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Minister's Message

Peace and all good!

She is nearly silent throughout Christianity's most central texts, the Gospels. Her words during her lifetime are recorded on just four occasions. And yet, she is perhaps the most influential woman who ever lived.

She is the woman who said "yes" — the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Yes to the Angel Gabriel.

Yes for humanity.

Yes for a savior.

Yes for love.

Hers is not a "yes" of "docility", a term often mistakenly applied to Mary. She rather quickly — given the startling nature of the announcement she receives at the Annunciation — realizes she has been chosen for a singular role in the divine plan. This is a faith-focused courage, not simply compliant cooperation.

Renowned Catholic theologian Peter Kreeft calls Mary "the greatest philosopher who ever lived" — and he wrote a book by the same title (Ignatius Press, 2021). But wait; isn't that an absurdly bold claim? What about Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle? How can Kreeft claim that Mary eclipses them?

Here's why: She gave birth to, raised, and lived with Wisdom itself — Christ.

As Kreeft says: "Philosophy is the love of wisdom. Jesus is wisdom incarnate. Mary loved Jesus more than any other human being ever did. Therefore, Mary was the greatest philosopher (wisdom-lover) who ever lived."

This simple but elegant argument makes preeminent sense. Its construction doesn't rely upon the classic tools of philosophy, Kreeft notes — no cleverness, sophisticated scholarship, or analysis. No "refutation of refutations or the deconstruction of deconstructions."

No, its foundation is something much more powerful than — but not exclusive of — the intellect alone: the pure love and trust of Christ; the depth of spiritual sight to see Him for Who He truly is.

Love and trust.

Mary's love finds its most radiant expression in the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55), the joyful song of praise and gratitude that is also the longest of her recorded remarks. "Because He who is mighty has done great things for me..." The Church echoes her bold acclamation of trust every time we repeat it.



Organization

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St. Joseph Catholic Church
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Pace e Bene

The Tau Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order was canonically established on June 21, 1992. The Fraternity is affiliated with the Third Order Regular of St. Francis, Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Tau Fraternity is in the St. Margaret of Cortona Region of the Secular Franciscan Order.

The Tau Fraternity Council currently includes the following officers:

- **Minister—Kimberley Heatherington, OFS**
- **Vice Minister—Josh Goldberg, OFS**
- **Formation Director—Walter Gawlak, OFS**
- **Secretary—Vera Stewart, OFS**
- **Treasurer—Cynthia Filan-Kim, OFS**



Congratulations Newly Professed!

Sharon Goldberg, OFS
Stanley Hoover, II, OFS
Lisa Jaeger, OFS
Barbara Slivers, OFS

Minister's Message Cont'd

And at the other extreme, those same emotions compelled Mary to the foot of the cross, where she witnessed the excruciating death of her son. Because of the strength of her love, Mary did not abandon Jesus — as so many others did — in His final hour. But in the midst of such darkness, it must have been impossible to trust — much less to imagine the Resurrection.

We, of course, “know how the story ends.” But the accumulated daily pollution of doubt and distraction can sometimes cloud our own vision.

Can we see Christ with the eyes of Mary? Can we, too, be Wisdom lovers as she was — and is?

Holding you all in prayer,

Kimberley

Election News

Important Dates from John Ata, OFS, Nominations Chair

May 1—First call for nominations

June 1—Second call for nominations

June 16—Nomination deadline included in both calls for nomination

July 1—Send out the Tau Nomination Package

August 7—Elections

NOTICE

Nominees must be professed members. Please check with someone before nominating that person. Nominees should prayerfully consider the request before accepting a nomination. You are welcome to nominate yourself.

Elections News Cont'd

Tau Council Offices: Treasurer

The Treasurer fulfills the duties associated with the position in a servant leadership spirit within the Franciscan family. The primary responsibility of the Treasurer is to safeguard the Treasury of the Fraternity and to maintain accurate and detailed records of all donations received and expenditures which are deemed appropriate by the Council. These records are documented via a monthly report given to the Council, periodic reports given to the membership, and a yearly report and budget given to the next higher council.

