



The Porter

St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, MD
Secular Franciscan Order – June 2025

<http://stconradannapolis.sfousa.org/>

The Porter deadline for next issue is July 9. Please send news, events, prayer requests, poems, or any interesting items to: Joan Faltot, 715 Maiden Choice Ln, Apt CC122, or send by email to jd6bouv@verizon.net.



Fraternity
Gathering

Saturday, June 21, 2025

Mass at 8:30 AM at the Chapel on the Hill

Sacred Heart, 16501 Annapolis Rd, Bowie, MD 20715

Picnic on the Hill follows

SACRED HEART parish HAS A 9:30 MASS IN THE SAME CHAPEL

Program

Day begins with Mass in the Chapel at 8:30. PLEASE LEAVE PROMPTLY. Go to the HALL for Welcome Ceremony for Antoinette and Br. Connor will talk on Julia Greeley, Secular Franciscan Servant of God then start eating!!!

Refreshments

POT LUCK ! Ruth Shea is organizing this, so let her know what you are bringing. Glen Burnie / Odenton is in charge of setup and organizing the food. We have access to Whitmarsh Hall for restrooms and the kitchen. Food in need of refrigeration should be brought to Whitmarsh Hall

Prayer

Welcome ceremony for Antoinette Ejikeme

Prayer Requests



For the soul of Denise Miente and comfort for her family.

For physical and spiritual healing of: Dennis Mallon (broken hip), Emily McGeady, Jerry Miente, Dr. Alex Demyan, Jude Dodge's niece, Catherine Gonzalez's mother, Ruth's daughter Kate, Jessica (Ruth's friend), Monica's daughter, Jude Dodge, Margaret Jackson, , Audrey Donnelly, Tessie Chitty, Evelyn Jones' son Jimmy, Audrey Bushée, Bill Chitty, Kathleen Sievers, Carole Marsh's sister, Harry Thompson, Jackie Chaplin (sister of Kathleen Sievers), Ed Sievers (Kathleen's husband), , Kellie Eye (granddaughter of Susan Greif), Evelyn Jones' niece, Jimmy Wilbourne, Gerard Malka (brother of Genny Wilbourne), Carolyn Malka (sister-in-law of Genny Wilbourne). *Please help keep this list current. Additions and changes should be sent to Joan at jd6bouv@verizon.net*

Birthdays

Mary Anne Novak – 6/18
Santa Matarazzo -- 7/20

**Profession
Anniversaries**

Emily McGeady – 06/12/1979 Susan Burns – 07/13/2013
Mary Anne Novak -- 07/08/2005 Judith Tyrrell – 07/14/1991

Council Meeting

Friday, July 11 at 7:00 via Zoom.

**Upcoming
Events**

June 27 – 29: Regional Formation Retreat. Priest Field Pastoral Center, WV.
The theme: Caring for Each Other – The Health and Heartbeat of Your Fraternity.
Registration deadline was June 15th.
To attend the retreat part time – contact Rita Colleran, at rlcolleran10@gmail.com



Directions to Sacred Heart Church in Bowie

The church is located on Route 450 West (Annapolis Rd) just west of Route 3 (Crain Highway). The church is visible from the road. If you see the church, then you have passed the driveway to go up the hill behind the church where we will meet.

To reach the buildings on the Hill, turn left on lane **PRIOR** to the Church entrance/exit roads. If you miss it, use the church parking lot to make a U turn. Once back on Route 450 take the turn right. There is parking by the chapel and cemetery. We

will meet in the chapel at 8:30AM. We will also have access to **Whitemarsh Hall**, in the basement of the Hogan Center across from the chapel where we used to meet for our gatherings. *****We will go there after Mass. Weather permitting we will eat and play just outside the backdoor of the Hall.



