

**ST MARY OF THE ANGELS FRATERNITY  
ORDER OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN  
THE ANGELUS \* SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**

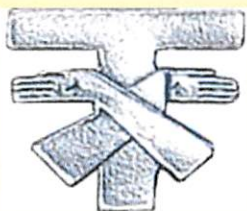


- SEPTEMBER 8 -

The Nativity of the  
*Blessed Virgin  
Mary*

*LET US GRATEFULLY AND WITH HEARTS FULL OF LOVE,  
celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

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## OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING

Opening Prayer

HANDOUT OF OUR 2019  
DOROTHY DAY DINNER SCHEDULE S

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 10 TO 15 MINUTE  
MONTHLY PRESENTATIONS ON  
FRANCISCAN VIRTUES

Yes! Back to the brown robe and rope!

MENTION OF OUR MONTHLY CHARITIES  
By Treasurer Carmencita Fiesta

A HISTORY OF THE OUR FRATERNITY  
By Sonia Bernardo

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER  
Guided by Greg Davis

Break

Prayer Partners

PRESENTATION ON HELL AND JUDGEMENT BY  
SUSAN

*(Part 1 of a 3 part series on Hell, Purgatory and  
Heaven)*

CHRISTIAN PRAYER

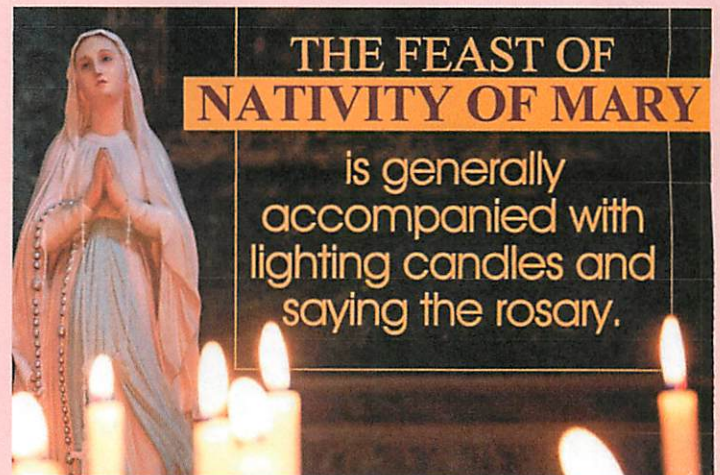
Tom's Ongoing Formation

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & PROFESSION ANNIVERSARIES,

Submitted by Genie

No birthdays or five year profession anniversaries this September but Nick Wineriter, a long time member of our Fraternity who transferred after moving to Florida is celebrating 30 years (9/18/88) as a secular Franciscan. Congrats Nick!

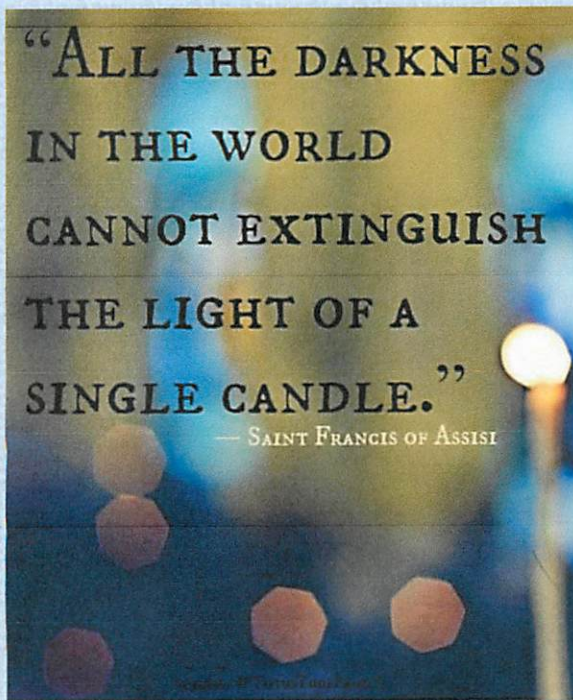
Prayers for Peggy's friend, Patricia facing hip surgery even though it's risky with her other health problems. Because of her illness, Peggy had to cancel her own knee replacement surgery this month.



