



# The XXIII News

St. John XXIII, OFS fraternity

Secular Franciscan Order~USA

February ♥ 2022

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We are Secular Franciscans living in the world and sharing our Franciscan Charism by “going from gospel to life, and life to the gospel”, by following Jesus Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare; and by following our apostolic Rule we strive to build up the Kingdom of God in our lifetimes by our prayers, works and fraternal community.*

## February Gathering

**February 13 – Meeting**, Activities building, St. Bonaventure's, Room #4, 1:00-3:30 pm.

*Bring your filled water bottle!*

**Liturgy of the Hours** – Kathie Sirek

*Bring your cell phone, tablet or prayerbook!*

**Franciscan Gospel Sharing** – Kathy Sirek

**On-Going Formation** – *A Knight and a Lady*, Ch. 1

**Snacks** – Kathie Sirek

**Fruit** – Kathie Sirek

## February III Order Feasts

6. SS. Peter Baptist, Paul Miki and 17 tertiaries
7. Bl. Pius IX – Pope
10. Bl. Alojzije Stepinac
16. St. Veridiana
19. St. Conrad of Piacenza
25. Profession of Norma Noonan, 2018



## February Formation

**Initial Formation for Candidate** – ZOOM, February 22, 1:30 pm. Preparation for Profession.

**On-Going Formation** – *A Knight and a Lady*, Ch. 1

## Pope's/Ciofs Prayers for Feb.

**Pope's Universal:** We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

**CIOFS:** For the national fraternities of Argentina and Venezuela.

## March Gathering

**March 13 – Meeting**, Activities building, St. Bonaventure's, Room #4, 1:00-3:30 pm.

*Bring your filled water bottle!*

**Liturgy of the Hours** – Tim Taormina

*Bring your cell phone, tablet or prayerbook!*

**ELECTION –all members must be in attendance!**

**Kim Pappas, OFS**, Regional Minister, will be the Presider of our fraternity elections. Bring a pen!

**Snacks** – Kathy Taormina

**Fruit** – Mary Kopelke

## March III Order Feasts

2. Mary Ann Bucklin's birthday
2. **ASH WEDNESDAY**
3. St. Katherine Drexel
9. St. Frances of Rome
12. Bl. Angela Salawa
14. St. Catherine de Genes
16. Bl. Torello de Poppi
19. St. Joseph
20. Bl. Hippolyte Galentini
21. Bl. Amedee IX de Savoie
23. Bl. Jeremie Lambertenghi
24. Bl. Catherine de Suede
25. **ANNUNCIATION of the LORD**
29. Bl. Jeanne-Marie de Maille
30. Bl. Amadeus IX of Savoy

## Fraternity Prayer List

**We pray for:**

The victim's and the families affected by fires, flooding, droughts & earthquakes;  
Those displaced from their homes & countries;  
An end to the Covid19 pandemic & all its variants  
and for all those who have died of this virus;

The decrease in the polarization of our country and her people over politics, religion, and health care and for the country's healing & peace;  
St. Junipero Serra Emerging Fraternity whom we sponsor;  
Sue's sisters Patty and Cathy and her brother Greg's business and Luis and Noé;  
Mary Ann's sister Susie, healing from an infection; Bonita's body to be pain free;  
Lori's asking for prayers for youth at St. Michael's. Health and safety of friends and family;  
Janet's thanksgiving for all God's blessings, and for all my family members, living and deceased; total healing of her son Scotty;  
Mary's niece Ashley and oldest sister JoAnn;  
Joan's friends and family, the Franciscans and for no further Covid cases at the LSTP;  
Norma's friend Karen;  
Kay's continued health and happiness;  
Trudy's successful radiation treatments and total healing and for her kids & grandkids;  
Kathie's prayers of gratitude to God;  
Mitzi and her family's intercessions and the total healing of Joe;  
Kathy & Tim's family for health and job security and for a safe delivery of their twin grandchildren this summer;  
Jim's friends Landon & Theresa and new infant Theresa Maria for total healing;  
Fr. Steve, his writings, studies and his students;  
All the friars as they adjust to their new places;  
The new Order of priests at St. Bonaventure's;  
Dan Mohs, brother of John Mohs;  
And all the prayers in the depths of our hearts!

## Fraternity Infirmerian Report

This month, on behalf of our Fraternity, I have sent a "Sympathy" card, along with our prayers, to Iris Sanford, OFS, the acting minister of the St. Junipero Serra Emerging Fraternity, whose mother passed away in December. I also sent "Thinking of You" cards to Joe and Mitzi Speranzella, Trudy Phillips, Bonita Hartmann, and Lori Hinker, who had Covid recently. Let us remember them in prayer, for their health and well-being, and let us keep each other, and all our sisters and brothers, living and deceased, in our thoughts and prayers. "Let us spread the good news that PRAYER IS OUR STRENGTH" *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

Respectfully submitted by Janet Holmes, OFS

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## Fraternity Minutes

**January 9, 2022 – ZOOM Meeting**

ZOOM Attendees: Mary Ann Bucklin, Jim Terry, Mary Kopelke, Trudy Phillips, Fr. Steve McMichael, Tim and Kathy Taormina, Kathie Sirek, Lori Hinker, Sue Allen, and Janet Holmes.

