



St Anthony of Padua Fraternity Bulletin

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Dates to Remember

SUNDAY APRIL 28, 3PM
ST ANTHONY OF PADUA FRA-
TERNITY ELECTIONS
ST BRIDGETS CHURCH
(MANDATORY MEETING)

THURSDAY MAY 2, 7:00PM -
INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE
ST. BONAVENTURE'S BLOOM-
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MAY COUNCIL MEETING—TBD
BY NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL

TUESDAY MAY 14, 8:00 AM
FRATERNITY MASS INTENTION
AT ST. BRIDGETS

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 3PM ST. AN-
THONY OF PADUA FRATERNITY
MEETING -ST. BRIDGET'S
CHURCH

THURSDAY, JUNE 13-FEAST DAY
OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA-
MASS AT ST BRIDGET'S
CHURCH MASS TIME TBD

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

April Column—Maria Lucia

April Liturgy — Will

Rule Presentation— Rule 5

Mike McDounough

Elections -

Visitation -TBD

April Treats — Fraternity mem-
bers

May Column—TBD

May Liturgy -TBD

Rule Presentation- Rule 6

Mona Wolney

Ongoing Formation-Will

Treats-Fraternity Members

A Life in Fraternity!

Herman Kubow—8/9/1932—4/8/2019



On April 8, 2019 our Fraternity sent another of our brothers and sisters back to the Lord. It does not matter to us how old he was, or how infirm he became. Herman was one of our most dedicated brothers in Francis, and our Fraternity and our Mother Church was the better for his membership. Herman was a model of loyalty and dedication. He took his calling to be a follower of Francis seriously and he was all in from the beginning. We were blessed to have him in many servant leadership roles including Minister. He taught us about Social Justice and the dignity of work and was a model of one who is a “doer of the Word.” We will miss him greatly, as we miss all of our brothers and sisters who have passed through

the years. Well done, good and faithful servant!

(Below is a visitation report from Mona Wolney who visited with Herman along with Carol the night before he died)

Carol and Mona visited Herman who is now staying at the Good Samaritan home in Robbinsdale between trips to the Veterans hospital. We found Herman alert as the nurses were trying to get him to eat some afternoon snacks. When he saw Mona he smiled with that twinkle and said “hello kiddo!” We had a great time walking down memory lane with his stories about Presidents Eisenhower, who he said was “a really kind man” and Kennedy, who was his favorite President. We talked about his time in the Navy including his years at Camp David and in Korea. He told us a sad story of his best buddy from North Dakota who he met when he entered the service. Herman said they went to a big party with a pig roast that the ND town threw for him and his buddy, he said he could not believe everyone in the whole town came. He begged his friend to join him working in Camp David but his buddy wanted to go overseas, which is what he did but sadly ended dying there. Herman has lived a pretty amazing life and experienced things none of us can imagine. We prayed with him and let him rest after talking non-stop for over an hour. Keep Herman in your prayers.

CHAPTER TWO: THE WAY OF LIFE

5. 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.

NEWS FROM BROWNS VALLEY—

We did not have our meeting for April because I made up the agenda and forgot to send it out. Nobody but Richard and I showed up. So I cancelled it. I felt that we did have such a good time at the Spring Gathering in Little Falls that we could skip this one. We do want to thank Mona Wolney for the marvelous job she did for us. Everyone enjoyed her talk. We got so much out of it. Looking forward for her next talk.
Edith Foren—Minister



Next Secular Mass Intentions



Tuesday	5/14 8:00 AM @ St. Bridget's Church
Thursday	6/13 St. Anthony of Padua Feast Day TBD
Tuesday	7/16 8:00 AM @ St. Bridget's Church



LaRayne Theis

After attending the March 2019 Franciscan Spring Gathering in Little Falls, Tim, Tammy and Mona immediately headed over to the home where La-Rayne now lives just a couple blocks away from the Franciscan Convent. When we entered

the room LaRayne was lying on her bed resting and Tammy was the first person who walked into the room and who LaRayne saw. I wish I could have had a photo of LaRayne's face when she saw Tammy; it was confusion, amazement, surprise and utter joy! Tim and I were right behind and she could not have been happier to see us...she hardly had words to describe her surprise. We spent some time hearing about her 90th birthday party her family had just held for her with flowers, balloons and cake; she could not stop talking about it and how much reading the birthday cards gave her so much joy. She told us her favorite day of the week was Thursday because the staff came to her room, picked her up and she was treated to a bubble bath and her hair getting done...she said she felt special and pampered. After a nice visit we prayed together and she accompanied us to the front door in her wheelchair to send us off. Seeing LaRayne so happy and settled was such a blessing for us! We sent fraternity love to her as well.

