

INSTRUMENT OF PEACE

"It is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life"

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"The souls in Purgatory pray for us, and their prayers are even more effective than ours, because they are accompanied by their suffering. So, let's pray for them, and ask them to pray for us."

-St. Padre Pio

November 19th 2017

Our November Gathering will begin at Saint Elizabeth's Church. For those interested, there is a 10 o'clock mass. Saint Elizabeth's has graciously allowed us to conduct our Remembrance of the Departed in the church immediately following Mass. MOQF has already sponsored the "German Pork" meal for the members. So come with the names of your loved ones that you would like to be remembered, an open heart, an appetite and some money to start your Christmas shopping!

If you have any Questions call Barbara at [301-865-4885](tel:301-865-4885)



Most High Glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of our
minds. Give us a right faith, a
firm hope and perfect charity,
so that we may always and in
all things act according to
Your Holy Will.

Amen.



St. Charles Borromeo

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Secular Franciscans, therefore, should seek to encounter the living and active person of Christ in their brothers and sisters, in Sacred Scripture, in the Church, and in liturgical activity. The faith of St. Francis, who often said, "I see nothing bodily of the Most High Son of God in this world except His most holy body and blood," should be the inspiration and pattern of their Eucharistic life.

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Pictures for
more info...*

Please make every attempt to come to our meetings.

**IF YOU UNABLE TO MAKE THE MONTHLY GATHERING, CONTACT JOE
(410) 391-3981 OR BY CELL AT (443) 743-0948**

Your monthly common fund donation can be mailed to Shirley Sapp at: 1429
Union Ave. Balto. MD 21211

PROFESSION ANNIVERSARIES

Theresa Lotz OFS II/21/84

Sheila Stefonowicz OFS II/21/84

Kathleen Tumas OFS II/18/85

BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Countryman OFS

Nov. 5th

Pat Hanges OFS

Nov. 5th

Kathleen Tumas OFS

Nov. 11th

Donna Aldrich OFS

Nov. 26th

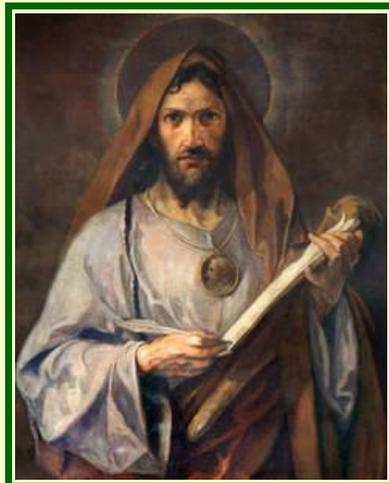
Happy Birthday!

The Giving Bag

Many of us pull up to a stop light and see a person with a sign asking for help.

At our December Gathering, we are asking ALL members that are able, to bring something to put in a zip lock bag to give to those asking for assistance. We will have a table for these items and fill the giving bags up before the gathering ends. Each member will take the filled bags to keep in their car and give away. It is that simple! MOQ will have bottled water and the gallon bags to fill. Items to consider bringing:

Packages of snack crackers
NEW socks/gloves/hats
Small Body lotion, shampoo, toothpaste
Deodorant
Small tissue packs
Chap stick
Toothbrush
HOLY CARDS/notes
Any item you feel would offer assistance!



IN MEMORIAM

Remembrance of Our Departed
brothers and sisters.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church

November 19th

+Prayers for the Sick +

Pat Hanges
Helen Cave
Sheila Stefonowicz
Gayle Pfifer
Marge Pfifer
Kathy Tumas
Sharon Hare
Amelia Reems
Theresa Lotz
Joan Popp
Donna Aldrich
George Snyder
Regina Lovejoy
Eileen Culcatta
Toni Sterner
Phyllis Fowler
Nancy Cappellini
Ed Stepke
Mary Stepke
Bill Lotz
Christopher & Catherine Petty

Prayer Requests

**IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE IS SICK OR
OTHERWISE NEEDS PRAYER, PLEASE
NOTIFY BARBARA COUNTRYMAN.**

301-865-4885

Prayer Tree

**If there is a death or someone is
hospitalized, please call Bill Lotz at
410-485-1591**

There is Power in Prayer!

NEWS & INFORMATION

WEB SITE COMING!!! Mary our Queen is in the process of setting up a web site for our fraternity news and updates! Daily Franciscan news will be up dated by Stas! More information to come.....

