

ST MARY OF THE ANGELS FRATERNITY
SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER
THE ANGELUS * JULY 12, 2020



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REST IN PEACE OUR DEAR FRATERNITY MEMBER

ALFIO MAZZAGLIA.

Alfio passed away in June from the Covid, just weeks after his beloved wife, and also our Fraternity member, Rose Mary Mazzaglia. Alfio will always be remembered for his kindness and gentleness.



Heavenly Father,
Thank You for Your goodness,
& faithfulness in my life.
Thank You for refreshing, &
renewing my heart.
Fill me with Your peace,
& strength.
Help me to do good, &
stand firm until I see
my harvest of blessings.
In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

July Meeting

Our July meeting will be held at 10:00 AM to 1 PM on Sunday July 12th, at Susan's House at 16200 Edwards Ferry RD Poolesville MD 20837. Please bring your own lawn chair, a mask, and a bag lunch. Susan has a fridge in her garage which has plenty of room to keep your lunch chilled. Drinks will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own. Susan intends to have pizza delivery at 11:30 AM for everyone if it is available at that time.

If you need directions, or you get lost, please call Susan at 301 525 1555.

FYI: There is an outdoor Mass at St. Mary's in Barnesville at 9:00 AM.

This meeting will also be a ZOOM MEETING.

At our July Meeting, Lilian will be giving a talk on grief and faith, Sonia will be giving a talk on the Humility of God and Mike Huether will be giving a talk on the importance of positiveness, encouragement and support (three things we all know he is famous for). We will also be giving Michael Oliver and Tom McGrath well-earned certificates for all their faithful work with our daily Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Rosary.

Prayer Needs

We offer up the needs and intentions of our fraternity members, especially the ill and suffering. Please continue to pray for Brenda's full recovery. Let us remember to pray for our deceased fraternity members, especially the Mazzaglias and also our former spiritual assistant Father Peter Sheridan (d 2010)

Happy Birthday!

TAP NGUYEN — JULY 2

Charity Need

ST. STEPHEN'S PANTRY is a ministry at the Shrine of St. Jude. Food donations are desperately needed.

Drop-off hours are Sundays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and in daylight hours, in the Breezeway behind the Church.

SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT'S MESSAGE

July, 2020

This is the fourth and final part of my article on Francis's understanding of scripture and prophecy.

Francis one day was praying and interceding for his friars while his vicar was presiding a chapter. At the chapter, one of his friars refused to be obedient and Francis immediately perceived it in spirit. Francis announced to another member of his community, "Brother, I saw the devil on that friar's back holding him tightly by the neck". Francis went on to say that because of this, he became disobedient having no control over his faculties. Francis immediately prayed for this friar causing this devil to back off in confusion. He told the brother to visit the chapter and tell the cured brother to submit to obedience immediately as the devil is gone. The disobedient friar repented to the vicar for his action.

Two other friars traveled to Greccio to visit Francis for his blessing which they desired for years. When they arrived, he was in his private cell and not at the friary. Disappointed, they began to leave, but Francis came out of his cell and greeted them as if he knew of their arrival. No one knew of their visit to tell him ahead of time of their arrival. He blessed them in Christ's name with the sign of the cross.

Once, two friars came to see Francis. The older friar gave a bad example to the younger, which was inquired of by Francis when the two came to see him. The younger friar said that the older friar did influence him well enough, but Francis admonished him on this issue of lying under obedience and that he knew of the bad example the older friar gave him. A few days later, the older friar abandoned the order without asking for forgiveness and doing retribution for the bad example he gave. This incident further demonstrated, through Francis, the justice of God's judgment and the power of prophecy.