Minister's Minute

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Like in our personal families, our fraternity has times of consolation and desolation, of sadness and joy, times to rejoice and times to grieve. Our sorrow is great for the loss of our beloved Denise who served us so faithfully and generously for so many years and yet we can rejoice at the Welcoming this month of Antoinette who entered Formation while Denise was still the Director, and continues her discernment.

Our gathering this month will be at Sacred Heart chapel in Bowie on as it turns out the feast of the Sacred Heart and we will celebrate the life of Julia Greeley, a Secular Franciscan, one of the Baltimore six up for canonization, whose ministry was to spread devotion to the Sacred Heart with materials from her little red wagon which she took from house to house bringing God's love and hope to her neighbors. Brother Connor will be sharing her story with us. We will also hear from Father Patrick Monahan Cap., who will celebrate the Mass.

Peace, love and joy, Judith

SACRED HEART HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY ARCHBISHOP LORI AS AN OFFICIAL PILGRIMAGE LOCATION FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025. TO GAIN THE PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR DO THE FOLLOWING IN A SPIRIT OF TOTAL DETACHMENT FROM SIN: PRAY THE JUBILEE PRAYER; PRAY AN OUR FATHER AND HAIL MARY FOR POPE LEO; ATTEND MASS; AND WITHIN TWO WEEKS RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AND GO TO CONFESSION.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR DENISE MIANTE

The following is subject to change; however, the best information we have now is:

Mass: St John Neumann.

Date: July 12, 10 or 10:30am.

Reception place to be determined.

Harry Thompson of, will be the musician.

No visitation scheduled as of now.

Internment in Berryville, VA. Date and time TBD.

TREASURER'S REPORT – JOE MCHUGH

Thank you for your continued generosity !!!

April Balance		\$2,446.45
MD Food Bank	(\$200)	\$2,246.45
FFA Stipend	(\$100)	\$2,146.45
SA Stipend	(\$100)	\$2,046.45
Fair Share	(\$1,570)	\$ 476.45
Phoenix Aca.	(\$225)	\$ 251.45
May Deposit/Balance		\$2,080.00 \$ 2,331.45

Pax and Bonum, Joe

Fraternity contributions can be mailed to:

Joe McHugh

1740 Tedbury St, Crofton, MD 21114

Remember, when making your donation to the fraternity, use the memo line of your check to designate where you wish your contribution to be directed. There are three possible designations:

COM - Common Fund (includes Sabu family)

BUS - bus tokens for the Light House shelter clients

Phoenix – Phoenix Academy 'backpack' food

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Light House Shelter Lunches: Next scheduled sandwich-making is on Thursday, June 26th. at 10:00am at home of Catherine Gonzalez.

SPEC NON CONFUNDIT: ORDINARY JUBILEE OF THE YEAR 2025

"SPES NON CONFUNDIT. "Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5). In the spirit of hope, the Apostle Paul addressed these words of encouragement to the Christian community of Rome. Hope is also the central message of the coming Jubilee that, in accordance with an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims every twenty-five years. My thoughts turn to all those pilgrims of hope who will travel to Rome in order to experience the Holy Year and to all those others who, though unable to visit the City of the Apostles Peter and Paul, will celebrate it in their local Churches. For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the "door" (cf. Jn 10:7.9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as "our hope" (1 Tim 1:1)." Para 1 from Pope Francis' Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025.

"2025 is the Jubilee Holy Year, the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, an "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church." The concept of "Jubilee" has its origins in the Book of Leviticus (chapter 25) as a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home. Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as *Pilgrims of Hope*." USCCB, <https://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025>

Catechism of the Catholic Church #1471

What is an indulgence?

An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints.

An Indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin. The faithful can gain indulgences for themselves or apply them to the dead.

What is a Jubilee?