TREASURER'S REPORT

3/17/19 General Fund Balance	\$ 694.30
March Collection	105.00
Subtotal	799.30
Memorial Fund Balance 01/20/19	+28.32
Total Balance as of 4/28/19	827.62

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the healing and peace of Christ to the sick, suffering, and homebound including Virginia, Barb, Rose, and Mary Ann Witzman and for their caregivers and for those fraternity members who have fallen from fraternity life, that Francis may speak to their hearts and minds.
- For the repose of the soul of Herman Kubow' and Devin Gaines (Diana's grandson) and for we who mourn their loss.
- For Sharon's son, David.
- For a successful Regional Ministers' meeting.
- In thanksgiving to our previous Council for all their time and efforts.
- For our newly elected council that they be dedicated servants to our fraternity.
- For Maria Lucia as she works and prays toward her profession as OSF.
- For our men and women who are away serving our country.
- For Will's sister Frances for healing
- For blessings on all who are in the Franciscan family, and that God will strengthen their commitment.
- For our church and our individual parishes and parish families.
- For the REC of Queen of Peace Region and all of our members.
- For an increase in vocations to the Franciscan way of life.
- For those who struggle with depression, PTSD or mental health issues may they find the help and a way to heal.
- For those who are alone and lonely may they know God's love.
- For a return to the church for those who have left our flock, most especially our family members.
- For all unborn children, that they especially be protected from the legislation in states that allow for their killing up to the moment of birth.
- For your personal intentions.



Prayer for Friars God of all, You are the source of all hope to your children, and through the gift of your Son you have shown us how to call on You in our hour of need. Hear our prayer this day. Bring peace to your church and to Third Order Regular Franciscans. Protect all our Franciscan communities and make whole any brokenness that has been caused by sin and evil. Keep the friars safe under your protection and grace, in their life of service with the Franciscan orders and your church throughout our communities of faith.

We make this prayer in the name of your only Son Jesus, whom you gave to us as an example of victory over sin and death, now and forever, Amen.

April Article— By Maria Lucia

Dear Brother's and Sister's in Christ, may the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be ever in your lives. May His ever Merciful Love pour out in overabundance and consume your hearts.

11 o'clock at night. The musky clouds hung thick and low in the sky. On the other side of a deserted parking lot, the band slowly crooned a cover of Bon Jovi. Serenely and peacefully, we sat on the edge of the curb. Was this it? Were these last few moments of quiet companionship the end? After years of sharing our hearts, our lives, our most cherished experiences... was it really all over?

A season ends. A season begins. Why? Why, when everything is going so well. Why? Why, when we are all so happy? Why? After 5 years of continual companionship, of sharing hours per day, multiple days per week with these dearest of friends, God was calling us to part. Why? Why do things need to change?

But, are these the true questions? No. The true questions? "What does God want of me in this change? Where is God leading me? How can I best serve God in this new area of my life?" Hard questions!

But, is change, an ever present part of our lives, for bigger or smaller, an evil? No. **Change is a source of ever loving good.** God will not call us out of goodness into nothingness. As His beloved children, He calls us to share in His salvific work. He brings us from one area of life, one calling, one mission, into another.

We, as His humble children, trust in His fatherly care for us. When He leads us into these new areas of life, we humbly accept them, out of holy humility, and place ourselves into His caring embrace with childlike love.

Our dearest Lord never leaves us abandoned to the sadness, to the loneliness, to the change. He is continually there with us.

"After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them and kneeling, He prayed, saying, 'Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done.' And to strengthen Him an angel from heaven appeared to him." - Luke 22: 42-43

In times of change, we can look to our dearest Savior in the Garden of Olives. Oh, what a season of change! How much love! To end one season of ministry and begin a season of suffering! Our dearest Lord longs for us. He longs to share with us His joy, His glory. But to share His joy, to share His glory, we must also share His suffering. However, joyfully, we don't need to do this on our own. Our good and loving Lord carries the cross with us. He does not make us struggle by ourselves. When we face sadness, change, pain, and suffering, He is right there with us just as He is with us in joy, happiness, peacefulness, and love.

But let us not stop with the Garden of Olives. Change does not stop with the horrible suffering and death... No! Our Lord's season of change leads from pain into a season of Joy! A season of happy rebirth! Easter Sunday! Our Lord Has Risen! All is made new!

When our Lord calls us to a change, whether big or small, He is calling us to share in His mission of sanctification. We, His humble instruments, accept this call. We embrace it. We follow it with willing, childlike hearts, trusting that He will take care of us through everything. This He will do. He will never abandon us.

Oh Dearest Jesus! We place all our trust, all our hope, all our love in You!

An Easter Canticle

Sing to the Lord a new canticle: for He has done wonderful things. His right hand has sanctified His Son; and His arm is holy.

The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His justice in the sight of the gentiles.

In the day time the Lord has commanded His mercy: and a canticle to Him in the night.

This is the day which the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Blessed be He that comes in the name of the Lord.

The Lord is God and He has shone upon us.

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad: let the sea be moved and the fullness thereof.

The fields shall rejoice and all that are in them.

Bring to the Lord, all you nations of the gentiles, bring to the Lord glory and honor:

bring to the Lord glory unto His Name.