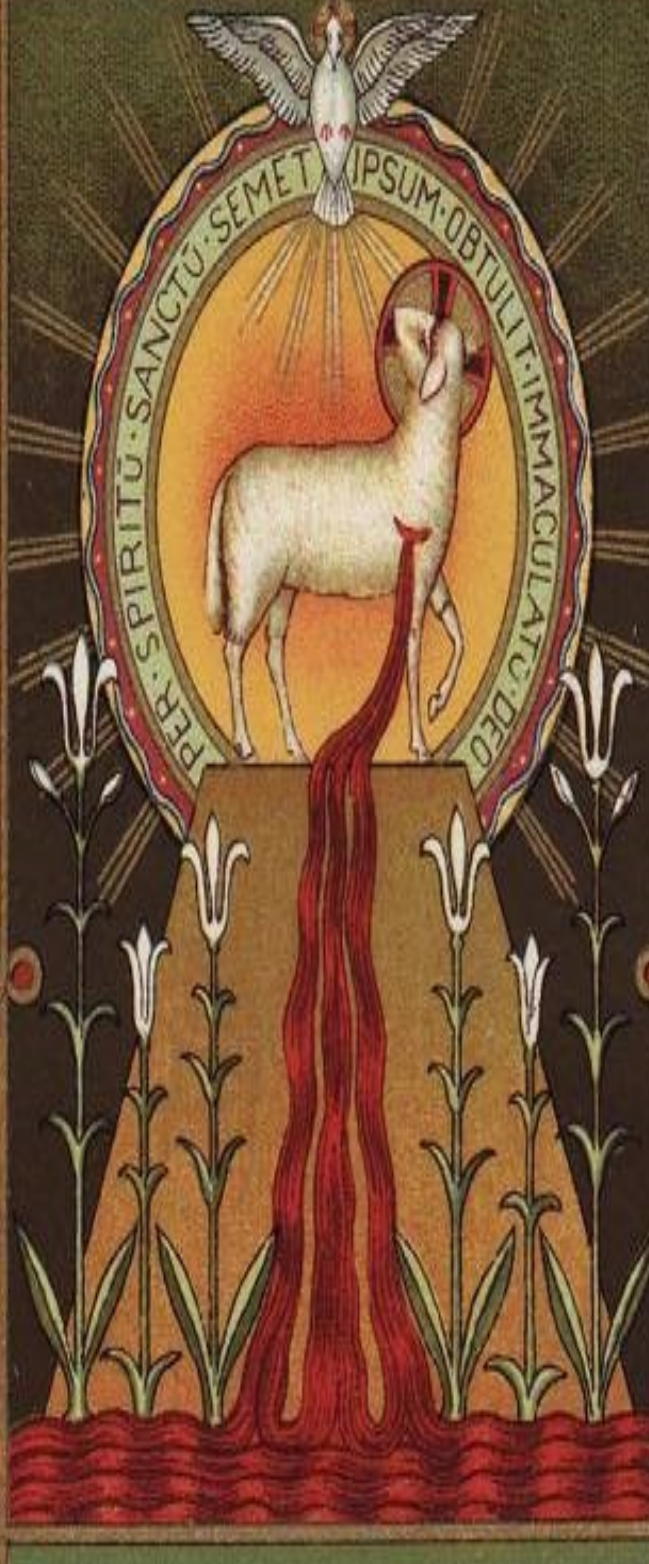
It is clearly known that Francis, by God's providence, had the power to appear to those who were absent. By divine providence, he came to the friars in a chariot of fire and to the chapter of Aries in the form of a cross. This was proof of how close and responsive he was to the light of eternal wisdom. As we see in the book of Wisdom: "There is nothing so agile that it can match wisdom for agility, age after age, she finds her way into holy men's hearts, turning them into friends and spokesmen for God." (Wisdom 7:24 and 27). God reveals himself in the simple, poor, and despised such as in David, the greatest of the prophets and Peter, the leader of the apostles, and in Francis, the poor beggar of Christ. No claim to learning, but famous under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. David, the shepherd, became the leader in the synagogue leading the saved from Egypt. Peter, a fisherman, filled a net represented in the Church with the fish a sign of the multitude of people. Francis, a trader, who bought the pearl represented in the Gospel of life, selling everything he had for Christ's sake.

Mike

JULY

*is dedicated to the
Most Precious Blood of
Our Savior Jesus Christ*

THROUGH THE HOLY GHOST
HE OFFERED HIMSELF
WITHOUT BLEMISH
TO GOD
TO THE ONE WHO LOVED US
WHO WASHED OUR SINS
THROUGH HIS BLOOD
AND MADE US KINGS AND
PRIESTS OF GOD HIS FATHER
TO HIM BE GLORY AND
POWER. AMEN



A·CELMI·QVI·NOVS·A·AIMES·QVI·NOVS
A·LAVES·DE·NOS·PECHES·PAR·SON·
SANG·ET·QVI·NOVS·A·FAITS·ROIS·ET·
PRETRES·DE·DIEV·SON·PERE·A·MI·
LA·GLOIRE·ET·LA·PVISSANCE·AMEN

Ministers Message

I was so touched by each of the presentations last month. John's Franciscan Crown was very inspiring, Michael Oliver's talk on how to listen effectively was very informative and very easy to listen to (lol but true), and Mary's talk on humility was powerful with its *Lectio Divina* interwoven into it. I have been meditating on it ever since. Humility is a virtue which can be elusive. The scriptural passage used by Mary was this one from Luke, Chapter 17:

Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? 9 Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? 10 So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"

It spoke to me on several levels. First you notice that the servant came in from his field duties and then had to feed the Master before the servant could eat and rest. We too must do our own daily duty (work, housework, etc.) and then we must feed and care for our Master, Jesus who identifies himself as truly being the poor amongst us, and after we have done both of these things, we can reset. In other words, do your daily duty and then also remember your duty of charity. It also spoke to me of the more obvious need to remember that we are obliged to do good, as God's servants and that all good we do stems from a God-given grace and therefore we must be grateful to God for the opportunity and the act of the good itself.

