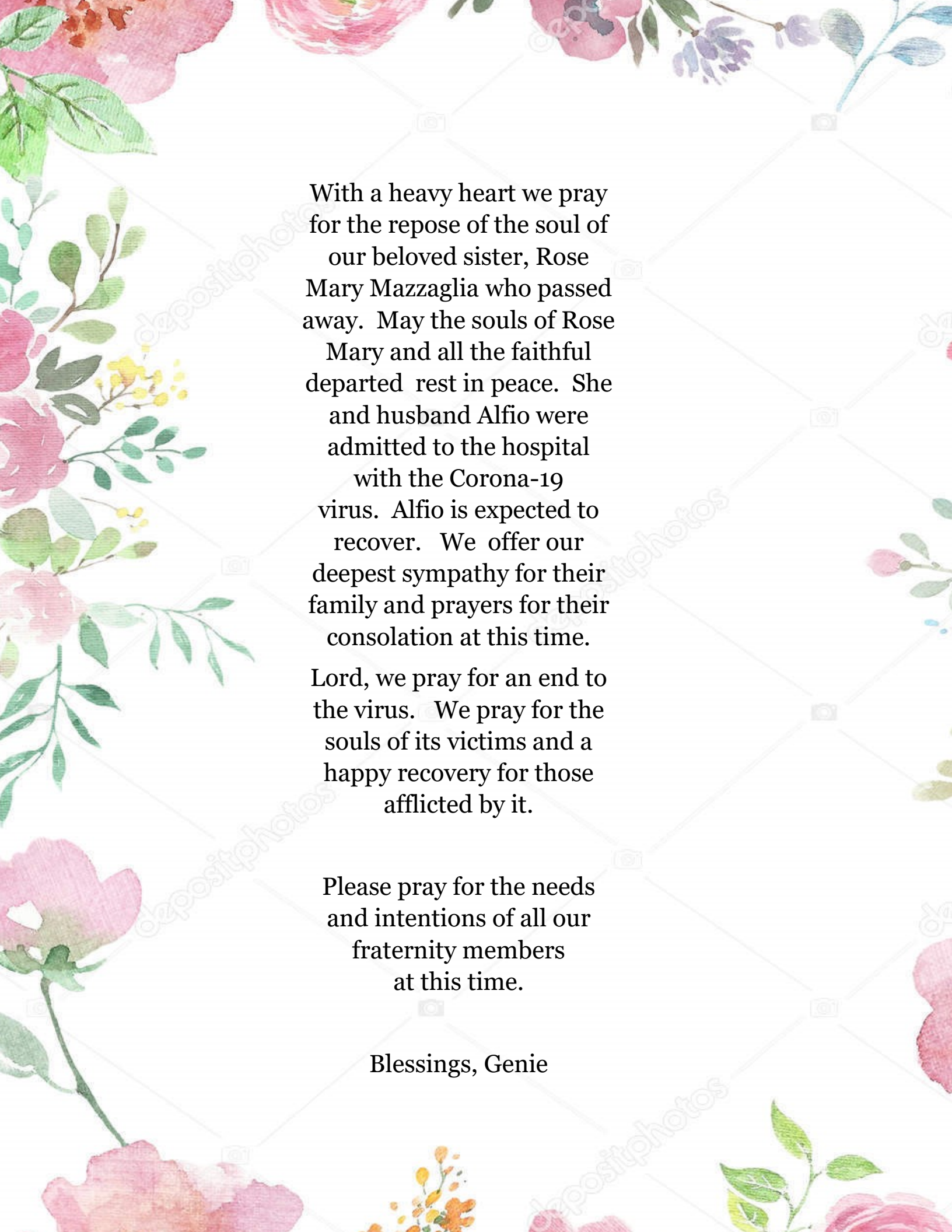
This brings us to our own American Franciscan Saint known for gratitude, Blessed Solanus Casey.