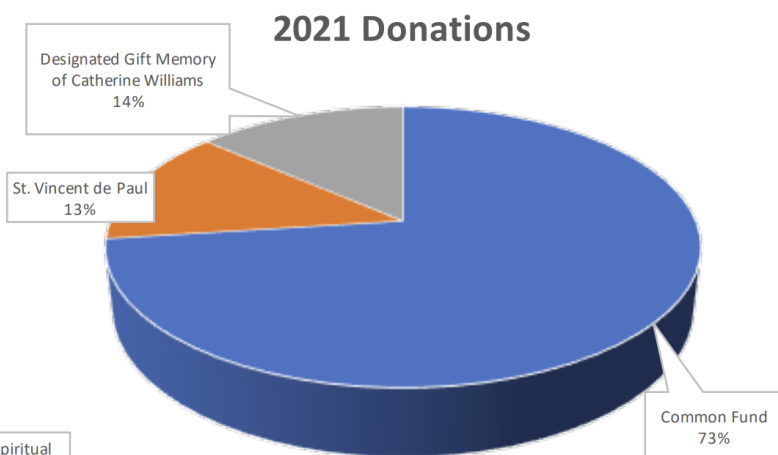
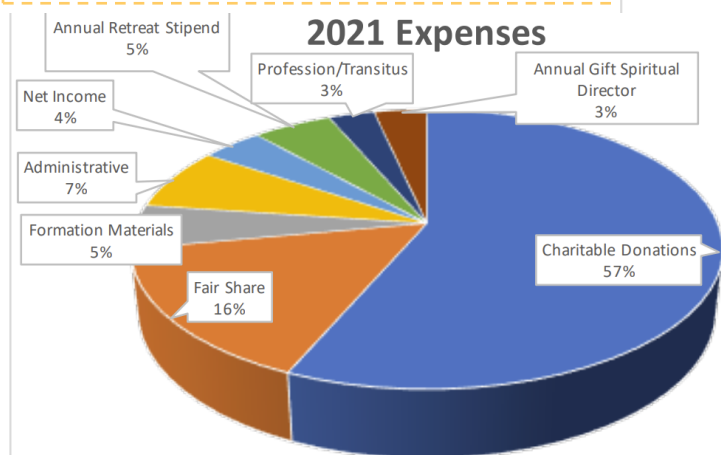
Further, the Treasurer ensures that all expenses are prioritized according to the National Statutes of the Secular Franciscan Order while taking into full consideration the life of the Fraternity and the needs of its members as paramount while maintaining a modest treasury so that unexpected financial burdens may be covered.

For additional information on the responsibilities of the Teacher of Formation, see Article 52 of the *General Constitutions of the Secular Franciscan Order*.
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Tau 2021 Financial Summary

From the Treasurer

Visual depiction of proportions of the donations to the Treasury and disbursements for the year



FRANCISCAN GREETINGS

From Monastery of St. Clare

Happy Blessed Easter to all our friends. We are all well here at the Monastery; no Covid. Marcella is visiting us from Toronto, experiencing our life during these weeks of Lent. Our trees and bushes are bursting with buds and new life. Please know we are united with you over these Sacred Days.

Our hearts are full as we pray with our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and yes, Russia, for our own and for all world leaders. Pope Francis invited all Bishops to join him in the act of consecration of Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the Feast of the Annunciation.

Again, Happy Blessed Easter to you and all your loved ones. Remember when Jesus came to the Disciples. They were fearful (of the Jews). They had the doors locked and felt "it was all over". How could they go forward? The journey of faith takes time. We learn to wait on God's Power and Presence. They had heard Mary Magdalene's message, but, each of them was struggling, feeling their own abandonment.