Liturgy of the Hours: led by Kathy Taormina.

Franciscan Gospel Sharing: led by Kathy Taormina, taken from the 3rd chapter of Luke, The Baptism of the Lord. This was the beginning of Jesus's public ministry and is a call to all of us who share in Baptism to act on the gift of grace that is given to us. It can be seen as a transitional message of hope for the future. It relates closely with both article 6 and article 13 of our Franciscan rule and is a call to action.

On-Going Formation:

After opening with prayer the Extraction of Saints was conducted. These have been mailed out and you should have a Franciscan Holy person to research and ask for intercessory prayers for, a Bible verse to contemplate, a virtue to cultivate, an admonition from St. Francis to encourage you and a Fraternity member to remember in prayer throughout the year. We will share some of these saint stories during our May retreat. Psalm 150 concluded the Epiphany extraction rite.

Meeting:

Kathy Sirek opened the business meeting with prayer from the Ritual.

Old Business

Minutes of the December Meeting were approved without correction.

New Business

The 2022 proposed budget had been prepared and presented to the council and was presented to the Fraternity for approval. Tim Taormina made a motion and Jim Terry seconded the acceptance of the proposed budget. The proposed budget was accepted without dissent.

Kathy Taormina and Mary Kopelke shared the blessings of our Christmas Apostolates. Our Fraternity gifted over \$2000 and personal gifts to 3 families in need and the Poor Clare's in Rochester. It was a wonderful, a type of miraculous experience

for both those who gave and those who received.  
GOD IS GOOD!

The next order of business on the agenda was the upcoming Fraternity elections due in March. The list of Offices and nomination process is in your hands. We must have a slate of candidates and we must have an election to avoid a sticky situation. Look over, pray over, the information sent out with your extraction of Saints and respond in a timely manner. It means a lot. Tim Taormina volunteered to serve as the Nomination Committee Chair.

Kathie Sirek closed with the prayer from the Ritual.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Terry, OFS

## Fraternity Treasury Report

**\$2,531.83 Total as of January 1, 2022**

### Income:

\$ 250.00 January Common Fund

### Expenses from common fund:

\$ 867.00 2022 SJ23 Fair Share to Region

\$ 360.00 2022 SJS Fair Share to Region

**\$1,554.83 Total as of February 1, 2022**

### Restricted Funds:

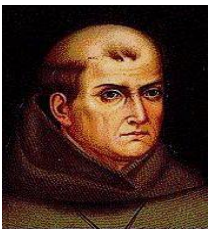
\$ 780.73 Meagher Memorial Formation Fund

\$ 900.00 2023 Fair Share for 15

\$ 385.00 2023 Fair Share SJS 6 OFS/1 Cand.

**\$2,065.73 Total Restricted Funds**

**\$ 0 Available Funds as of Feb. 1, 2022**



## St. Junipero Serra Emerging Fraternity News

In December we hosted Dan Tracy who gave a presentation on Bl. Solanus Casey. It was a nice way to end our year. The January meeting and parish after-mass social was cancelled due to contact with a parishioner who was positive for Covid. We hope to meet yet in January. Peace and all good!

Respectfully submitted by Louise Hiem, OFS

## Gospel - Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon.

And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,  
for the kingdom of God is yours.

Blessed are you who are now hungry,  
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who are now weeping,  
for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude and insult you,  
and denounce your name as evil on  
account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!

Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.

For their ancestors treated the prophets in the  
same way.

But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are filled now,  
for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,  
for you will grieve and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you,  
for their ancestors treated the false  
prophets in this way."

## SJ23<sup>rd</sup> Council

**Minister** – Kathleen Sirek, OFS 651-666-3985

**Vice Minister** – Jim Terry, OFS 612-964-1660

**Secretary** – Mitzi Speranzella, OFS 612.979-7168

**Treasurer** – Norma Noonan, OFS 651-343-4516

**Formation** – Kathy Taormina, OFS 952-457-2209

**Spiritual Assistant** – Fr. Steve McMichael, OFM Conv.

**Infirmary** – Janet Holmes, OFS 952-913-8539

**\*\*\*Remember – to be excused, please call the  
fraternity Minister, Kathie Sirek!**



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*Their service, which is lasts for a definite period, is  
marked by a **ready and willing spirit and is a duty of  
responsibility to each member and to the community.**  
OFS RULE, Article 21.*