“Father Casey had an incredible faith in the goodness and providence of God. His own deep conviction inspired faith in others whom he would marvel with such simple sayings as “Blessed be God in all his designs,” “God will answer our prayers,” and of course, “Thank God ahead of time!” <https://denvercatholic.org/thank-god-ahead-time-faith-father-solanus-casey/>

“God knows best, and, while we'll still hope for a favorable surprise, we can hardly do better than not only being resigned to whatever God permits but even beforehand to thank Him for His mercifully loving designs.” —Solanus Casey, letter to a person in Detroit. <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/thank-god-ahead-of-time-a-look-at-solanus-casey/>

Not only did he win many miracles for people who sought his help, but in the face of the cases where there would be no miracle and he somehow knew the child was going to pass, which happened also, he consoled parents to understand that their child would be happy with a God who was beset with affection for, and delight in, them. He stayed grateful for all, what we consider good and what feels very bad, because he understood the nature and greatness of God and was able to release all to God, with gratitude.

Limitless unqualified gratitude to God is a wonderful day to day resolve. On those rare and terrible days when the very worst happens, it is a very hard understanding, a very hard sanctity to imitate, but it is still so completely true. It is still so completely right. And just for that reason, that is what I always think of when I think of Blessed Solanua Casey.



With a heavy heart we pray  
for the repose of the soul of  
our beloved sister, Rose  
Mary Mazzaglia who passed  
away. May the souls of Rose  
Mary and all the faithful  
departed rest in peace. She  
and husband Alfio were  
admitted to the hospital  
with the Corona-19  
virus. Alfio is expected to  
recover. We offer our  
deepest sympathy for their  
family and prayers for their  
consolation at this time.

Lord, we pray for an end to  
the virus. We pray for the  
souls of its victims and a  
happy recovery for those  
afflicted by it.

Please pray for the needs  
and intentions of all our  
fraternity members  
at this time.

Blessings, Genie

## SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT'S MESSAGE

June, 2020

This is the third part of my article on St. Francis's understanding of Scripture and prophecy.

Francis and one of his companions, Brother Leonard of Assisi, were one day on the way home from overseas. They were both tired and worn out from their trip. Francis was riding on a donkey, and Brother Leonard walking besides. Brother Leonard began to complain of this thinking his family better off than Francis'. Just after he thought this, Francis dismantled from the donkey and stated just what Brother Leonard thought: he of noble birth had to walk while Francis of a less worthy family, rode. Brother Leonard was embarrassed by this incident, became sorrowful and asked Francis for forgiveness, having been caught by his ability to read the secrets of people's minds.

Another friar presumed that whoever enjoyed and followed the Saint's affection would also enjoy God's favor and that if Francis turned down one's friendship, God would reject him. He longed for a close relationship with Francis, but never let anyone know. Francis called upon him one day and told him not to be concerned about this. The friar was in his favor and due for all of his special treatment and affection. The friar was amazed and became even more attached to Francis and even grew in greater gifts by the Holy Spirit.

While St. Francis resided in his cell in La Verna, one of his companions wanted to acquire some short Bible phrases from the Saint in his own handwriting. He was being harassed by a violent demonic spirit and wanted to end it by possession of the Bible phrases. But he could not bring himself to ask Francis for such a request. Francis, of course, with the intercession of the Holy Spirit, learned of the companion's predicament and told him to come to him with pen and paper. He wrote a number of Scripture phrases, praising God and even wrote a blessing for the friar. Francis told him to keep the paper in his possession always. When he happily did, the demon spirit vanished immediately. The paper was preserved and found to work countless miracles for quite some time, testifying to the healing power of Francis.

There was another friar who was exceptionally holy, living an exemplary life. He spent all of his time in prayer, making his confession by signing as if he were speaking to the deaf. Francis came one day to the friary and requested to see the friar. When the brothers praised this friar, Francis admonished them saying, "Please do not praise him like that, it is a trick of the devil....a temptation of Satan himself." But the friars were not convinced of this and disregarded Francis' warning. But a few days later, the pious friar abandoned the order, confirming what Francis said about him.

Francis often predicted the fall from grace of those who seem firm in their faith and devotion and conversely the conversion of those who were confirmed to be evil. He had the accurate ability of seeing clearly what occurred in the distance behind the scenes as if he himself possessed the eternal light.

Blessings to all of our dads this Father's Day!

