

**St Mary of The Angels Fraternity
Order of the Secular Franciscan
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**MONTH of the
HOLY SOULS**

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November,
month of suffrages for the
Faithful Departed & the
Holy Souls in
Purgatory

*Eternal rest grant unto
them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen.*

*And may the souls of all the
faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in
peace. Amen.*



November 8th Zoom Meeting

Social: 12:30, Formal Meeting Starts: 1 PM.

Opening Prayers

Announcements

Talk given by Carol (Joan) Kane

Joan is from Mike Huether's Fraternity, Little Flower. Several times in the past, Mike has thoughtfully shared things with us that Joan has written, Her eloquence and spirituality prompted us to ask her to be our guest speaker. Joan will be speaking for about 20 minutes on Venerable Bruno Lanteri's thoughts about not giving in to spiritual discouragement.


Christian Prayer led by Tom

Break

Discussion on Chapter 11 of *Live Like Francis* led by Susan

Closing Prayers

Please folks, if you can not stay for the whole meeting, exit quietly. Please read Chapter 11 of *Live Like Francis* in advance of the meeting.





From Genie,

Our Monthly Mass: The Mass for living and deceased members of the fraternity will be on **Saturday, November 7th at 8:30 a.m. at the Shrine of St. Jude.**

Happy 25th Profession Anniversary to Carmencita!

Profession Date: 11-27-1995

VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

Father Michael Briese, November 15th

Jaime, November 18

Prayers*


In their love for God, we ask the holy saints to intercede for us that our country turn to God and be healed.

We pray for the needs and intentions of all of our fraternity members and family members, including

Michael Oliver's daughter Ashlyn: for her recovery from cancer.

Hazel: Please pray for her husband's health.

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Frank Barletta – Pray for Ann’s health. Frank is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery and asks for prayers for good health

Dale Eppig – Prayers for her sister, Ann.

Please also prayer for our Pastors and Associates, the hungry in our neighborhoods, an end to abortion, our elections and our elected officials, our country and the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the world.

We ask for prayers for deceased family, friends and fraternity members during this month offered up for the Holy Souls.

Members, please stay in touch with each other.

A card, a phone call would bring much cheer.

Members shared with this month were

Madonna Goody—confined to home like the rest of us, living with her son, Clinton.

Dick Schaefer – leading a quiet life, TV Mass, careful shopping.
Pray for good health.

Please remember to donate to the St. Stephen’s Pantry at the Shrine of St. Jude. Review shrineofstjude.org/news/food-donations-needed or [facebook.com/St. Stephenfoodpantry](https://facebook.com/St.Stephenfoodpantry).

Blessings, Genie





Minister's Message

First, a quote from Father

Michael Briese's book, "Seeds for a Holy Life"

The blessed life is all around us each day. A blessed life is not restricted to a monastery or life of holy orders. St Benedict was not a priest. No. We are encouraged by St. Benedict's dedication to a daily life of prayer, good deeds, daily work and perseverance. St Benedict knew that God knew him and that he could only know God one day at a time. (page 99)

There is much wisdom in this one paragraph besides the obvious message that we are ALL called to holiness (selfless love of God and neighbor). First, it struck me that we are to be encouraged by others who have led a holy life, not discouraged. If you are feeling like the Saints were on a different elite team from you (sort of like comparing a Navy Seal to a sailor), please think again. A holy life is set before EACH OF US to live in our own unique circumstances and with our own unique challenges. No one else can live the mission that God has given each of us in our own particular circumstances, a mission which I believe is a particularly Franciscan mission which we must strive to live with the Franciscan Charism of grace.

Second, Father reminds us that we can only know God one day at a time. We have need of daily renewed conversion (as Mike writes about). May God grant us the wisdom to recognize that our life is made up of unique days and that God is to be found, loved, adored and served in each and every one of them.

Each day we should try to reflect on discerning our mission, and meeting it with love, humility, dedication and determination, asking the saints to help us.

Seek and you shall find. Happy ALL SAINTS DAY!



A Prayer for the Faithful Departed

God of Love and Compassion,
You look with tenderness on
Your beloved sons and daughters
who have been saved by the death
and the resurrection of Jesus.

We ask You to show that
same embracing compassion
and tender mercy to
those whom you have called from this life.

