

The Clarion



St. Clare Fraternity

FEBRUARY 2022

“FOLLOW JESUS BY WALKING IN THE STEPS OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI, AND IMITATE HIS JOYFUL LOVE”

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Reminder

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

FEBRUARY 10

Zoom Meeting

(Zoom information will be sent later.)

Formation: Introduction to Fratelli Tutti

Presenter: Kate Meire, ofs

OUR FRATERNITY GATHERINGS IN 2022

February 10 (Zoom)

March 10

***April 21**

May 12

June 9

July 14

August 11

September 8

October 13

November 10

December 8

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Penance,

Winter continues, but don't despair – Spring is just around the corner, and with it comes the enlivening of our hearts after a cold winter! What will we do when Spring comes? Perhaps a leisurely walk, enjoying God's creation around us, and finding a nice quiet place to pray. What to pray? How about our Seraphic Father's Canticle of the Creatures, a beautiful prayer of praise? Then, there are spontaneous prayers of gratitude and petition, thanking God for all he gives us, and asking for His mercy for the Church Militant and the Church Suffering. Finally, we should make sure to have our rosaries with us – what a great time to pray for Our Mother's intercession! But of course, rejoice always!

In Francis and Clare,
Tom

***3rd week in April because April 14 is Holy Thursday**

FEBRUARY PROFESSION ANNIVERSARIES

Vincent Bertone, ofs 2/11/1993
Marty Rendon, ofs 2/11/2017

*(A Reflection taken from Give Us This Day, Daily
Prayer for Today's Catholic)*

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Natalie Blakely, ofs 2/13
Jeri Pierce, ofs 2/20

Hidden in the Burdens

In God I trust; I shall not fear.

Today won't come back tomorrow.

Often joy gets buried in the struggle to be rid of what we don't like about today, or to get done what we want so desperately to get done. (There's a difference between doing things and doing things to get them finished.) Joy, we feel, should be unadulterated by what is wrong with today, and so we put it off until we get more favorable conditions.

So much is here to be loved. And yet usually, "This is wrong and that is unbearable and if I don't resolve this difficulty immediately, it will chew up my brain." Plod, plod.

What if all we had were today? Would we want to leave the last day of our earthly life unexplored, unappreciated, and unloved? For some of us, life never seems to fit right. We're never here, even though we're technically alive. This has to be wrong.

Today, this hour, this moment wrap—in their commonalities, burdens, and contradictions—the sweet surprises of God. We must develop a skill for unwrapping inelegant parcels if we want what is hidden inside.

Today is a secret whispered in a noisy room. We have to learn how to hear.

This minute is a husk around a joy that will remain untasted if we don't cultivate the ability to peel.

The above is from *The Listening God*, written by Sister Mariam Pollard, OCSO, a Sister of Saint Rita Abbey in Sonoita, Arizona.



*(Please continue to pray for your Prayer Partner.
When we gather in person we will select new Patron
Saints, Fraternity Prayer Partners, and Maxims.)*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Janice and Dick McCarthy, ofs
Linda Sciallo, ofs
Lucy Deiacco, ofs
Loretta Hanley, ofs
Ellen Oneto, ofs
Kathleen Murphy, ofs
Carolyn Protin, ofs
Nicole Meringolo, ofs
Bonnie Coté, ofs
Pat DuBois, ofs
Joe O'Neill, ofs
Judy Bennett, ofs
Jackie Boyd, ofs
Rhona Prescott, ofs
Vince Bertone, ofs
Bev & Ron Stoner, ofs

*We pray for all of our deceased relatives and friends
and especially for:*

John Zell, ofs & Mary Lou Zell, ofs
Deacon Buddy Bianco, ofs, & Florence Bianco, ofs
Deacon Bob Leonizo
Barbara Petrisko, ofs
Bill Farrell, ofs
Bill Walker, ofs
Deirdre Matthews, ofs
Laraine Hofmann, ofs
Alicia Bourne, ofs
Celine Mallonee, ofs