Mike

# Most Sacred, Most Loving Heart

By Bl John Henry Newman  
(1801-1890)

**Most Sacred,  
most loving Heart of Jesus,  
You are concealed  
in the Holy Eucharist,  
And You beat for us still.  
Now, as then, You say:  
“With desire I have desired.”  
I worship You  
with all my best love and awe,  
With fervent affection,  
With my most subdued,  
most resolved will.  
For a while,  
You take up Your abode within me.  
O make my heart beat with Your Heart!  
Purify it of all that is earthly,  
All that is proud and sensual,  
All that is hard and cruel,  
Of all perversity,  
Of all disorder,  
Of all deadness.  
So fill it with You,  
That neither the events of the day,  
Nor the circumstances of the time,  
May have the power to ruffle it;  
But that in Your love and Your fear,  
It may have peace.  
Amen**





*A Prayer from Portia....*

Eternal Father, You made the whole world stop spinning for awhile.

You silenced the noise that we all have created

You made us bend our knees  
again and ask for a miracle.

You closed Your churches so we will realize  
how dark our world is without You in it.

You humbled the proud and powerful.

The economy is crashing, businesses are closing.

We were very proud, we thought that everything we have,  
everything we possess was the result of our hard work.

We have forgotten that it was always Your grace and mercy that made us who we are.

We're running in circles looking for some cure to this disease, when in fact we need to humble ourselves and ask You for guidance and wisdom.

We've been living our lives like we will be here on earth forever, like there's no heaven.

Maybe these trials are Your mercy in disguise.

Maybe this virus is actually Your way of purifying us, &  
cleansing our soul, bringing us back to YOU.

Today as these words travel the internet may all who see them join their hearts hands together in prayer! Asking for forgiveness & asking for healing & protection from this virus...

GOD just wipe it from the earth!

Father, You have been patiently waiting for us.

We're so sorry for ignoring Your voice...  
and in our selfish ways, we've sometimes forgotten that YOU are GOD!

You only need to say the words and our souls shall all be healed.

We ask these things in Jesus name!

...Amen

Prayer for all



**St. Francis used to say that God revealed to him that they should be called Friars Minor, because they were to be the poor and humble people whom the Son of God had asked of His Father.**



## LET'S REALLY CELEBRATE THESE AMAZING JUNE FEAST DAYS!

### St. Anthony of Padua — June 13



Anthony died at the age of just thirty-five in 1231, about five years after Saint Francis had died. He was canonized less than one year later. In 1946 Saint Anthony was declared a Doctor of the Church due to the richness of his sermons and writings. He was conscious as he succumbed to death. In his last moments, the brothers surrounding his bed asked him if he saw anything. Saint Anthony said simply, “I see the Lord.”

Saint Anthony of Padua, we seek your powerful intercession to have the right words on our lips to inspire the faithful and to correct and guide the ignorant. Through your example, may our words also be buttressed by our powerful witness to Christ.

### Birth of St. John the Baptiste — June 24

Today’s feast is placed three months after the Annunciation, on March 25, because that gospel scene tells us that Elizabeth, John’s mother, was six months pregnant at the time. Three more months take us to June 24. (The one day discrepancy between March 25 and June 24 is an accident of counting. If December and June each had thirty-one days there would be no discrepancy.) Three related feast days line up beautifully: March 25, the Annunciation; June 24, the birth of John the Baptist; December 25, the birth of Christ. John’s birth foretells Christ’s birth. Although the historical chronology may not be exact, the dates show the theological interconnection among the three feasts.



All parents are naturally curious to discover the sex of their child in utero. Some allow themselves to be told the sex. Others wait in suspense. Elizabeth and Zechariah were told by a winged messenger of God Himself that they would have a boy. That little boy grew to be a man, a great man, who accepted death rather than swallow his words criticizing the powerful Herod Antipas. John ran ahead of Christ, clearing the ground so that the Lord’s pathway would be clear. This forerunner baptized the Christ, preached and prophesied like the Christ, fasted and prayed like the Christ, and died for the truth like the Christ. But he did not rise from the dead like the Christ. There is only one Easter. We rejoice at Saint John the Baptist’s birth, because what followed merits rejoicing. We rejoice at his birth, because we rejoice at the great and generous God who intervenes in our lives, who discovers us before we discover Him.