MULTI-FRATERNITY PICNIC AT  
ST. ANTHONY'S MONASTERY IN ELLICOTT CITY  
ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16th  
MASS AT NOON, PICNIC FROM 1 TO 4

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE  
I FOUND THE SIGN UP AND WE HAVE 21!





As my views on the next two articles are relatively short, I'll include two this time: Article 12 of the Rule states:

**"Witnessing to the good yet to come and obliged to acquire purity of heart because of the vocation they have embraced, they should set themselves free to love God and their brothers and sisters."**

I made mention of "Gospel poverty" in my article of last month. Living simply in Gospel poverty does not go without reward. By it we are given the opportunity to be graced with and to share in the kingdom of God by first loving our neighbor and then God.

This is God's way of exalting us after we made the effort at humbling ourselves.

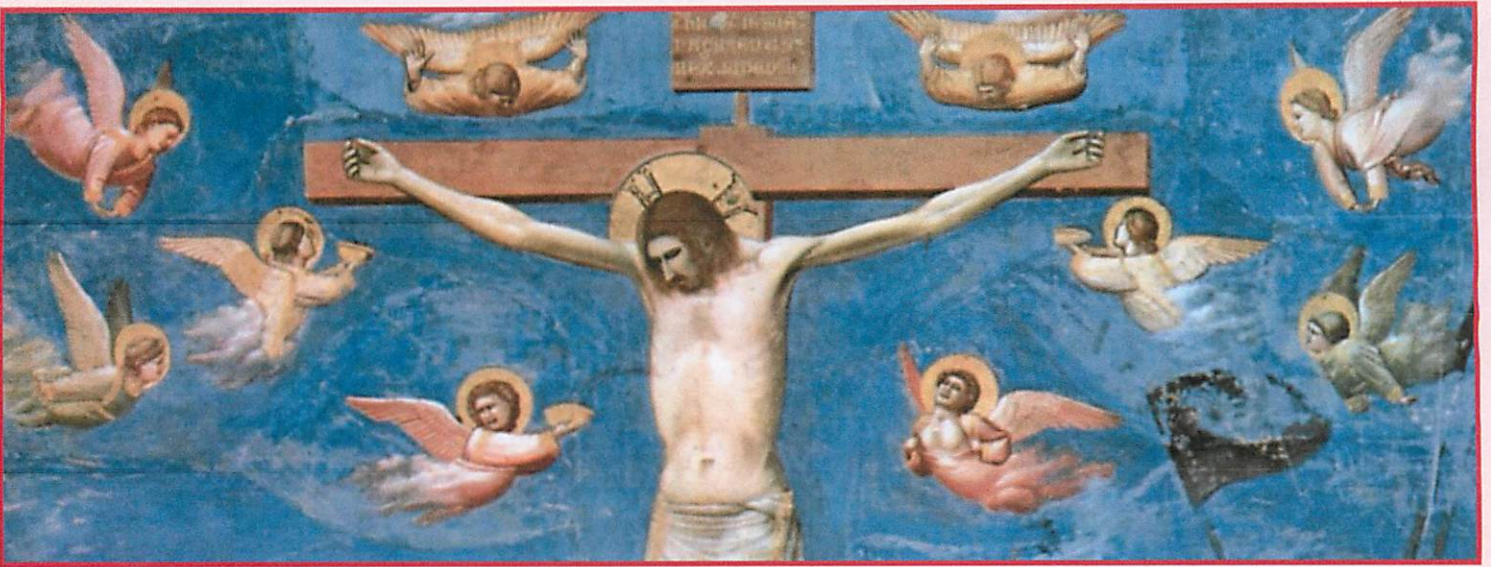
### **Article 13 of the Rule holds:**

**"As the Father sees in every person the features of His Son, the firstborn of many brothers and sisters, so the Secular Franciscans with a gentle and courageous spirit accept all people as a gift of the Lord and as an image of Christ."**