May they enjoy the fullness of the
risen life with Jesus and all the
Saints, bathed in Your glory,
light and tender mercy.

Amen



LET'S REALLY CELEBRATE THESE AMAZING
NOVEMBER FEAST DAYS!

Saint Leonard of Noblac—November 6

He is the patron saint of prisoners, captives, women in labor, and horses.

During his lifetime, he released many prisoners and some even followed him when he took to being a hermit in the forest.



St. Albert the Great
ca. 1193 - 1280
Memorial - 15 November
Doctor of the Church

Saint Albert the Great- November 15

The patron saint of medical technicians, natural sciences, philosophers, scientists, and students.

Saint Albert the Great was the first person to comment on all of the Aristotle writings, making them open for learning and debate among others. He is known for his writings and knowledge on many topics.

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary- November 17

She is the patron saint of hospitals, bakers, nurses, brides, dying children, exiles, homeless people, and widows.

She lived her life according to Saint Francis of Assisi, for he was a role model of hers. She built a hospital, visited inmates daily, and gave to the poor.



Prayer to
St. Elizabeth of Hungary
1207 - 1231
Memorial - 17 November



Saint Catherine of Alexandria-November 25

The patron saint of unmarried women, and students.

There is not a lot of information about her, but it is often stated that she was born into royalty and was an educated woman. The emperor began executing Christians, and she went to denounce him. Instead of ordering her execution, he ordered a debate. Her debate converted many listeners, and they were all executed almost immediately. Catherine was imprisoned and tortured. She was martyred in Alexandria, Egypt in 305.

Reference: <https://www.theodyysseyonline.com/saints-with-november-feast-days>

Continuing with my series on conversion, I will now share with you my thoughts on intellectual, religious and moral conversion. As I have eluded to in past articles of mine, there are many aspects of the process of conversion in our lives as Franciscans. We all strive to be penitential in our quest to develop a stronger faith and a closer and personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The change we experience interiorly can also have a significant effect on our intellectual and moral character. So, let's look at these two other types of conversion.

Intellectual conversion involves identifying and eliminating falsehoods and myths about reality, life, and general knowledge which we have previously held to be facts. We seek out verifications of truths in this knowledge by doing further research and inquiry into what we already know as reliable sources. Intellectual conversion could also mean to recognize one's level of knowledge of and education in one's faith and resolve to broaden it. We justify the need for this to be done by pursuing further studies in our faith formation. The desire for further formation in your faith and religious development is the process of intellectual conversion. Secular Franciscans make this process an integral part of their lives through ongoing formation in the Franciscan charism had by formation programs offered from their fraternities, regions, and the National fraternity. All OFS members should take this on as a continuous practice of spiritual enrichment.

Religious conversion happens when one is totally won over to the love of God: a complete turning of yourself over to Him claiming total dependence upon God. It is a resolve to be totally at one with Him and to entrust ourselves and the very outcome of our lives to Him. In this radical change in our relationship with God, we learn new ways of how we can best portray His very presence in our lives vividly enough to emulate His presence to others. By our very actions toward others, we show how much God's presence really matters.

Wikipedia defines moral conversion as a co-existential change in a person adapting to new moral standards (mores) as part of a process of Internal transformation. This actually could be considered another way of experiencing that "radical interior change" that is stated in article seven of our Rule and is so characteristic of conversion in the Franciscan realm. It also goes on to say that moral conversion is a relatively rare event in a person's usual growth and development. It involves decisions that are both conscious and based upon critical and inquisitive analysis. Moral conversion happens when we experience a change in our moral way of thinking.

Next month, I'll continue my discussion of moral conversion and conclude my series on conversion.

At this time, I wish to take the opportunity to wish everyone and their families a very happy, healthy, safe, and joyous Thanksgiving. Even with all that we have experienced this year, we still have all to be thankful to God for His mercy and power to see us through it all!

May the Lord give us all peace!

Mike



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Happy Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

1 CHRONICLES 16:34

Prayer for the Holy Souls

Incline Your ear, O Lord,
unto our prayers,
wherein we humbly
pray to You.

to show Your mercy upon
the souls of Your servants,
whom You have commanded
to pass out of this world,
that You would place them
in the region of peace and light
and bid them be partakers
with Your Saints.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen