

THE ST. ANTHONY FRATERNITY NEWSLETTER



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Monthly Devotion: **BLESSED MOTHER MARY**

EASTER MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL MINISTER OFS-USA



It is said that hope is the last thing
to die.

***My God, my God, why have
you forsaken me?***

Darkness came over
the earth.

For many, hope died.

Hope died, but love did not.

Love cannot be killed.

Love lives.

Love lives in the heart torn open so wide that no sin
could come between us and God,

Love lives in the wounds that heal,

In the blood and water pouring
forth from his side.

Love lives in that first glad greeting of
Easter Morning,

Jesus has Risen!

*There is no greater love than this, than to lay down
one's life for a friend.*

This is the Love we live.

See Christ, Be Christ!

Happy Easter!

*Your sister and minister,
Jan Parker OFS*

SAF CANDIDACY RETREAT

All are welcomed to to attend a Candidacy Spiritual
Retreat for **Bill Parras** (SAF Newsletter Editor) on
May 11 (Saturday) from **9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**
Breakfast provided but bring your own sack lunch.
RSVP: Gerry at gmsrfo@aol.com or 505-873-2657.

SAF GATHERING RECAP

Our April SAF
Gathering was blessed
with guests **Angie
Carter** (Tommie's
sister) and **Colleen
Chavez** who were
invited by **Tommie**



**Angie, Tommie and
Coleen**

Page, Treasurer, OFS. **Israela Garcia**, Assistant
Minister, OFS graciously led this Gathering. In
lieu of praying the Liturgy of the Hours, we
prayed the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** in honor of
the celebration of **Divine Mercy Sunday**.
Israela used a handout entitled "**Unlimited
Mercy**" which listed citations from Lamentations
3:22-23, Luke 6:36, Matthew 5:7, 1 John 1:9;
Hebrews 4:16 and 1 Peter 1:3. We were requested
to select the citation that most resonated with us
and report the reason for their selection. Another
spiritual demo compared the unlimited mercy
that God gives us to water in a bowl. Using a
rubber suction dropper, Israela removed water
from the bowl and had her audience count each of
the 16 drops of water that she squeezed from the
dropper. Israela proclaimed that **God's mercy is
more prolific and overwhelming than all
the water in the world oceans! GOD IS
GOOD (when?), ALL THE TIME!!!!**



SAF APOSTOLATE: ST. FELIX PANTRY

This article is intended to renew our Fraternal awareness and resolve to increase our SAF Gathering donations and volunteer support for the St. Felix Pantry.



The Founder and visionary of St. Felix Pantry, **Felician Sister Genevieve**, was born Julia Ryskiewicz, of Polish decent, in Mosinee, Wisconsin on June 3, 1923. There were nine children in the family with Sister Genevieve the second oldest.

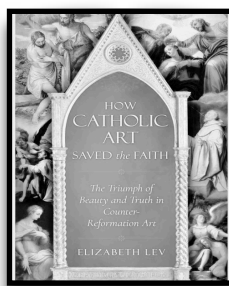
She moved to the new Rio Rancho Convent in 1976. Sister Genevieve began to travel around the area to pick up day old bread from various businesses and gave the bread out of the trunk of her car.

St. Felix Pantry is a nonprofit charitable organization incorporated in 1992. For well over **twenty five years, the Pantry has been a safety net for people struggling to support their families in times of crisis.** The Pantry provides (free of charge) food, clothing, household items, and referral services. But people served by the Pantry need more than food, clothing, and household items; **they need respect for their dignity, compassion for their suffering, hope for their children, and a place that welcomes and empowers them for their journey. These are the real gifts of the Pantry.** The need for these services has grown in relationship to the economic downturn: loss of jobs, rise in food and fuel costs, and recent cutbacks in welfare and healthcare benefits. Weekly, the pantry provides food for **1,000 individuals!**

St. Felix Pantry is located at **4020 Barbara Loop SE, Rio Rancho** and open five days a week, Tuesday–Saturday, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. **SAF — lets commit to increase our support for this worthy Franciscan cause!!**

“HOW CATHOLIC ART SAVED THE FAITH”

In the recent wake of flames causing colossal damage to the treasured **Notre Dame Cathedral** in Paris, there has been a new awakening not only in France but throughout the world on the importance and spiritual value of sacred art to our Catholic Faith.



A relevant book on this topic was published in 2018, written by **Elizabeth Lev**, and entitled “**How Catholic Art Saved the Faith**”. A brief review follows:

Not long after Martin Luther’s defiance of the Church, dialogue between Protestants and Catholics broke down and religious wars erupted across Europe. Desperate to restore unity of Faith, Catholic theologians turned to the arts to help reaffirm Catholic doctrines. Convinced that to win over the unlettered, the best place to fight heresy was not in the streets but in stone and canvas, they enlisted the best artists to create a glorious wave of beautiful works of art — Catholic works of sacred art — to draw people together.

