



St. Anthony Fraternity Newsletter

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Message from the Spiritual Assistant

Dearest sisters and brothers of St. Francis,

The heat and dryness of summer is fast ending as we experience more of the monsoon season with cooler temperatures. But the rain we call a blessing in New Mexico, is considered danger and hardship in other parts of the country. Especially now, the people comprising the southern part of our country have lost much due to hurricane bombardments. Many residents escaped with their lives but lost their livelihoods. When watching the TV news, the reporters try to offer hope — but the camera lens sees much misery. And the higher drone footage shows astonishing devastation.

Our Franciscan lives are also in transition — transitus. It's a wonderful blessing that the feast days of Our Holy Father St. Francis happen in early autumn. It may be taken as a reminder that, although our creating God has given us life to enjoy, "Winter is coming!" That, although we have been given much, we have not (always) accepted the Cross of Life. That's why it is important to remember the deathbed admonition of our beloved founder: "Let us begin again, for up until now, ... we have done little or nothing."

The good Lord *always* provides us time to begin again. And the Church's Liturgical Season of Advent (Nov. 27) provides another reminder. It's never too early to step on to the Path of conversion. Let us strive to set aside a moment to promise to rediscover the personal relationship Jesus wishes to enjoy with each of us. The Gospels await our prayerful imagination. Peace and Goodwill.

Brother Gordon, O.F.M.
Spiritual Assistant

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Council Meeting - Friday, October 21, 10 am

Fraternity Gathering

Sunday, October 23, 2 pm

Formation Classes:

Candidacy Phase- Meeting Time: Sat. 10-12

November 12 – Fraternity Life

November 26 – Membership in the OFS

Orientation Phase – Meeting Time: Sun. 1-3

November 13: Chapter 2

Three Orders/Structure/Discernment

December 11: Chapter 3

Francis, Clare & Catholic Doctrine

Prayers, love, and support to

Lisa Barczak, Geri Blanco,

Reina Romero, Ann Sims,

and Lisa Trujillo as they begin

their Franciscan journey—the path
from Orientation, to Candidacy, and
then Profession as Secular Order
Franciscans.

A two-day retreat, Immaculee Ilibagiza,
Oct 28, 4-9 pm & Oct 29, 8-12 am –

A Rwanda genocide survivor will speak
about the power of prayer
and miracles of the Rosary

Hosted by St. Anne Church, 505-877-3131

st.anne.abq@gmail.com &

www.immaculee.com for ticket information

Financial Statement for July/Aug 2022		
	July	Aug
Monthly Donors	12	14
INCOME		
Regular Contributions	945.00	745.00
Endowment Interest		
Exceptional Income		
Book Fee	10.00	
Picnic Food		133.33
Subtotal for Exceptional Income	10.00	133.33
TOTAL INCOME	995.57	797.26
TOTAL DEPOSITED	1005.57	930.59
EXPENSES		
Recurring Expenses		
Spiritual Asst. Stipend	75.00	75.00
Council Admin, Supplies		16.85
Infirmarian Team	0	0
Formation Expenses		38.85
Newsletter Administrative Supplies/Printing	0	37.96
Newsletter Postage		36.00
Website Fee	0	0
Poor Clares Donation	75.00	75.00
Franciscan Friars Donation	50.00	50.00
Regional Fair Share	0	0
Contingency Transfer	50.00	50.00
Exceptional Expenses		
Picnic Food		133.33
Subtotal for Exceptional Expenses		133.33
TOTAL EXPENSES	250.00	379.56
Beginning Balance	5744.36	6500.13
Ending Balance	6500.13	6917.73
CONTINGENCY FUND		
Beginning Balance	3777.33	3827.33
Transfer from Expenses	50.00	50.00
Earned Dividend	0	0
Total Contingency Fund	3827.33	3877.33

Celebrating October Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

Jeanette Feldman Oct. 10

Avelina Battaglia Oct. 18

Marie Allen Oct. 31

Message from the Minister

Brothers and Sisters in Francis,

As we enter into the fall months in anticipation of winter, let us place ourselves in a spirit of gratitude. Looking forward to the first coming of Christ we begin to feel the warmth in our hearts that brings back beautiful memories of holiday seasons past. The excitement of the coming festivities with our families and friends will soon begin to take over our thoughts and actions. But I ask you, my brothers and sisters, to commit to a more prayerful preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth. You may be thinking: "It isn't even Thanksgiving yet!" Why wait until Thanksgiving to give thanks? Is there any way that we can be examples of gratitude to those around us? Let's start with our families, our co-workers, our friends and strangers. Think twice before you utter a complaint. Put yourself in another's shoes before you judge them. That is what our brother Francis would want us to do, especially if we claim to be Franciscans.

Think about our Mother Mary and how her preparation for "Christmas" was starkly different from ours. At this point she would be almost seven months pregnant. My prayer for all of us in the St. Anthony Fraternity, is that we take Mary's hand and walk with her to Bethlehem where she will give birth to Salvation. Pray for her grace to fill our hearts so that we can share them with each other.

