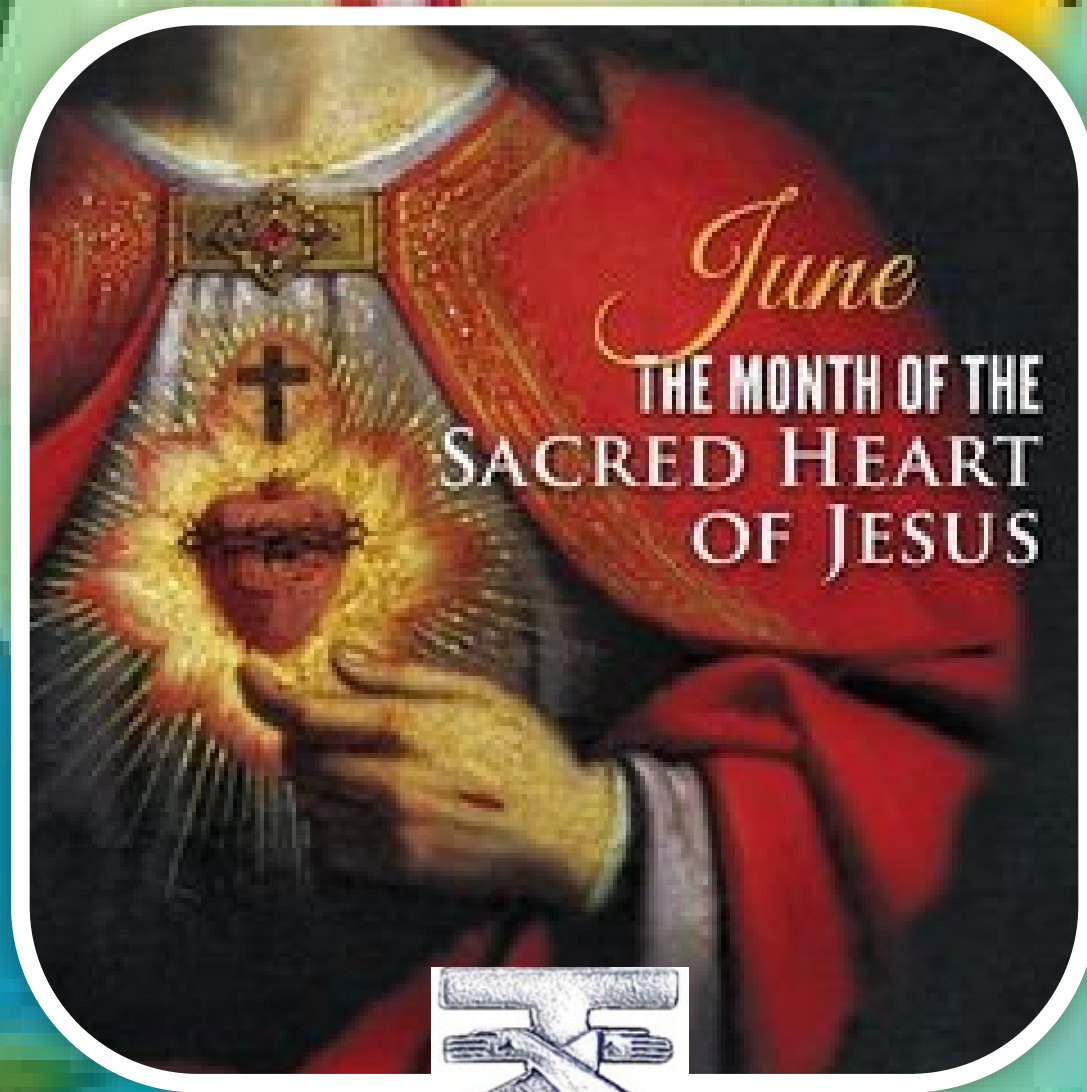


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OUR RETREAT IS JUNE 11TH !

No regular meeting will be held on June 19th!

**Franciscan Monastery
St Bonaventure Room
1400 Quincy Street, NE
Washington DC 20017
9 AM to 3PM**

**Anne Mulqueen, a Regional Spiritual Assistant, is our guest speaker.
Her topic will be the importance of service for a Franciscan.**

**Anne will begin her talk at 9:15. At 11 AM we will celebrate Mass in
the Sacred Heart Chapel. Msgr. Jack MacFarlane will celebrate Mass.**

**After Mass, we will have an hour of free time and lunch.
Confessions are generally available at the Monastery on the hour.**

**Please bring your own bagged lunch and drink. Meal bars
and meal drinks may be an easy option for you.**

**Following lunch and free time, we will continue discussions of the
questionnaire contained in last month's Angelus and reprinted in
this Angelus. Please come prepared to share.**

Tom will lead us in Evening Christian Prayer at 2:30.

**Tom has been and will be working to bring the Retreat to some of our
members on Zoom, if that is at all possible.**

Thank you to Sonia for her work in putting this Retreat together!

**Thank you to Anne Mulqueen for being our speaker and to
Msgr. Jack for celebrating Mass!**

SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT'S MESSAGE

June, 2022

FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE

This is the tenth of my articles on the Peace Prayer of St. Francis, based on the book, "Instruments of Christ: Reflections on the Peace Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi" by Albert Haase, OFM. This month, we will discuss the twelfth line of the prayer.

