

**ST MARY OF THE ANGELS FRATERNITY  
ORDER OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN  
THE ANGELUS \* OCTOBER 14, 2018**

“ Remember that when you leave this earth,  
you can take with you nothing that have received--  
only what you have given: a full heart enriched by honest service,  
love, sacrifice and courage.”

— Francis of Assisi

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## OUR OCTOBER MEETING

Opening Prayer

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY ON SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 9 AT LILIAN'S PARTY ROOM.
- ♦ MONTHLY MASSES FOR OUR DECEASED  
MEMBERS
  - ♦ A ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE TO  
ST. ANTHONY'S SHRINE ON TROY HILL,  
PITTSBURGH PA DECEMBER 4

### 1 OUR MONTHLY CHARITIES

By Treasurer Carmencita Fiesta

2. PRESENTATION ON THE LAST THINGS,  
PART 1, OF 3, FOLLOWED BY  
SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION ON  
"REFLECTION ONE" FROM THE BOOK  
"LIVE LIKE FRANCIS:"

### 3. CHRISTAIN PRAYER LED BY TOM

Break & Prayer Partners by Mary

### 4. PRESENTATION BY MIKE HUEITHER

### 5. TOM'S ONGOING FORMATION

## HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

21 – Frank Barletta;  
25 – Carmencita Fiesta;  
31 – Irma Jean-Baptiste

No Five Year Professions this month.

### Prayer Needs:

Hazel Cummings' father-in-law passed away  
September 25th in Florida,

Rose Mary Mazzaglia, Connie, Joyce and others  
in our Fraternity who provide full time care to their  
disabled relatives.

Alina's sister Felicia who lost her only child.

Submitted by Genie

### Can you assist?

OUR FRATERNITY IS HAVING A MASS  
SAID THIS MONTH AT ST. JUDES ,  
OCTOBER 6TH, 8:30 AM  
for the needs and intentions of the  
Secular Franciscan Order.

### A HUGE SHOUT OUT OF THANKS TO THE HOLY TRIANGLE FRATERNITY

FOR HOSTING  
A LOVELY REGIONAL PICNIC  
LAST MONTH AT THE  
MONASTERY AT ELLICOTT CITY .

MANY OF US WERE ABLE TO ATTEND AND  
ENJOY IT.



## **Father Michael Brieese asks us:**

PLEASE pray for priests, deacons, monks, friars, people living the consecrated life, missionaries, religious brothers and sisters, all faithful laity, seminarians, novices, and all God's peoples and for greater faith, greater hope and greater love all throughout the world and most notably in all human hearts, minds and spirits. May peace and blessings be with you now and throughout every moment, hour and day of your God-given holy life. Peace.

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# LETS REALLY CELEBRATE THESE AMAZING OCTOBER FEAST DAYS!

*Submitted by Lilian Soriano*

**“Near us is a celestial spirit, who from the cradle to the tomb, does not leave us for an instant, guides us, protects us as a friend, a brother; will always be a consolation to us especially in our saddest moments.” PADRE PIO**

October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels - the mission of the Guardian Angels is to serve the future heirs of salvation (according to St. Paul). Every kingdom, diocese, church and religious order has its protecting Guardian Angels. So has every person. Our Guardian Angels is given to us at the moment of our birth, stays with us all through life, comforts us in purgatory, and escorts us, if we are saved, into Heaven. The greatest joy to give to our Guardian Angel is to receive Holy Communion and make our breast a tabernacle of the Eternal God before adore. In every difficulty, danger, and temptation, St. Bernard, urges us to invoke our Guardian.

October 3—Transitus of St. Francis, a remembrance of his passing from this life to our Lord.

October 4 - Saint Francis of Assisi- was born in Assisi, Italy, the son of a rich cloth merchant, abandoned a life of luxury for a life of devote Christian. He cared for the poor and sick, he preached sermons to animals and praised all creatures as brothers and sisters under God. He heard the gospel in which Christ sends his disciples, telling them to take no sack for the journey, or a second tunic, or sandals, or walking stick. immediately, Francis went to preach on the streets of Assisi as Christ instructed.. His fervor attracted other young men who became the first Friar Minor. At the end of his life, he received the stigmata, a sign of intimate union with the Savior. He is the patron saints of animals and ecology.



October 7 - Our Lady of Rosary - to pray the rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful heart of Christ and his Mother. It does mark the rhythm of human life, bringing it into harmony with the rhythm of God's own life. , in the joyful communion of the Holy Trinity, our life's destiny and deepest longing.

October 13 - Our Lady of Rosary at Fatima - Mary revealed to the children and to pray the rosary everyday and found another type of miracle might even call the true Miracle of the Sun with estimated crowds of 100,000 eyewitness of the sun broke through the clouds and it "danced" in the sky.

October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch - a Syrian, served as the third bishop of Antioch for forty years until he was arrested and escorted to Rome where he died for sport in the amphitheater. The seven letters he composed on this journey inspired generations of persecuted Christians - let me be the food for the wild beasts," he begged his brethren in Rome, "for they are my way to God. I am God's wheat and shall be ground by their teeth so that I may become Christ's pure bread. Pray for me that the animals will be the means of making me a sacrificial victim for God".