It was the evening of the first day; despite the locked doors, Jesus came and stood among them and said: "Peace be with you!" He showed them his hands, feet, and side. The Disciples experienced surprise, mingled with joy, that this was the Jesus they had walked with on the road to Jerusalem. He said to them again: "Peace be with you." "As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." After this he breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit". It is they who will bring the message of Peace and New Life to the people. Each of them would unpack the meaning of their mission and go forth to interact with the people of God. This is the way we set forth each new day.

Pope Francis has launched the (SYNODAL PATH 2022—2023). "Synod" is rooted in the combination of two Greek words: Syn: "Together" and Hodos which means "journey." We are grateful to be part of this pilgrim journey. It is a process of spiritual discernment that unfolds in adoration, prayer and dialogue. The Monastery lives at the heart of the Church. Many of you entrust to the monastery in our life of prayer, your concerns and discernments.

Regretfully, again this year we will not be opening our doors for the Easter Triduum. We are praying and discerning and hopefully we will be able to invite our friends to a smaller gathering on the Feast of St Clare. We look forward to seeing you in the future.

With love and a warm remembrance in prayer for you and your loved ones,

Sr. Barbara & Sisters



Recap of Last Gathering

April 3, 2022

OPENING PRAYER:

Offered by Kimberley Heatherington, OFS

Prayer to St. Francis for Lent

St. Francis, walk with me as Lent nears its end.

Open my heart to the wisdom of God in His Word, and give me the strength to share that wisdom with others.

Through this time of reflection, may I arrive at Easter energized to celebrate Christ's Resurrection and more ready than ever to receive God's love. Amen.

PRESENTATION:

Kimberley provided copies of the "Apostolate Ideas from Tau Annual Retreat Working Groups" and led a discussion on the ideas. Members expressed the following ideas and interests.

- We could have a greater impact by choosing one or two activities instead of multiple things.
- Food scarcity is not on the list, but the need never goes away. Perhaps we should expand our food donations.
- We could use a presentation from St. Timothy's St. Vincent de Paul Society.
- Fresh produce must be delivered at a certain day & time.
- We could check with the Lamb Center about their needs and if there is someone who can come talk with us.
- Restaurant Depot is a resource that we can use our tax exemption status for purchasing large quantities of food at a low price.
- We could cook meals and serve food at the Embury Rucker Shelter. The shelter has many volunteer opportunities.
- The Capital Food Bank delivers food.
- Consider ministry to youth or animals.

ONGOING FORMATION:

Walter Gawlak, OFS began Ongoing Formation with a recap of questions for reflection from Chapter Two, "Family: The Power of Relationship" from Habits for Holiness: Small Steps for Making Big Spiritual Progress by Fr. Mark Mary Ames, CFR. He talked about the movement toward and away from relationship and went over the questions for reflection in the first part of the chapter. He asked do we experience the Catholic Faith in relationships:

- Our life
- Children
- Workplace
- Community/fraternity?

Walter emphasized that we could do things like thank our family members, give encouragement, make short phone calls. These actions can become habits of holiness. He gave

examples of how Tau Council members share their talents for the good of the Fraternity.

After the recap of Chapter Two, Walter began the discussion on Chapter Three, "Catholic Culture and Liturgical Living: More than Patches." Highlights from the discussion are as follows.

- A Catholic culture desert makes us realize how much we need each other.
- How deep does the Catholic Faith permeate your life? It needs to affect everything.
- How much does the Franciscan vocation permeate your life?
- What does "Catholic Faith" mean?
- What do you think of Tau's culture? What is it, and what does it mean?
- Tau is a large extended family
- The fraternity is welcoming, accept-

ing, loving

- It is a prayerful culture.

Walter handed out the following questions for small group discussion.

1. What reflection did I select and why? What did I incorporate into my Franciscan life as a result of reflection this month?
2. Would anyone know I'm a Christian by seeing my home, my bank book, my email, news feeds?
3. How do I describe Tau's culture? How do I contribute to nurturing it?
4. What "Habits of Holiness" am I developing?

