

# THE LITTLE PORTION

# St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Fraternity



## March 2022

## Ordo Saecularis Franciscanus St. Margaret of Cortona Region

Next Fraternity Gathering

**March 28 2022**

In Person

**At Joan of Arc Meeting House**

### Agenda

7:30 pm: Liturgy of the  
Extraction of Saints and  
Litany & Examination of  
Conscience Based on the  
Rule

### Prayer Intentions

Sr. Airman Samuel Wenke  
Margaret Wise  
Mary Simmons and family  
Ron Teller  
Jeffrey Teller Jr.  
Baby Ava (Donna's Grand  
Niece)  
Wes Wise  
Catherine Fischer  
Margaret Wise's mother  
Ruth  
Armando- Ginger's father  
David- Anne's husband  
Richard Elliott and his  
family  
Joan Jackson  
For all those in our Book of  
intentions

Margaret Wise is in rehab in  
Lorien Bel Air. Her husband  
Wes was there as well but at  
this writing was taken back to  
the hospital  
Please keep them in your  
prayers

### March Apostolate

Padre Pio National Center

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Catherine Fischer's sister  
Maryanne died February  
10th while being  
hospitalized for double  
pneumonia.

*Eternal rest grant  
unto her O Lord  
and let perpetual  
light shine upon  
her. May she rest in  
peace. Amen.*



Stan Glodek - 3/4

Bonnie Ng - 3/22

### March Profession



Mary Simmons - 3/23

### Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

recited by Pope Francis  
At General Audience March 16th  
Composed by Arch. Domenico Battaglia

Forgive us for the war, Lord.  
Lord Jesus, son of God, have mercy  
on us sinners.  
Lord Jesus, born under the bombs  
of Kyiv, have mercy on us.  
Lord Jesus dead in the arms of a  
mother in Kharkiv, have mercy on  
us.

Lord Jesus, in the 20-year-olds sent  
to the frontline, have mercy on us.  
Lord Jesus, who continues to see  
hands armed with weapons under  
the shadow of the cross, forgive us,  
Lord.

Forgive us if, not content with the  
nails with which we pierced your  
hand, we continue to drink from  
the blood of the dead torn apart by  
weapons.

Forgive us if these hands that you  
had created to protect have been  
turned into instruments of death.  
Forgive us if we go out of our way  
to justify cruelty, if in our pain, we  
legitimize the cruelty of our actions.  
Forgive us Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, son of God, we  
implore you to stop the hand of  
Cain, enlighten our conscience, let  
not our will be done, do not  
abandon us to our own doing. Stop  
us Lord, stop us and when you have  
stopped the hand of Cain, take care  
of him also. He is our brother. O  
Lord, stop the violence. Stop us  
Lord. Amen

### Fraternity Information Table at St. Joan of Arc Church

The weekend of March 12th and 13th, the Fraternity had an information table set up in the narthex of St. Joan of Arc Church with the hope of being more visible to the parish community and attracting potential members. On the table were displayed a statue of St. Padre Pio and a statue of St. Francis, a framed monthly pledge of Secular Franciscans, picture of St. Francis and brochures with information about the OFS and when and where Padre Pio Fraternity has its Gatherings. We also had beautiful 8x10 and 3x5 pictures of Jesus for anyone who wanted one or more. The Relic of St. Francis was also on display for people who wanted a blessing with it. Anne and Bonnie manned the table after the 5pm Mass on Saturday. Ginger and Bonnie were present for the 8:30 am and 11:15 Masses on Sunday. Gratitude to Ginger for contacting St. Joan's and securing a date and getting permission to have the Fraternity represented. We also had an announcement in the Parish Bulletin about our being there.

St. Joan of Arc is a small but diverse parish both ethnically and economically and parishioners appear to be a closely knit faith community. The pastor Fr. Willy and the Deacons extended a warm welcome.

From the table, we offered the pictures of Christ, brochures to those who expressed an interest and answered questions about the Order. We thought it was a successful and pleasant weekend. Hopefully we will get some further inquiries now that there is more awareness of our Franciscan presence.

A St. Patrick's Day dinner with live music was planned at the Parish for that same Sunday from 4-6pm. Bill and Bonnie joined Ginger, Henry and Ginger's parents and another couple at a table while Anne and David were right behind us at another table. Feargal King who played guitar is from Ireland and sang many great Irish songs as the rest of us were directed to join in at certain parts. (Feargal played the piano and sang at Anne and Roland's Profession). On keyboard and also singing was the music teacher at St. Joan of Arc School, Mrs. Donna Dandino. It was a joy to meet Ginger's parents who are delightful and amazing for their age. Being part of St. Joan of Arc parish both spiritually and socially for that Saturday and Sunday was an inspiring and happy experience.

Hopefully more members of the Fraternity can share in this endeavor next time.



Anne - Bonnie



Fr. Willy and Ginger



Ginger's Parents

## **Fraternity Donation to Poland/ Ukraine**

The Franciscan Friars Conventuals in Poland have opened their Friaries and Churches to house and feed the refugees. The Friars need financial help to sustain their efforts. The Franciscan Friars of Ukraine have decided to stay in their country to minister to their people in every way possible.

At our March Council Meeting, the Council voted to donate \$300 from our Fraternity Common Fund to the Conventual Friars in Poland to assist their work with the Refugees.

The Ukrainian Friars are under the Custody of the Krakow, Poland Friars. Therefore, any money donated may be helping the Ukraine Friars as well.

If members wish to make a personal donation, a secure website to do this with a credit card is:

<https://www.olaprovince.org/support-the-friars-work-in-ukraine/>

One may also write a personal check payable to: **The Franciscan Friars**

**Mailing address is:**

**The Franciscan Friars  
Attention: Fr. Michael Heine, O.F.M. Conv.  
Our Lady of the Angels Provincial House  
123000 Folly Quarter Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21042**

\*All money goes directly to the Friars in Poland. No other organization or middleman expenses are incurred.

Our fraternity is bonded with the Conventual Friars. The Friars in Ukraine and neighboring countries are part of our

family. They are our brothers in St. Francis. We can be in solidarity with them through our prayers, fasting and almsgiving. The Friars in these countries are helping God's people in every way they can. This is heroic virtue and sacrificial love.

We know how difficult it is to watch the TV news about the war. At times it is too much to bear. The Friars and people of Ukraine are bearing a very heavy cross, facing uncertainty and unimaginable challenges. In the comfort of our lives, we cannot comprehend it.

We pray for the people of Ukraine and the millions of refugees, all of whom are suffering from the trauma of war. We pray for all those on both sides who have died. We pray for the Russian people and that God will move the hearts of those causing death and destruction. We join these prayers to the merciful love of Jesus, confident that He is always close to those who suffer.

Bonnie Ng, O.F.S.

**Bear each other's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ.** Galatians 6:2

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### Fraternity Theme for the Year

Our theme is: **In the School of the Holy Spirit.** This is based on the words that St. Francis wrote in His Later Rule:

**" Let them pay attention to what they must desire above all else: to have the Spirit of the Lord and its holy activity."**

Starting in May we will be reading the book ***In the School of the Holy Spirit*** by Jacques Philippe.