**A sense of community will make them joyful and ready to place themselves on an equal basis with all people, especially with the lowly, for whom they shall strive to create conditions of life worthy of people redeemed by Christ."**

In this article, we need to be aware that another stipulation in this process of simple living is we see the person of Christ in all others as our equal sisters and brothers. Exclusiveness of any sort is never to be tolerated in the Franciscan way of life. We realize Christ in everyone as a prerequisite for building up the sense of community, excepting no one, especially the poor, and marginalized.





## *THE TREASURE OF OUR HEART*

Article from Father Pedro Arrupe, S.J.  
 Father died in 1991 and was the 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Father General of the Society of Jesus.

*Submitted by Genie*

Nothing is more practical than falling in Love  
 in a quite absolute, final way.

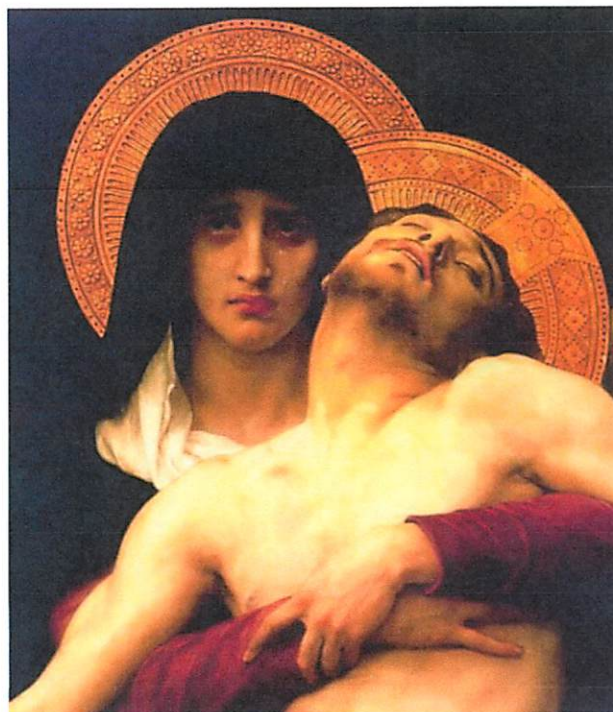
What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination,  
 will affect everything.

It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning,  
 what you do with your evenings,  
 how you spend your weekends,  
 what you read, whom you know,  
 what breaks your heart,  
 and what amazes you  
 with joy and gratitude.