“: **The Admonitions of St. Francis**, *Translated from the Critical Latin Edition, edited by Fr. Kajetan Esser, O.F.M., Chapter II. On the wickedness of one's own willfulness* ³

The Lord said to Adam: From "every tree eat, however, from the tree of good and evil you may not eat" (cf. Gen 2:16.17). • From every tree of paradise he could eat, because while he did not go against obedience, he did not sin. • For one eats of the tree of the knowledge of good, who appropriates his own will to himself and exalts himself because of the good things, which the Lord says and works in him; ⁴ • and so through the suggestion of the devil and the transgression of the mandate it has become the fruit of the knowledge of evil. • Whence it is proper, that he endure punishment. “

God redeemed us with His own precious blood and we can never give back more than the worth of this ransom price. Good works are important. But they are first and foremost a gift of God to us which we return by His Grace. Any pride in good works truthfully is a dishonest taking from what belongs to God. But humble joy in good works is a beautiful way to live. All glory to our good God.

THROUGH THE YEAR WITH POPE FRANCIS” - WALLS

Let us ask ourselves today: Are we open to “God’s surprises”? Or are we closed and fearful before the newness of the Holy Spirit?

Do we have the courage to strike out along the new paths which God’s newness sets before us, or do we resist, barricaded in transient structures which have lost their capacity for openness to what is new? We would do well to ask ourselves these questions all through the day.

(Homily, Mass With the Ecclesial Movements on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2013)

Reflection: Before Pentecost, the Apostles locked themselves in the Upper Room. But when they received the Holy Spirit, They were compelled to go and spread the Gospel. What barriers keep you from hearing the Holy Spirit and sharing the good news?

My contribution to the fun ditties you asked for:

I meant to do my work today, but a brown bird sang in the apple tree, and a butterfly flitted across the field, and all the leaves were calling me.

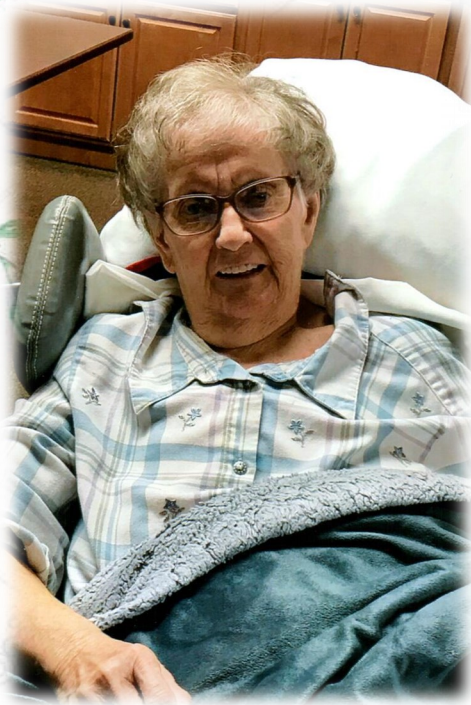
And the wind went sighing over the land, tossing the grasses to and fro, and a rainbow held out its shining hand—so what could

I do but laugh and go?

(Richard Le Galienne)

Blessings, Genie

Please keep Rose Lawrence in your prayers as she struggles with dementia. Rose's family shared this picture with Genie of Rose taken in happier days. Also please pray for our other members who have spouses or other family members who are suffering from dementia and memory issues or advanced age issues.



LET'S REALLY CELEBRATE THESE AMAZING JULY FEAST DAYS!

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL — JULY 16



Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock on July 16, 1251, and gave him the scapular with the following words, which are preserved in a fourteenth century narrative: "This will be for you and for all Carmelites the privilege, that he who dies in this will not suffer eternal fire." The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was instituted for the Carmelites in 1332, and extended to the whole Church by Benedict XIII in 1726.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE — JULY 22

She was the first recorded witness to the resurrection of Jesus, His most ardent and loving follower. She had stood with Mary at the foot of the Cross on that brutal Good Friday afternoon and had been by the side of Mary during these difficult hours. On Easter morning, she went with the other women to the tomb and it was there, in the garden near the tomb, that Jesus appeared to her. It was she who brought the news of the Resurrection to the Apostles, and Peter and John raced to the tomb to see what had happened.

She was from Magadala, a small fishing town on the Sea of Galilee, between Capernaum and Tiberias. She was known to be a "great sinner," a woman of the streets who heard Jesus speak of the mercy and forgiveness of God and changed her life completely. Her matter-of-fact witness to the Resurrection moved Peter and John to go and see for themselves: "I have seen the Lord and these things he said to me." Jesus had chosen her to bring the news to them and she simply told them what had happened.



She has always been the example of great love and great forgiveness, one of those close to Jesus who grasped the truth of God's love for human beings and spent her life bearing witness to that



EVER VIRGIN, HOLY MARY MOTHER OF THE TRUE GOD

To you do we turn,

Our Heavenly Mother of sweetest love and tender compassion,

in this and every graceful moment
that passes under your protection and care.

Pray for us your beloved children,
oh Help of Christians,

that the light of your Son Jesus
which so purely flows through your Immaculate Heart
will illuminate our lives

and vanquish all darkness in our midst.

Oh Spouse of The Most High,
pray the Father to have mercy upon our land
that we might not received what we deserve
but rather what we need.

Merciful Mother by the aid of your most holy angels
direct our ways into your shelter;

into your health;

safe within your loving bosom;

into a renewed and united revelation
of God's infinite and everlasting love through Jesus
Christ.

Amen.