After the group discussion, Walter suggested that Chapter 4 of the book may be good for Lent. He also remarked that during Profession, community is key. Members should be there with joy. He suggested that if you cannot be there, you should do something to acknowledge those who are professing.

APOSTOLATES

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY HOSPICE COOKING APOSTOLATE

Thanks to our Brothers and Sisters who support the apostolate at the Missionaries of Charity Gift of Peace House. The next food drop off will be on **June 11th**. If you would like to help or have questions, please contact Veronica O'Donnell, OFS or Joe Boyle, OFS.

Pace e bene!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Help to feed the hungry. Cyndy Filan-Kim, OFS volunteered to shop and deliver food to the St. Vincent DePaul Society chapter at St. Timothy Catholic Church. Food donations may be dropped off prior to the Tau Gathering in the stairwell on the right at St. Joseph School. If you wish to make a monetary donation for the food pantry, please provide it to Cyndy.

Thank you!

For more, info, see [St. Vincent DePaul - St. Timothy Parish \(saint-timothy.org\)](http://St.VincentDePaul-St.TimothyParish.saint-timothy.org)

Franciscan Mission Service

Tau Fraternity provides a biannual monetary donation to Franciscan Mission Service. The organization prepares and supports lay Catholics for mission service opportunities around the globe.

For more information, see [Home | Franciscan Mission Service](#)

Refugee Assistance

The First Baptist Church is planning a new project for providing English as a Second Language classes to refugees. See next page for more info.

If you wish to continue helping the refugees in the meantime, Catholic Charities has a wish list for those who have been resettled. See page 9 or Amazon.com.

POOR Clares of New Jersey

Tau Fraternity supports the Monastery of St. Clare in Chesterfield, NJ with a biannual monetary donation. The monastery is home to Sister, Karen Stapleton, OSC, who began her Franciscan journey with Tau Fraternity. The main work of the Poor Clares of NJ is to provide altar bread to parishes in the diocese of Trenton.

For more information, or to submit a prayer intention to the Poor Clares, see [The Poor Clares of New Jersey — Joyfully Embracing the Gospel Way of Life . \(poorclaresnewjersey.com\)](http://ThePoorClaresofNewJersey—JoyfullyEmbracingtheGospelWayofLife.poorclaresnewjersey.com)

**FAITH without
WORKS is dead**

James 2:17

Ecumenical Apostolate

Information about Volunteer Needs

The ecumenical apostolate of the Baptists and the Tau Secular Franciscans to provide English classes to immigrants is now tentatively set to begin in September. Classes will be held at the First Baptist Church where there are two classrooms, a kitchen, a meeting hall and parking.

It is anticipated that the first classes will be for beginners, but until Orientation and assessment of students in early September, the numbers of students, the nationality of the students, the number of classes, and the level of the classes cannot be determined. We anticipate that the classes will be in the early evening when most adults are finished with work. Future classes may also be during the day.

Catholic Charities is providing training of teachers, documents, orientation and assessment. Funding is provided by donations. The First Baptist Church has received a donation of \$2,000 to cover the purchase of textbooks and scholarships to students. Most students will pay a fee, not yet determined, which will cover the textbook and some administrative costs such as printing for flyers, tests, etc. Those

who cannot afford to pay the full fee will receive a full or partial scholarship depending upon their situation.

You can volunteer for more than one activity. Some volunteer activities can be done by Zoom or phone such as planning for the Communication Committee. Obviously teaching, mentoring, registering, and assessment must be in person. Tau volunteers will work with Baptist volunteers.

The following is a list of Tau volunteers that are needed:

Teachers to team teach with a Baptist volunteer teacher. Teachers will receive training through Catholic Charities in July and/or August. We need at least two teachers from Tau.

Mentors to sit in classes, help students individually as needed and to talk to them during class breaks. We need several if not more Tau volunteers to be mentors.