Fall in Love, stay in love,  
 and it will decide everything

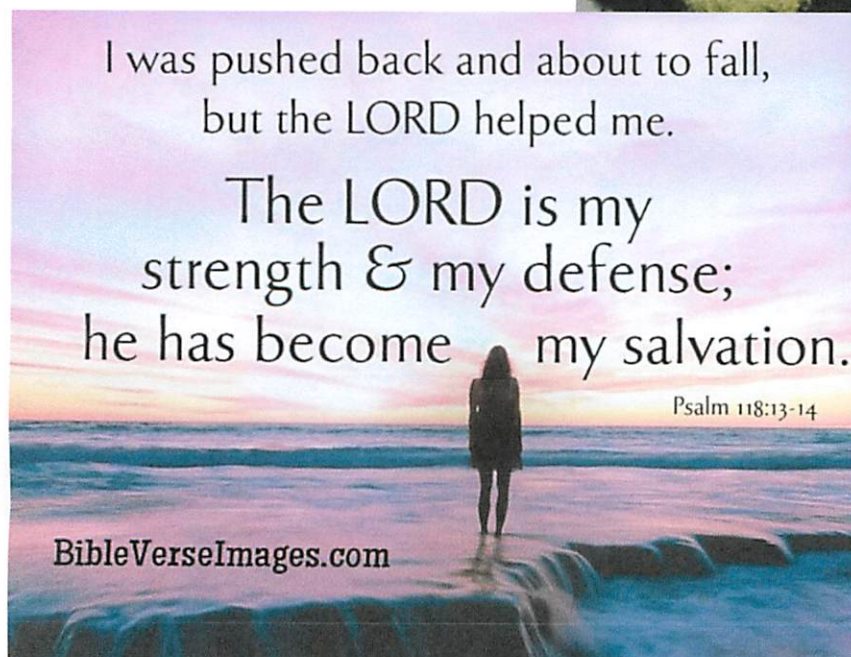
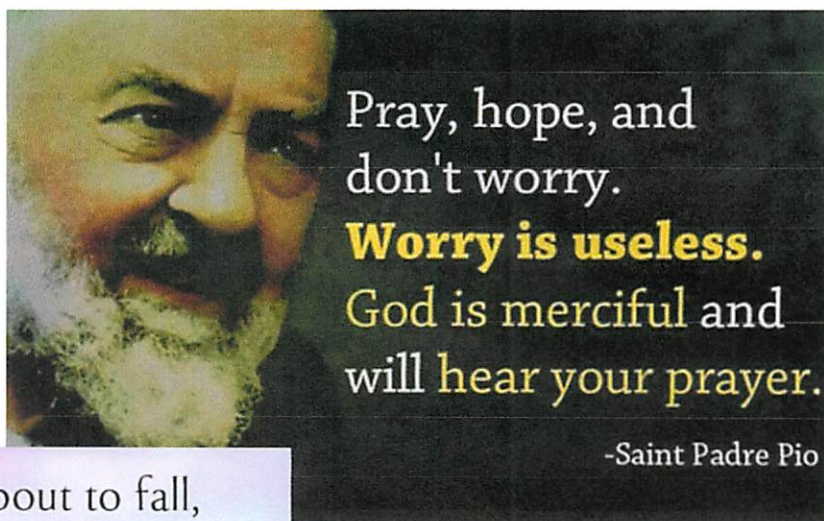






**GREAT AND HOLY ARCHANGELS,  
PRAY FOR US  
BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD  
HELP US IN OUR MISSION  
TO LIVE A TRULY FRANCISCANA LIFE.  
DON'T LET US FAIL.**

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS, PRAY FOR US!**



**ST. PADRE PIO,  
PLEASE PRAY FOR US.  
INSPIRE US.  
NEVER FORGET US.  
SEE US AT  
ST. MARY'S OF THE ANGELS  
AS YOUR OWN SPIRITUAL  
CHILDREN AND BE PATIENT!**



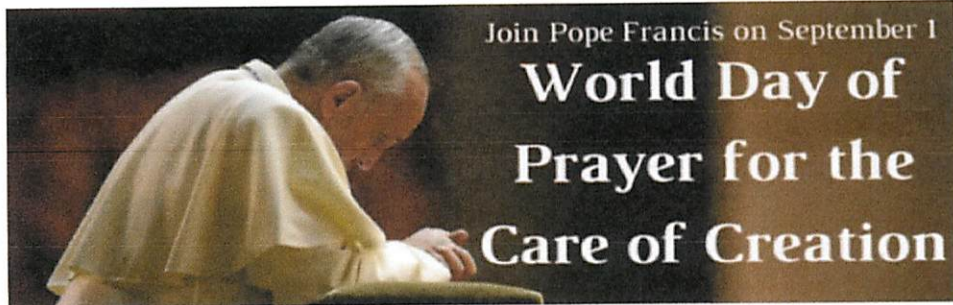
One thought that keeps crossing my mind in this abuse crises is that from Day 1 about 1/12 of our church leaders who have been bad news. It should not be a matter of grave disillusionment when we face a large percentage of hardened wolves amongst our prelates preying on the flock. 12 apostles were chosen, these 12 were close to Jesus, the highest honor and privilege. These 12 stayed for three years in the company of Divine Wisdom and Diviner Mercy and Divine Love incarnate in our LORD JESUS CHRIST. These 12 received Holy Communion at the Last Supper, the greatest gift God can give us, His very self. Yet, one of those, Judas, immediately betrayed Him. Immediately. We grew up knowing that from the beginning of our Church we have had a shocking 1/12 percentage of religious who have been given everything and betrayed Jesus and the Church. It should be no shock to us that this sad pattern has continued.