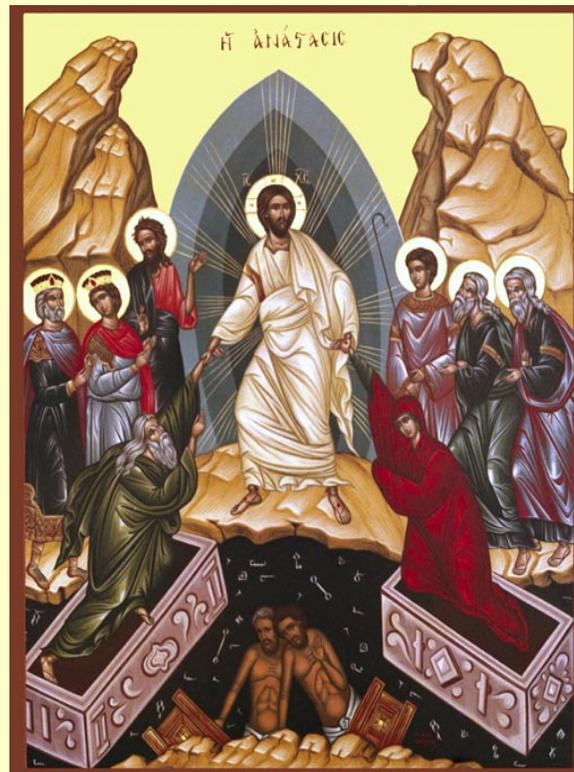
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DECEMBER CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Sunday, December 17th will be Mary Our Queen and Little Flower Fraternities Christmas Family and Friends Party! Please Bring...your family, friends, covered dish or desert to share, a singing voice and items for the "Giving Bags". Jean has prepared a special program for us to prepare and celebrate Our Lord's Birth!

EXTRACTION OF SAINTS

Our January gathering (1/21/18) will include the Extraction of Saints. Thanks to Saint Clements' Church for providing MOQ with the cards.



Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory Franciscan Calendar for the month of November

1. **Feast of All Saints** – Holy day of Obligation
2. Commemoration of all of the Faithfully Departed – Plenary Indulgence for the holy souls when one visits a church or chapel and recites a Pater and a Credo
3. Bl. Helen Enselmini, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1231
4. **St. Charles Borromeo**, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1584
5. Feast of the Saints Relics
6. Bl. Margaret of Lorraine, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1521
7. Bl. Raynier of Arezzo, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1304
8. Bl. John Duns Scotus, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1308
9. Bl. Gabriel Ferritti, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1456
10. Bl. Louis Guanella, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1915
11. Bl. Mary Crucifixa, Virgin, the Franciscan 3rd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1826
12. Bl. John of Peace, Confessor, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1340
13. St. Didacus of Alcala, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1463
14. St. Nicholas Tavelich and Companions, Martyrs, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1391
15. Bl. Sebastien de Jesus, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1734
16. St. Agnes of Assisi, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1253
17. Bl. Jane of Signa, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1307
18. Bl. Salome of Cracow, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1268
19. **St. Elizabeth of Hungary** Virgin Patroness of Franciscans OFS, Plenary Indulgence (renewal of Tertiary engagement), d. 1231
20. Bl. Migagros Ortells, Virgin, Capuchin religious, Martyr 1936
21. Feast of the Presentation of the Holy Virgin Mary
22. Bl. Salvator Lilli, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1895
23. Bl. Marie de Jesus Bon Pasteur, Virgin, religious of TOR [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1902
24. Bl. Timothy Trajonowski, lay brother, Conventual religious, martyr 1942
25. Bl. Humilis of Bisignano, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1637
26. St. Leonard of Port Maurice, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1751
27. St. Francis Anthony Fasani, Priest, Conventual religious, d. 1742
28. St. James of the March, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1476
29. Saints of the Seraphic Order
30. Bl. Anthony Bonfadini, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1482



Click for St. Gertrude's Prayer

The Holy Souls in Purgatory

By Fr. Hermann Cohen

November 2, 2010

As Requiem Masses and Funerals have increasingly become “celebrations of life” and homilies often resound with “Gran is in heaven”, some might think that purgatory was thrown out with Vatican II. This could not be further from the truth, for the concept of purgatory, based on Scripture and Tradition, is fundamental to Catholic belief. The Church teaches that, “all who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven” (CCC 1030). And Revelation 21:27 tells us most clearly that “...nothing unclean will enter heaven.”

Already the early Christians recognized the need to remember and assist the souls of the departed. Tertullian in his work, *The Crown* (AD 211) states:

“We offer sacrifices for the dead on their birthday anniversaries.”

St John Chrysostom in his *Homilies on 1 Corinthians* (AD 392) says:

“Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.”

And St Augustine says in *City of God* (AD 419):

“Temporal punishments are suffered by some in this life only, by some after death, by some both here and hereafter...”

Pope Innocent IV (1243-1254) provided a synthesis of the doctrine of purgatory and declared its name for the Universal Church. He wrote to the Bishop of Tusculum stating:

“Finally, in the Gospel the Truth declares that whoever speaks blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this world or in the world to come (Matthew 12:32). By this it is to be understood that certain faults are pardoned in this life, and certain others in the life to come, and the Apostle says that ‘the fire will assay the quality of everyone’s work,’ and ‘if his work burns he will lose his regard, but himself will be saved, yet so as through fire’ (I Cor. 3:13, 15).