Registration volunteers to register students and hand out scholarships as needed. We need two Tau volunteers for registration.

Assessment volunteers to assess the level of each student during Orientation.

Catholic Charities will provide some volunteers to do lead the assessment and help Tau volunteers administer the oral and written tests. We need ten Tau volunteers for Orientation and assessment.

Communication Committee volunteers to develop and implement a plan to distribute flyers to businesses and libraries, contact churches to put announcement of classes in church bulletins, and post on social media. Catholic Charities is providing forms for flyers and posters.

Refreshment Committee volunteers to help set up coffee, tea and water for classes.

Classroom coordinators to help with late registration, help students find their classroom and otherwise oversee the program on site. There will be late registration for the first couple classes.

Administrative assistant to back up and assist with excel documents.

Please contact Sally White, OFS if you can volunteer for this apostolate or if you have any questions about the duties of a volunteer.

INDIVIDUAL APOSTOLATE

Don't know what to do with used batteries?

Sharon Goldberg, OFS is collecting and donating used batteries (certain types). She will be collecting until October. If you're interested in helping, check with her about details.



COMMITTEE NEWS


If you are interested in participating actively in one of our Committees, take a moment to chat with the chair:

Hospitality Committee – Veronica O'Donnell, OFS
Interfaith/Ecumenical Committee – Kimberley Heatherington, OFS
Infirmarian Committee – Sharon Goldberg, OFS
Recruitment Committee – Vacant
Technology Committee – John Ata, OFS

May 2022

INTERFAITH & ECUMENICAL

Days of Unity



THE INTERFAITH COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON
presents
the 5th annual
DAYS OF UNITY
MAY
2022

AN ANNUAL COORDINATED MONTH OF
INTERFAITH, GRASSROOTS ACTION, AND
COMMUNITY BUILDING AROUND THE
GREATER D.C. AREA

Join us!
For more information and to register, visit:
www.ifcmw.org

Were You There?

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

On April 9, 2022, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine hosted with its partners the Guildfield Baptist Church and Anacostia Gracious Arts Program an Ecumenical Stations of the Cross entitled "Were You There". The event featured original artwork loaned by local artist Margy Quinn Leckrone. The program began with a panel discussion with Ms. Margy; Rev. Tony Lowery, Pastor of Guildfield Baptist Church; Msgr. Raymond East, Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Parish; and the model who sat for the paintings of Jesus (I didn't catch his name). During the panel discussion, the hosts shared a video of clips from Pope John Paul II's meeting with the Black Catholic Community in New Orleans. Following the panel discussion, Pastor Tony and Bishop Mario Dorsonville, Auxiliary Bishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington led the Stations of the Cross. Musicians accompanied the procession, offering a diverse selection of hymns and gospel music along the way. Below are photos and quotes from this inspirational event.

**Christ calls all
his disciples to
unity.
-Pope John
Paul II**



**The Church
needs art!**

Pastor Tony Lowry, Margy Quinn Leckrone, Model for Jesus, and Msgr. Raymond East



**Posing for the
paintings was
difficult. I
suffered.
-Model for
Jesus**



**I've seen many beautiful
paintings in Europe
and other places, but
none of the people look
like me . . . Because she
painted the characters
as Black, the children
can see themselves in
the Bible.
-Msgr. Raymond East**

**Once you
start painting
Jesus' face
you don't
want to paint
anything else.
-Margy Quinn**



Paintings above are the 2nd, 4th, 12th, and 15 Stations.

HELP WANTED!

Volunteer Opportunities



Please consider volunteering to lead a donation drive for refugee families. Migration and Refugee Services is currently accepting the following donations. However, the needs constantly change. So, if you want to lead this effort, please check with the staff to ensure the needs haven't changed and to inquire about how and when to make the donation. Contact Catholic Charities at 571-364-8010 or Lourdes.iglesias@ccda.net.