The other 11 also betrayed Jesus that same night and only one of those 11 had the courage to stand at the foot of the Cross. We are sinners, and our Church is led by sinners, mostly imperfect people who are committed to Jesus with a passion and some who are in the Judas category: blatant, unrepentant, hardened sinners. It has always been that way. It is up to us to be realistic and stand strong with the far larger percentage of our religious who are valiantly trying to lead us and minister to us despite their own human weaknesses. Our priests need our prayers. Our church needs our sacrifices. We also need to accept with patience the accountability and humiliations that as a Church we will suffer. It is ALL FOR CHRIST and our own souls.

I have been all  
things unholy;  
if God can  
work through  
me, He can  
work through  
anyone.

St Francis Assisi





## FEAST DAYS AND HOLY DAYS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTMEBER

Submitted by Lilian Soriano

**September 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her immaculate conception as the child of St. Joachim and Anne.

**September 9 - St. Peter Claver** - was a Spanish Jesuit priest and missionary who labored tirelessly to promote the welfare of people suffering slavery and to bring them the Sacraments. Due to his life and work, became the patron saint of slaves, the Republic of Colombia, seafarers, and the ministry of African Americans.

**September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross** - other name for the feast Triumph of the Cross, Elevation of the Cross, Holy Cross, referring to the Cross of Our Lord's Passion and Death. St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, is credited with having found the cross on which Jesus was crucified.

**September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows**, honoring Our Lady's terrible sufferings especially during the passion and death of Our Lord.

**September 16 - Pope St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian** – Pope St. Cornelius accepted being Pope around the year 250AD amid great persecutions. He was later exiled and suffered so much, he is considered a martyr. Bishop Cyprian encouraged Cornelius and wrote a book encouraging the faithful to be unified in love for the whole Church including particularly the Pope before he was martyred.

**September 20 - St. Andrew Kim Taegon, St. Paul Chong Hasang and Companions**- St. Andrew Kim was the first Korean born catholic priest and is the patron saint of Korea. He along with St. Paul Chong Hassang and 103 companions were brutally tortured and beheaded. They did not spill their blood in vain. Today, there are 5.1M Catholics in South Korea.

**September 21 - St. Matthew** - was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus and one of the four evangelists, also called Levi, the tax collector. His old trade entered a new service: The Accountant became an Evangelist; the ledger turned into a Gospel. He died a martyr's death.



**September 23 - St. Pio of Pietrelcina** - also named as Padre Pio, OFM Cap, was an Italian Priest who was known for his piety and charity, quality of his preaching as well as the gift of stigmata. He was a worthy follower of St. Francis of Assisi. He famously advise " Pray, hope and don't worry".

**Sept. 27 - St. Vincent de Paul** - was a French Roman Catholic Priest whose first formal education was provided by the Franciscans, who dedicated himself to serving the poor.

**Sept. 29 – Feast of the Archangels, St Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael.** The great **St. Michael** led the angels in the battle against Lucifer and his devils. **The Book of Tobit** recounts how **St. Raphael** guided Tobit's son Tobiah in his travels to restore the family's fortune and aided him as he sought to marry Sarah, helped heal Tobit's blindness.

**Sept 30 - St. Jerome** - was the most learned of the Fathers of the Western church. He is the second most voluminous writer in ancient Latin Christianity and recognized as the patron saint of translators, librarians and encyclopedist.