Here’s the story of the vibrant, visual-arts SWAT team who’s war cry could have been “**Art for Faith’s sake!**” Over the years, it included Michelangelo, Caravaggio, Guido Reni, Annibale Carracci, Barocci, Bernini and Artemisa Gentileschi. Each of these creative souls, despite his own interior struggles, was a key player in this magnificent, generations-long project: the affirmation through beauty of the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church. The book includes an interesting storyline about the sacred painting entitled: “**St. Francis**” by **Federico Barocci depicting him receiving the stigmata in a tomb-like cave.**



MOTHER MARY ANGELA LETTER

March 27, 2019: We wish each of you a most blessed and grace-filled Lenten season, rich in interior growth, works of mercy, and renewal in the spirit. **As you reflected at last month's Fraternity gathering, the strong grace of Lent opens the way for us to "conversion times three."** May your generous and enthusiastic response to God's call during this holy season lead you farther toward the triple goal of deep and realistic personal conversion, communal conversion within Fraternity, and thus conversion within the broader community and the world. If you haven't been to Confession in a while, now is the ideal opportunity! **Within our Poor Clare community, we always find that our efforts toward conversion are strengthened when we work together toward our common goal and hone our focus.**

Saint Francis and Saint Clare greatly prized this holy season, and they are eager to share with us their love for Jesus, crucified and risen. Our seraphic Father's Office of the Passion, a regular part of the prayer life of both Francis and Clare, offers profound insight into the eternal significance of Christ's Passion. Our Mother St. Clare meditated daily upon her suffering Spouse, and taught her young sisters, both by her words and her own example, to weep over the afflictions endured by Christ. In our own times, we are also summoned to grieve over the afflictions of Christ's Franciscan vocation of intensified devotion to Jesus therefore invites us to draw close to him in the poor, victimized, the anguished. This special privilege of our vocation is one to be nurtured, cherished, and lived with the eyes of faith.

The dawning light of this year's Eastertide will herald jubilee joy here at the monastery. I am enclosing an invitation to **Sister Juanita's golden celebration. Please join with us in thanking the Bridegroom for his fidelity**

Financial Statements for Mar./Apr. 2019

	MAR.	APR.
MONTHLY DONORS	13	11
INCOME		
Regular Contributions	\$560.00	\$445.00
Endowment Interest	81.69	78.59
Exceptional Income		5.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$641.69	\$528.59
TOTAL DEPOSITED	\$641.69	\$528.59
EXPENSES		
RECURRING EXP.		
Spiritual Asst. Stipend	\$75.00	\$75.00
Council Admin. Supplies	25.50	
Formation		144.00
Newsletter Supplies/ Printing	14.37	14.37
Newsletter Postage	44.00	44.00
Poor Clares Donation	75.00	75.00
Franciscan Friars Donation	50.00	50.00
Contingency Transfer	50.00	50.00
Subtotal Recurring Expenses	333.87	452.37
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$333.87	\$452.37
BEGIN. BALANCE	\$4,088.07	\$4,395.89
ENDING BALANCE	\$4,395.89	\$4,472.11
CONTINGENCY FUND	\$1,812.02	\$1,862.17

during our sister's fifty years of consecrated life. Your families, parish communities, and loved ones are remembered in our intercession during these holy Lenten days. We pray that this time of "spiritual reflowering" strengthen your courage, commitment, and trust, as you draw closer to the Man of Sorrows, who is near to each one of us in the depth of our hearts.

Mother Mary Angela, P. C. C.


May/June SAF Calendar			
May 4	Council Meeting	ABP*	9:00-12:00pm
May 5	Fraternity Eucharistic Celebration	Immaculate Conception Church	9:00am
May 5	Candidacy Class	Rena's Home	1:00-3:00 pm
May 11	New Candidacy Spiritual Retreat	ABP*	9:00-3:30pm
May 11	Orientation Class	Rena's Home	10:00am-12 pm
May 19	Candidacy Class	ABP*	12:30-2:00pm
May 19	FRATERNITY GATHERING (CANDIDATE ADMISSION) (ABP*) 2:00-5:00pm St Felix Pantry Donations (Refer below)		
June 2	Candidacy Class	Rena's Home	1:00-3:00 pm
June 8	Council Meeting	ABP*	9:00-12:00pm
June 15	Orientation Class	Rena's Home	10:00am-12 pm
June 23	Candidacy Class	ABP*	12:30-2:00pm
June 23	ST. ANTHONY FEASTDAY PICNIC (ABP*) 2:00-5:00pm St. Martin Hopeworks		
June 30	Council Meeting	ABP*	9:00-12:00pm

ABP means "A Becoming Place", 1350 Lakeview SW

Hospitality Assignments		
May 19	2	Abraham, Ed & Carol Ann, Margaret, Rex, Felis
June 23	3	Victor & Rena, Mary Lou, Connie, Frances
July 28	4	Marilyn, Israela, Luciana, Gerry, Laura, Tony

ST. FELIX PANTRY DONATION NEEDS:
All canned goods (fruit, beans, tuna, canned meat etc.); individually wrapped snacks (crackers, granola bars, etc.)