Current Top Needs:

- New bath towels and wash cloths (no hand towels)
- Trash cans—tall indoor cans and small waste baskets
- Laundry detergent, High Efficiency (HE) only—no bulk sizes
- New dish sets (dinner plate, bowl, cup); No used dishes
- New sets of silverware; no used silverware

Gift Cards:

- Stores such as Dollar Tree, Walmart, Target, IKEA, and Visa
- Grocery store gift cards such as Giant, Safeway, Food Lion, Aldi, or Shoppers Food Warehouse
- Metro cards (amounts of \$40 or less)
- Tracfone with minutes cards

Not accepting diapers, clothing, infant or toddler toys, car seats, cribs, bassinets.

New household items:

- Bedding—twin and queen size sheets and blankets/comforters (no throws); no used bedding
- New pillows
- Brooms with dust pans (no mops)
- Baking dishes—clear, Pyrex baking or casserole dishes (no cookie sheets or pie/cake/muffin tins)
- Mixing bowls—plastic is best
- New kitchen utensil sets
- Kitchen knives—general purpose; no steak knives or knife blocks
- Floor lamps with light bulbs
- Alarm clocks that do not require batteries
- Shower curtains and rings
- Bath mats
- School supplies—backpacks filled with school supplies or general supplies such as notebooks, pens, pencils, and folders
- Hand can openers (not electric)
- 100, 50, or 40 watt light bulbs

Sally White, OFS

How you can help Ukraine:

	Org Link	Description	Status
1	Home - Razom (razomforukraine.org)	Razom's Emergency Response is the SOS button that is pressed in times of need. We created this project to provide urgent help and support in face of an extreme and unforeseen situation in Ukraine. Today, the sovereign nation of Ukraine has to deal with the most horrendous and catastrophic emergency – a brutal invasion. Razom is responding to this by providing critical medical supplies and amplifying the voices of Ukrainians.	501c3
2	Donate - Leleka Foundation	Every \$100 donated buys a first aid kit for emergency medical responders and frontline fighters in Ukraine. These kits save lives by allowing the wounded to be transported to hospitals. Since February 24, 2022 we have raised over \$1,000,000 and used all of it to buy first aid kits. Thousands have already been delivered to Ukraine's defenders and medics.	501c3
3	https://www.ukrainenow.org/	We are a global decentralized effort to help Ukrainians and other nations deal with the humanitarian crisis and consequences of a brutal invasion by the Russian Federation.	N/A
4	Home Nova Ukraine	Nova Ukraine is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing humanitarian aid to the people of Ukraine and raising awareness about Ukraine in the United States as well as in the rest of the world. Through your generous donations, we fund a variety of efforts to help the people of Ukraine and to strengthen Ukraine's democratic society.	501c3
5	United Help Ukraine – Helping People. Saving Lives.	United Help Ukraine is a charitable non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. It was started in 2014, after the Russian attack on Ukraine, by a small group of people who met at a protest in Washington, DC. Most, but not all of us have a personal connection to Ukraine.	501c3
6	https://adra.org/	Your emergency donation to ADRA will provide urgent relief for those in humanitarian crisis right now, as well as provide support long into the future.	501c3

PRAYER INTENTIONS

HEAR US, LORD!

Please keep the following intentions in your prayers:

For physical and spiritual healing of Brian Prendergast; Walter Gawlak's daughter-in-law; Sylvia Capurso; Melissa, Ben, and Baby Levi; Valerye Milleson; Bill Brewster, his wife Linda, and their son Richard Lee; Cynthia Filan-Kim's sister; Sally White and her husband Gary; Richard & Carole Clarke and their grandsons Liam and Rory; Helen Broxmeyer and her daughter Susan; and Irene Naveau. For the patients and Sisters at the Missionaries of Charity Gift of Peace House. For the people affected by Coronavirus and their caregivers. For the Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic and its patients. For all peoples who suffer persecution. For the country of Myanmar and its citizens. For the victims of natural disasters. For refugees and migrant workers. For all those who are in need of our prayers who have been inadvertently omitted from this list.