“And it is said that the Greeks themselves unhesitatingly believe and maintain that the souls of those who do not perform a penance which they have received, or the souls of those who die free from mortal sins but with even the slightest venial sins, are purified after death and can be helped by the prayers of the Church. Since the Greeks say that their Doctors have not given them a definite and proper name for the place of such purification, We, following the tradition and authority of the holy Fathers, call that place purgatory; and it is Our will that the Greeks use that name in the future. For sins are truly purified by that temporal fire — not grievous or capital sins which have not first been remitted by penance, but small and slight sins which remain a burden after death, if they have not been pardoned during life.”

We might fervently wish to avoid purgatory and on death come straight into the presence of Almighty God. The saints have shown us not only that it is desirable to have such a noble aspiration, but that through the practice of virtue and prayer, through sacrifice and suffering, we can indeed be completely purified during our earthly existence. Nevertheless we must see purgatory, the provision for souls to complete the cleansing process in the hereafter, as part of God’s great mercy.

Pope John Paul II, in a reflection on purgatory, explains:

“Jesus, as the great intercessor who atones for us, will fully reveal himself at the end of our life expressing himself with the offer of mercy, but also with the inevitable judgment for those who refuse the Father’s love and forgiveness. This offer of mercy does not exclude the duty to present ourselves to God, pure and whole, rich in that love which Paul calls a ‘bond of perfect harmony’ (Col 3:14).”

Thus:

“every trace of attachment to evil must be eliminated, every imperfection of the soul corrected. Purification must be complete...”

He further elucidates:

“The term purgatory does not indicate a place, but a condition of existence. Those who, after death, exist in a state of purification, are already in the love of Christ who removes from them imperfection.”

The Catechism also teaches that the Holy Souls belong to the Communion of Saints:

“Those, in fact, who find themselves in the state of purification are united both with the blessed who already enjoy the fullness of eternal life, and with us on this earth on our way towards the Father’s house (CCC 1032).”

We (the Church Militant) are therefore at one both with the saints (the Church Triumphant) in heaven and the Holy Souls in purgatory (the Church Suffering). Just as we are able to turn for help to the saints in our need, so we are able to assist these souls in theirs.

In the words of Pope John Paul II:

“As believers in earthly life are united in the one Mystical Body, so after death those who live in a state of purification experience the same ecclesial solidarity which works through prayer, prayers for suffrage and love for their other brothers and sisters in the faith. Purification is lived in the essential bond created between those who live in this world and those who enjoy eternal beatitude.”

Since we cannot know whether a soul is already in heaven, in purgatory or hell, we need to pray, gain indulgences, offer sacrifices and have Masses said for them throughout our lives. We must assume that they are being purified, whilst hoping that they are in heaven and not damned. If we pray for a loved one who is already with the Lord, we can be sure that our prayer will assist another soul. It is also a great act of charity to pray for the Holy Souls who have no one to pray for them. St Bellarmine teaches that because the Church Suffering is so close to God, their prayers for us are very effective. As we pray for our departed loved ones and all the Holy Souls in purgatory, we can confidently ask them to pray for us too.

To ease their suffering, let us remember these beloved souls always, but in particular today and throughout November, the month the Church dedicates especially to them. Let us be generous in praying for them, making sacrifices for them and having Holy Masses offered for them.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

<p>DAY OF REFLECTION</p> <p>IF YOU WISH THE DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY</p> <p>BASED ON THE GOSPELS AND THE ADMONITIONS OF ST. FRANCIS</p> <p>PRESENTED BY BILL BOUFFARD</p> <p>FOR PROFESSED MEMBERS, INQUIRERS, CANDIDATES AND GUESTS</p> <p>Registration: \$20 due by February 17, 2018 Includes a light continental breakfast and a box lunch</p> <p>Make your check payable to: <u>Little Flower Fraternity</u> Send check and tear off below to: Lisa Gough, OFS 121 Warwick Drive, Lutherville, MD 21093</p> <p>If you have any questions, please contact Lisa at lisa21093@comcast.net (preferred) or at 443-928-9668</p> <p>Day of Reflection Registration _____ Please list any dietary needs _____ Name _____ Phone # _____ Fraternity _____ E-mail Address _____ # attending _____</p>	<p>WHEN Saturday March 3, 2018 8AM-3:30PM 4:00 pm Mass to follow for those interested</p> <p>WHERE St. Clement Mary Hofbauer 1212 Chesaco Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21237</p> <p>SPONSORING FRATERNITIES Little Flower Mary Our Queen St. Michael the Archangel Padre Pio St. Joseph Cupertino</p> <p>PROCEEDS BENEFITING St. Clement Mary Hofbauer Church</p>
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