God bless you in Jesus and Francis,
Your sis, Israela

Ongoing Formation

October 23, 2022

We will review:

For All the Saints:

Miserando Atque

Eligendo pp. 53-56

We will have a lesson and discussion on the themes of All Saints and All Souls. If you would like to bring a photo of beloved family members and/or friends, we will place them on an altar.

Prayer service will be from Christian Prayer
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Pray for the repose of the souls of our brother and sisters who death anniversaries are in October & November:

Eve Bevington

10/05/20

Charles Johnson

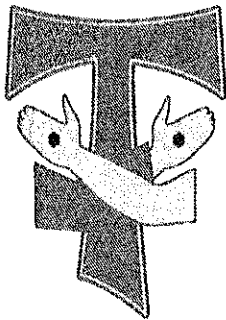
10/29/20

Marge Armijo

11/16/19

Pray for the health of our sister,
Clare Domenici

The September Gathering *** The brothers and sisters gathered at A Becoming Place September 25, 2022. The Liturgy of the Hours, Evening Prayer was in commemoration of the Stigmata of Our Holy Father Francis, whose feast day of the Stigmata was on September 17. Pope Benedict XI (1303-1304) allowed this feast to be observed within the Franciscan family. Thomas of Celano wrote in The Life of Francis : “While he (Francis) was staying in that hermitage called La Verna...he saw in the vision of God a man, having six wings like a Seraph, standing over him, arms extended and feet joined, affixed to a cross. Two of his wings were raised up, two were stretched out over his head as if for flight, and two covered his whole body. When the blessed servant of the Most High saw these things, he was filled with the greatest awe...While he was unable to perceive anything clearly understandable from the vision, its newness very much pressed upon his heart. Signs of the nails began to appear on his hands and feet, just as he had seen them... on the crucified man.”



In reflection, we asked ourselves: Identifying with Christ—is this the real goal of my life? How much effort to I put into this?

Minister Israela continued our ongoing formation. We read from a poem about the season of Autumn. The message is that no season is without purpose. There are seasons of pain, joy, plenty, and scarcity. In each of these seasons God desires to shape and teach us. We must be

aware and not let the hustle of life obscure the purpose of the season. We shared our thoughts on the season we are in right now; and the purpose God has for us in this season.

The Gathering concluded with a handout prepared for commemorating the Transitus of St. Francis service in our own homes at sunset (approximately 7:00 pm), on Monday, October 3. The service includes Evening Prayer from Liturgy of the Hours, excerpts from Francis' Testament to his brothers in 1226 shortly before he died, which ended with the words from Francis, “The Lord revealed a greeting to me that we should say: “ May the Lord give you peace.” Francis died during the closing verse of Psalm 142.



A Transitus Tradition

A tradition started among Franciscan to commemorate the Transitus by preparing and sharing almond confections to call to mind that Jacoba was a comfort to St. Francis in his final moments. He asked for the noblewoman to come and bring him her almond cookies of which he was very fond. He wanted one more taste of them as he believed death was a time to celebrate. It signified that his long search for the Creator Who loved him into existence would finally be over.

Italian Almond Cookies	Makes 3 Dozen Cookies
Ingredients: ¼ cup Amaretto (in place of liquor, you can substitute ½ teaspoon rum extract)	
¼ teasp. salt * ½ teasp. pure almond extract * ½ teasp pure vanilla extract	
2/3 cup brown sugar * 2 large egg whites * 2-1/2 cups blanched almonds (additional 36 almonds set aside for garnishing)	
Preparation: Set eggs out for about an hour to get them to room temperature	
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. * Lightly grease 2 large baking sheets.	
Pulverize 2-1/2 cups almonds in a food processor * Add 1/3 cup brown sugar to the almonds. Mix until well blended. Scrape sides as necessary. Set aside.	
Whisk egg whites. Add salt while whisking until soft peaks form. Gently add 1/3 cup brown sugar to the egg whites. Keep whisking egg whites and sugar mix until Stiff shiny peaks form. Gradually fold in ground almond to the sugar/egg mixture.	
Add almond and vanilla extracts. Add either the Amaretto or rum extract to the mixture now. Using your hands, roll mixture into little 1-inch balls. Place each ball about 2 inches apart on baking sheets and flatten each slightly.	
Top each cookie with one of the almonds set aside for garnishing.	
Bake until cookies are golden brown (about 25 minutes.)	
Allow cookies to cool on racks.	

Hospitality for October will be provided by Group 2: Victor and Rena Xuereb, 505-306-2005; Mary Lou Narvaez, 505-235-5772; Rex & Jeanette Schlicher, 505-839-9397; Margret Martinez, 505-899-6410; Abraham Placencio, 505-730-1838; Gerry Rohrkemper, 505-837-2657

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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 Life to the Gospel". We believe that we are called to be renewed continually through the celebration of the Eucharist and go forth to rebuild the Church through our witness.

We are the Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis (The Secular 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 located in Albuquerque, New Mexico.