A good many of us have fortunately had the experience of having a sacrifice we made or a gift we gave come back to us perhaps a hundredfold or at least in ways beyond all telling. Those in serving professions such as parents, teachers, as well as volunteers all know how much satisfaction comes about when gratitude exceeds the paycheck.

Scripture scholars suggest that this most likely is what happened in the feeding of the five thousand (John 6: 1 – 14). A young boy's simple act of generosity blessed by Jesus, guilted those who may have secretly hoarded their food. They were infected with the contagion of his charity, sharing with those around them. Those twelve baskets of leftovers became a miraculous symbol of the abundance of what can be received by those who sacrifice and share what they have with others. We are all assured that no gift we give, be it money, a listening ear, our valuable time, forgiveness, a prized possession, etc., will go unrecognized by our Lord. "And whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward" (Matthew 10:42). The Lord promises that every time we give, we will later receive.

Also of particular importance here are the marginalized and those in need. They are considered the "treasures" of the Church. Jesus consecrated them as tabernacles in his daily association and identification with them: "Truly, I tell you just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40). In this respect, it is both a grace and blessing that the needy and marginalized will always be present among us (Mark 14:7). Their continuous presence in our society affords us the daily opportunities to be the giving people that we really should be. We obtain the greatest of satisfactions from the periphery of society where we give to the poor, exiled and ostracized, making the real differences.

Of course, we also should realize that being such a giving person is not without its risks, but this should not stop us. "Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you." (Matthew 5:42). Generous and charitable sharing is always a practical consequence of love and selfless service. All of our own acts of charity at times may gage what we receive: "Give and it will be given you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back" (Luke 6:38). The Peace Prayer offers us a further challenge: the compliment of being a fool in the name of charity.

Peace,

Mike

PENTECOST IS HERE!

COME HOLY SPIRIT AND FILL THE HEARTS OF YOUR FAITHFUL AND ENKINDLE IN US THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE!



That very prayer sounds so Franciscan to me! I pray that the Holy Spirit will truly transform our world. I pray that each of our hearts is open to the generous love of God and trusts fully in that love.

Things in the world might become difficult. Things certainly seem shaky. Regardless, we are called to be calm, trust in God, and actively extend ourselves for those around us. Let us take every opportunity to pray for the people around us and offer sacrifices and Masses for them. We only get one chance —this lifetime— to do all the good we can. We know we are going to fail some of the time, as we are human. Keep in touch with this truth: we are loved and treasured beyond our comprehension as a beloved son or daughter of the Almighty God. He has work *every day* for us to do.

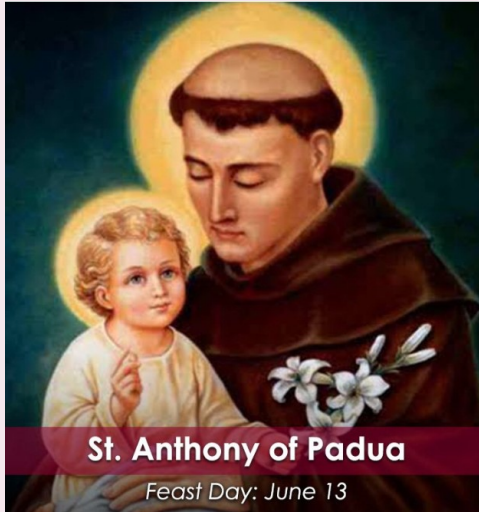
We learned this month that our long-term apostolate to the Dorothy Day Place Shelter in Rockville has abruptly come to an unwelcome end. The County decided against renewing its contract with Catholic Charities. This was a sad shock to the staff and residents. I must say it was sad news to hear.

I am so proud of the many years of loving service we have faithfully provided to this Shelter. For many years we have supplied a dinner for 20 ladies every fourth Sunday of the month. So many of us have been able to pitch in, year after year. Genie inspired us to be involved in this and kept us on track every month with email reminders. Marilyn would regularly stay and help serve the dinners she helped make to the residents. Some of us were able to host a few parties there for the residents and provide Christmas gifts. My parish sodality got on board and has been providing food on a quarterly basis for quite a few years now. Now that wonderful chance to serve is gone.

I am asking myself where we go from here. Service to the poorer among us is so important to our mission as Franciscans. I am sure the good Lord has future plans for our energy and love.

Please pray for Mike's continued recovery, for Michael's recovery from his surgery, for Genie's adjustment to moving from Rockville to her son's house in Germantown, for Marilyn as she and Jim are to be reunited at the Rockville home later this month, for Brenda's continued recovery, for Greg's sleep apnea and for all the needs our Fraternity members and our families.

LETS CELEBRATE OUR MONTHLY SAINTS!



St. Anthony of Padua was born to a wealthy family in Lisbon, Portugal. At age fifteen, St. Anthony went to study at the Abbey of Santa Cruz. A few years later, he was ordained a priest and served at the Abbey where he was responsible for hospitality. After spending some time with the Franciscans he became attracted to their charism and later became a Franciscan friar. St. Anthony is one of the Doctors of the Church and he is the patron of lost things. "The great danger of the Christian is to preach and not to practice, to believe but not to live according to what is believed" -St. Anthony

After witnessing his father kill a relative in a duel over property, St. Romuald found refuge in a monastery and began a life of devout holiness. From there, he began founding monasteries and hermitages around Italy for the rest of his life. He founded the Order of the Camaldolese Benedictines and died on June 19, 1027. "Better to pray one psalm with devotion and compunction than a hundred with distraction." □-St. Romuald