Please send prayer requests to Kimberley Heatherington, OFS.

Diocese of Arlington - St. Thérèse Vocations Society

Pray for vocations

These are the seminarians, brothers and sisters, and priests to pray during May:

- 1 Michael Nugent
- 2 Rev. Mr. David Ray (Arch. Baltimore)
- 3 Sister Jeanne D'Arc Paquette, FSE
- 4 Sean Nypaver
- 5 Nicholas Albin, SJ
- 6 William Manaker, SJ
- 7 Sister Mary Joseph Wittman, OP
- 8 Rev. Brother John Francis, CSJ
- 9 Deacon Brian Vaccaro, CSsR
- 10 Sister Teresa Joy Berry, OP
- 11 Tim Banach
- 12 Andrew D'Andrea
- 13 Jordan Evans
- 14 Ray Goins
- 15 Andrew Lewandowski
- 16 Caleb Magowan
- 17 Ricky Malebranche
- 18 John Meyerhofer
- 19 Mike Sampson

- 20 Alfredo Tuesta
- 21 Brother Ignatius Mary (Novice, O.Cart.)
- 22 Sister Gloria Christi Bereit (Novice, OP)
- 23 Sister Maria Grace of the Merciful Heart of Jesus (Novice, PCC)
- 24 Sister Kathleen Deighan (Novice, FMA)
- 25 Brother Brendan Baran, O.P.
- 26 Brother Louis Mary Bethea, O.P.
- 27 Charles Wilton
- 28 Rev. Mr. Mauricio Portillo
- 29 Rev. Mr. Philip Briggs
- 30 Rev. Mr. Peter Clem, Y.A.
- 31 Rev. Mr. John O'Farrell

A specific prayer intention for each on their assigned day of the month can be seen here: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/pray/st--therese-society/>

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.



MARIAN DEVOTIONS

Holy Virgin Mary Prayers

Mary, Patron of a Community

Lord Jesus, our Saviour, You have made Your mother Mary a faithful follower of God's law and a chosen member of Your Church. Through her prayers, may we continue to grow in Your love.

Lord Jesus, King of all the saints, we praise You now and for ever.
Amen

Find Blessed Virgin Mary Prayers at:
[Prayer for the Intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Prayers - Catholic Online](#)

MARIAN PRAYER

I love thee, most lovable Lady, by the love which I bear thee, I promise ever to serve thee, and to do as much as I can, that thou be loved by others also. I put all my hopes in thee, all my salvation. Receive me as thy servant and cover me with the mantle of thy protection, thou the Mother of mercy! Amen.



What are the knots that oppress? What are the problems that we find so difficult to face, so difficult to solve, so difficult to transcend? What are the obstacles that stand between us and the Lord, between us and our neighbor, between us and those we are called to love? We cannot make them go away. But by God's amazing grace, Our Lady, Undoer of Knots can do it. And so, we join with Pope Francis and we pray:

Holy Mary,
full of God's presence
all the days of your life,
you accepted with full humility
the Father's will,
and the devil was never able
to tie you around with confusion.

Once with your son,
you interceded for our difficulties,
and full of kindness and patience,
you gave us an example
of how to untie the knots of our lives.
And by remaining forever our Mother,
you put in order and make more clear
the ties that link us to the Lord.

Holy Mother,
Mother of God and our Mother,
to you who untie with a motherly heart
the knots of our lives,

we pray to you
to receive in your hands
(our problems and intentions),
and to free us of the knots and confusion
with which our enemy attacks.

Through your grace,
your intercession, and your example,
deliver us from all evil, Our Lady,
and untie the knots that prevent us
from being united with God,
so that we, free from sin and error,
may find Him in all things,
may have our hearts placed in Him,
and may serve Him always
in our brothers and sisters. Amen.

Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, pray for us!
Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, pray for our beloved pope!
Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, pray for our suffering world!

From: [UNDOER OF KNOTS – The Assisi Project](#)

CALENDAR

Upcoming Activities and Events

May is the Month of the Holy Virgin Mary *

May 1—Tau Gathering
 May 3—Feast of Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
 May 7—19th Annual Asian & Pacific Island Catholics Marian Pilgrimage
 May 6—Kelly Passero's *birthday*
 May 8—World Day of Prayer for Vocations
 May 14—Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle
 May 22—National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea
 May 25—Dedication of the Basilica in Assisi
 May 26—Feast of St. Philippe Neri
 Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
 May 30—Ascension of Jesus (Observed)
 Feast day of St. Joan of Arc
 May 31—Feast of the Queenship of Mary/Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

* See the Franciscan Calendar for more dates: <http://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/traditional-franciscan-calendar.html>

MAY 2022

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JUNE 2022

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St. Margaret of Cortona Regional Retreat

When: May 13—15, 2022

Where: Loyola Retreat House, Faulkner, MD

See your email for registration form to accompany your \$100 deposit.

Member Surveys due May 1st

Mail your survey with the postage paid envelope that was attached/sent, or bring it to the May 1 Tau Gathering. Blank copies will also be available at the Gathering.

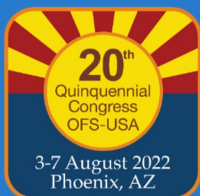
QUINQUENNIAL CONGRESS

When: August 3—7, 2022

Where: Sheraton Phoenix Downtown, Phoenix, AZ

Registration info:

[1 - General Information.pdf - Google Drive](#)



[Tau Annual Retreat]

When: May 20—22, 2022

Where: Priestfield Pastoral Center, Kearneysville, WV

Fee: \$268 for a single or \$242 for a double

NEXT TAU GATHERING

May 1, 2022

SCHEDULE

1:30 pm – 1:32 pm Opening Prayer **TBD**
1:32 pm – 2:12 pm Presentation—**Bill Bouffard**
2:12 pm – 2:22 pm Break
2:22 pm – 3:02 pm Ongoing Formation
3:02 pm – 3:12 pm Break
3:12 pm – 3:22 pm Angelus & Liturgy of the Hours
3:22 pm – 3:32 pm Business Meeting
3:32 pm Closing Prayer

Masks are optional for in person attendance.

St. Joseph Church
Room 205

ANNOUNCEMENT

The May 1, 2022 Tau Gathering will be hybrid. See email for link to virtual meeting. Contact Kimberley Heatherington, OFS to volunteer for:

- ♦ Opening Prayer
- ♦ Liturgy of the Hours Readings

THE REGINA COELI

During Easter, we will precede the Liturgy of the Hours with the Regina Coeli in English

V Queen of heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.
R For He whom thou didst deserve to bear, Alleluia
V Hath risen as He said, Alleluia.
R Pray for us to God, Alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.
R. Because Our Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

LET US PRAY

O God, who by the resurrection of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, hast vouchsafed to make glad the whole world, great, we beseech Thee, that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ Our Lord. AMEN

FORMATION:

Initial Formation

Candidates: Chapter 16 in *The Franciscan Journey*

Ongoing Formation

Chapter 4 of *Habits of Holiness*, "Simplicity: The Christian Call to Contentment" guides Christian laity along the path that we Secular Franciscans are called to follow through our living out the *Rule*. Did you learn anything new about yourself? Ask yourself the questions in the "Contentment Check for the Laity." Did your Lenten practices strengthen your vocation?

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Third Sunday of Easter

Hymn: #121 – Alleluia! Sing to Jesus : pg. 1638 or Divine Office audio

Psalms and Canticle: Sunday Week III: Evening Prayer II: pg. 861

Everything Else: Third Sunday of Easter: Evening Prayer II: pg. 478

Readers: TBD

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your survey!**