## OCTOBER FEAST DAYS continued.

October 18 - St. Luke, the Evangelist - joined Paul in his missionary work, and then became an Evangelist. He made his living as a physician. His gospel and its "companion volume", the Acts of the Apostles, give evidence to Luke's classical education and careful attention to detail. Luke shows a particular sensitivity to the hidden movements of the heart, his is the only gospel to relate the parables of the Good Samaritan and the prodigal son..

October 19 - St. John de Brerbuf and eight companions - Jesuits associates, were among the first missionaries to the native people of North America..whose works were seen little progress while they lived and blamed by the natives the "blackrobes" for every misfortunes. . The mission grew and watered by their blood which was spilled in various massacres. In the year that follows, many of the remaining natives accepted Christ, most notably, St. Katera Tekakwitha, who was born in the same village near Auriesville, New York, where three of the martyrs attained their crowns.

October 28 - Saints Simon and Jude - were among the 12 men Jesus chose to lead His church. The two met in Persia , where they suffered martyrdom on the same day and become the pillar and the mainstay of the truth . Jesus said that he was sending them just as the Father had sent him.

### SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT'S MESSAGE

By Michael Huether OFS



Article 14 tells us:

***"Secular Franciscans, together with all people of good will, are called to build a more fraternal and evangelical world so that the kingdom of God may be brought about more effectively. Mindful that anyone 'who follows Christ, the perfect man, becomes more of a man himself,' let them exercise the responsibilities competently in the Christian spirit of service."***

In this article, the Rule is telling us about the giving of ourselves in service without any anticipation of rewards for our efforts. This situation is always a challenge to most people, but it is brought about by our simple living, sense of community (fraternity), and as a consequence of performing our duties as Secular Franciscans. As lay tertiaries of this Franciscan Family of ours, we take on the lead (servant leadership) in using our talents, competencies, and responsibilities to the maximum. It is in this main way that we bring about the experience of God in the lives of others and also the main way of living life in the fullest human way possible which is what God intends for all of us.

Mike



MINISTER'S MESSAGE by Susan

Lets never stop trying.

*"And I heard the voice of the Lord saying "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said "Here am I! Send me."*

*Isaiah 6:8*



Reflection and Prayer, Genie Dutton

SOLDIER OF CHRIST  
BEARER OF HIS WOUNDS  
WHERE ARE YOU TODAY?

WHERE ARE OUR WOUNDS?  
WHERE ARE THE POOR, THE LONELY, THE GASPING FOR FREEDOM FROM AP-  
PALLING ABUSE?  
WHY ARE WE HERE? WHY ENJOY OUR COMFORTS, DIRECTLY PROVIDED FOR  
FROM THE KING OF KINGS  
AT HIS CRUCIFIXION?

CAN WE DO MORE?  
WILL WE?  
CAN I CALL UPON MY WARRIORS IN THIS AGE FOR LOVE AND COMFORT AND  
CARE?  
WILL YOU STEP OUT INTO THE DISCOMFORT OF MY CHILDREN?  
I AM CALLING YOU.

I AM FRANCIS

I AM CHRIST



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### Celebrating the Transitus By Michele Dunne, OFS

Religious and secular Franciscans join in a special devotion each October 3 to commemorate the "transitus," or passing, of St. Francis from this life into the next. As we know from his early biographer St. Thomas of Celano, the last days of our Father Francis's life in 1226 were eventful. His brothers carried him from Assisi to his beloved Portiuncula, the "little portion" church on the plain below the city. As he sensed that Sister Death was near, Francis asked that the Passion of Our Lord from the Gospel according to St. John be read to him, and that he be covered in sackcloth and ashes. After he passed, his friars processed with his body to San Damiano (also in the plain below Assisi), so that St. Clare and her sisters might venerate him. It was at this time that most of the friars, sisters, and other Assisians saw the stigmata on St. Francis for the first time. They marveled at the stigmata, as well as the fact that, after a long illness that had marred his appearance, in death Francis's face was "shining white in its beauty...like the face of an angel."

The Transitus is a ritual unique to Franciscans. It is not a mass, but rather a service of readings (from scripture as well as the biography or writings of the Saint), hymns, prayers, intercessions, and veneration of a relic. Documentary evidence of Franciscans carrying out the ritual goes back to the 1800s in France, since which time the Transitus has become a common and even essential observance among Franciscans. Its significance for us is strong; in the words Daniel Grigassy, OFM:

"The last act in the life of Francis tells of his final moments. Once reconciled with the grave, he embraces Sister Death and passes from life into Life. In the annual ritualization of his passing, his death story is retold. In the act of his dying, his entire life is summed up; its meaning for our Franciscan lives is intensified for another year of Christian living. His followers ritually revisit the story of the charismatic founder and specify its final moment. We intensify the memory of the ways his life initially inspired our own, however long ago. Once again we find new reasons to remain faithful to the same gospel task of conformity of Christ." The friars at our monastery will commemorate the Transitus on Tuesday, October 3 at 7pm. Fraternity members are strongly encouraged to participate in this beautiful and moving ritual. It is wonderful opportunity to renew our vocations as well as to share that joy with religious and secular Franciscans from throughout the area.



Dying, St. Francis prayed:

"I cry to the Lord with my voice; to the Lord I make loud supplication."

and "Welcome Sister Death".

Finally he admonished his fellow Franciscans: St Francis:

"I am on my way to God and I commend all you to His favor."

All creatures he said were to praise and love God.



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Fr. Michael Briesse... 9-16-18