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS:

	Felis Armijo	May 3
	Gloria Quesada	May 8
	Tommie Page	May 12
	Rena Xuereb	May 29

WE PRAY FOR:

Fred Bates, Isadore (Alcaria Valdez's son), Marilyn Migliarini, Marge Armijo, Margaret Martinez, Maria Lucero (Frances' mother), Ernestine Sedillo, Tommie Page and her daughters (Nanette and Stephanie). Jeannette Feldman, Connie Jo Martinez, Elizabeth Chavez, Barbara Heilman, Art and Erma Lente, Eva Bevington, John and Nancy Fishel, Linda and her family, Kevin, Derek Kolb, Cheryl Thomas (Br. Gordon's sister), Clare Domenici and Karen Fellner's sister.

For the repose of the souls

of: Fr. Emeric Nordmeyer, OFM; Pedro Padilla (Frances' nephew); Winifred Klimka; Cidro Gallegos (Rena's brother); Dorothy Swanson; Minnie Vasquez (Espiritu Santo); Wilfred Otero; Arturo Olivas; and Harry Martinez (Connie Jo's husband).




40TH CELEBRATION OF 1978 OFS RULE

CIOFS FORMATION THE RULE
The Challenge

Do I follow Christ in the footsteps of Francis

"to observe the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by following the example of Saint Francis of Assisi"
Art 4

1=never;
2=rarely;
3=sometimes;
4=often;
5=always



PREACH THE GOSPEL
AT ALL TIMES AND,
WHEN NECESSARY,
USE WORDS.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

40 Celebrating
years
Of the OFS Rule
1978 - 2018

**FRANCISCAN REFLECTION:
ST. FRANCIS AND MARY,
MOTHER OF JESUS**

One of the most important figures in Christianity is Mary, the mother of Jesus. **The biographers of St. Francis explained his relationship to Mary as one of “indefinable love” because she made the Lord of majesty to be our brother.** The small chapel dedicated to Our Lady of the Angels was one of the early churches St. Francis rebuilt and was the place his order began to grow.

St. Francis' love for Mary was shown in his prayers and how he lived his life. He used Mary as a model for how he could try to follow Jesus. There were two major prayers that Francis wrote and these prayers can help us follow her example as a disciple of Jesus.

The first of these is called **“A Salutation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.”**

*Hail, O Lady, Holy Queen, Mary, holy Mother of God,
Who are the Virgin made Church,
chosen by the most Holy Father in heaven
whom he consecrated with His most holy beloved Son
and with the Holy Spirit the Paraclete, in whom there
was and is all fullness of grace and every good.
Hail, His Palace! Hail, His Tabernacle!
Hail, His Dwelling! Hail, His Robe!
Hail, His Servant! Hail, His Mother!
And Hail, all You holy virtues which are poured into
the hearts of the faithful through the grace and
enlightenment of the Holy Spirit
that from being unbelievers
You may make them faithful to God.*

This prayer uses many titles and images to describe Mary, but the most original was when he calls her the “Virgin Made Church.” **St. Francis writes that Mary has set an example of how our church and its people should be faithful and do service for others.** She is faithful to God, even though she does not know what lies ahead, and accepts the challenge by God. This sets an example for all within the church to answer God’s calling. The Church started within her because she was, in a way, a tabernacle. She held

the body and blood of Christ within her, protecting it similar to the tabernacle in a church.

The 2nd prayer that Francis wrote about Mary is the **Antiphon from the Office of the Passion.**

*Holy Virgin Mary, among the women
born into the world, there is no one like you.
Daughter and servant of the most high and supreme
King and of the Father in heaven,
Mother of our most Holy Lord Jesus Christ, Spouse of
the Holy Spirit, pray for us with St. Michael the
Archangel, all the powers of heaven and all the saints
at the side of your most holy beloved Son,
our Lord and Teacher.*

St. Francis would have prayed this prayer numerous times a day as he was praying the psalms of the Church’s Liturgy. Francis uses all these loving images to describe Mary and her relationship with God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Also, in his writings he often referred to her as a “holy mother” showing his love and connection.** And he built these relationships not only with Mary, but built these personal relationships with everyone and everything. A good way to understand how Francis felt about Mary is to think about how we love our own mother.

We might be surprised by how much St. Francis wrote about Mary and it really showed his love and affection for her. He showed us how to develop a deeper relationship with her in our life. Francis encourages us to be just as faithful to God as Mary. **Although we might not be tested as much as Mary, we can do the little things in life to strengthen our faith.**



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St. Anthony of Padua

We are the *Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis*
(The Secular Franciscan Order) in the
United States of America.

We live our vocation in
our Lady of Guadalupe,

Empress of the Americas Region.

Our Franciscan Community is the St.
Anthony Fraternity in Albuquerque, NM.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: We, the fraternity of St. Anthony, inspired by the vision of St. Francis, commit ourselves to the Gospel as our Way of Life: "Going from Gospel to Life and from Life to Gospel." We believe that we are called to fraternity to share a life of joy and peace as well as to draw our inspiration from the cross of Jesus as Francis did. We believe that we are called to be renewed continually through the celebration of the Eucharist and to go forth to rebuild the Church through our witness.