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/segni-del-giubileo/professione-di-fede.html>

In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII called the first Jubilee, also known as a “Holy Year,” since it is a time in which God's holiness transforms us. The frequency of Holy Years has changed over time: at first, they were celebrated every 100 years; later, in 1343 Pope Clement VI reduced the gap between Jubilees to every 50 years, and in 1470 Pope Paul II made it every 25 years. There have also been “extraordinary” Holy Years: for example, in 1933 Pope Pius XI chose to commemorate the 1900th anniversary of the Redemption, and in 2015 Pope Francis proclaimed the Year of Mercy as an extraordinary jubilee. The way in which Jubilee Years are marked has also changed through the centuries: originally the Holy Year consisted of a pilgrimage to the Roman Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul, later other signs were added, such as the Holy Door. By participating in the Holy Year, one is granted a plenary indulgence.

Jubilee Indulgence:

<https://catholiclife.dioc.org/2024/11/19/jubilee-2025-what-it-is-and-how-to-participate/>

Special graces for the forgiveness of the temporal punishment due for sins are made available during the Jubilee Year. The faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence – remission of all temporal punishment (time in Purgatory) for sin— by meeting the normal conditions (confession, Holy Communion, prayer for the pope’s intentions, and no attachment to sin) and by participating in one of the following activities:

Pilgrimages: The four major basilicas in Rome are the main pilgrimage destinations, but pilgrims may also go to the Holy Land, their diocesan cathedral or other officially designated locations (B

Pious visits to sacred places: At these locations, the faithful are to engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, among other spiritual practices.

Works of mercy and penance: The faithful are to perform the spiritual or corporal works of mercy or carry out works of penance, such as abstaining from meat on Fridays.

Vatican Calendar of Major Events for this Year: June 20-21 Jubilee of Governments

The Vatican does not list any events for these days. I guess we can hope that all governments will strive to work together to serve the people and the cause of peace.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.

By Nicole O’Leary, senior editor, FAITH Catholic

CLIMATE: GULF STREAM CURRENT

"The Gulf Stream is a powerful ocean current that transports warm water from the Gulf of Mexico into the Atlantic Ocean, extending all the way up the eastern coast of the United States and Canada. This remarkable natural phenomenon not only affects weather patterns and marine ecosystems, but also plays a major role in navigating transatlantic travel. On average, the speed of the Gulf Stream is about four miles per hour; it slows down to a speed of approximately one mile per hour as it widens to the north. The Gulf Stream transports an amount of water greater than that carried by all of the world's rivers combined."

<https://www.americanocéans.org/facts/how-fast-is-the-gulf-stream-curent/>

I imagine that most everyone learned about this somewhere in their education. I seem to recall that a major driver for this current was the ice cap and glaciers on Greenland. The simplistic view was, the water near Greenland was very cold and this cause the water to sink which in turn pulled up more (warmer) water from the south. Consulting the internet, the problem is that the melting of Greenland is dumping a lot of fresh water into the current which sinks beneath the saltier water. Research has indicated that the current has been weakening over the past century. The question for scientists: What happens if it stops?

Of course, what goes up (north) must come down (south) which the current does. This complete cycle is the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC). It helps warm Europe and cools down Brazil. Some scientists suggest that circulation may have slowed by as much as 15 percent since the 1950s. Based on climate modeling, the main effect on the US East coast is that sea levels would rise and storms would grow more severe. The southern hemisphere would become warmer. The real losers would be Scandinavia, United Kingdom and the Netherlands as their weather would turn much colder. Sea ice could spread southward as far as parts of the United Kingdom. The additional surface area of ice would reflect the sun's energy back into space, increasing the cold. Is this how an ice age starts? However, if global temperatures reach around 4 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, the heat outweighs the cooling impact of the AMOC collapse. Climate is complicated. Life on earth is a delicate balance. We should try very hard not to screw it up.

Evening Prayer via Zoom

Pope St John XIII Fraternity (Davidsonville, MD) invites you to join its evening Liturgy of the Hours prayed daily on Zoom. Open a Zoom.us session and JOIN the meeting.

Meeting id: **88305033327** (same id every day)

Sunday through Friday meetings are at 4:30 PM

Saturday meeting is at 3:30 PM.