

Secular Franciscan Order



THE PADRE PIO FRATERNITY



*Let Us Pray for the Repose of the
Souls of Deceased Members of our
Padre Pio Fraternity*

Grace Lambert, OFS -Professed-
10/4/1984-Deceased 11/28/1985

A. Gordon Keating, OFS-Professed
11/25 /1945-Deceased 6/22/1986

Daniel Skurski, OFS-Professed
12/4/1987- Deceased 9/04/1994

Paul Rutz, OFS - Professed 12/7/
1986- Deceased 1/30/1995

Lesley Stinson, OFS-Professed
10/7/1995/-Deceased 2/13/1996-

Wally Bauer, OFS -Professed 9/7/
1958- Deceased 1/21/1997

Marie Grissi, OFS-Professed 1959-
Deceased 05/09/1999

Patricia Stapleton, OFS-Professed
5/05/1999-Deceased 11/30/2010

Ron Howe, OFS professed
10/2/1999--Deceased 1/19/2012

Jane Sullivan-Farris, OFS-
Professed 5/5/1996-Deceased
3/7/2012

Louise Friedman, OFS-
Professed-1/2/1983 -Deceased
07/24/2013

Vincent McKOne, OFS' -
Professed-12/13/1953 -
December 20, 1927 ~ January
5th 2015



Jonetta Beresford, wife of Stan
Driscoll, OFS – Deceased 05/23/14

Cutler Kornegay husband of Cheryl
Kornegay, OFS – Deceased
06/05/2016

Father Linus DiSantis, OFM
Conventual – Deceased Dec. 1, 2015

Johns Polich, OFS
Professed-12/13/1953 - Deceased
March 5, 2017

Rosemary Schneider, OFS professed
1966 -- Deceased April 22, 2017 Co-
founder

*May our brothers and sisters
rest in peace.*




Louis, Victoria and Michael Death of Francis by Giotto

The Transitus of St. Francis At the St. Francis Church in Raleigh

Attendance was 43 persons including four Friars on October 3rd. This inspiring Franciscan tribute helps us to remember the passing of Saint Francis from this life into God. Victoria Romero, OSF read the narration. Fr. Steve Patti, OFM read the part of St. Francis, and Michael Hancock, OFS did the readings. Jim Wahl, Director of Liturgy and music led us in singing and did a solo for Psalm 142. The professed renewed their commitment at the end of the service. There were refreshments afterwards in the Padua room. We thank Louis Coker, OFS for the arrangements he made for this observance.

On September 21, 2017, Friar Greg's brother, Friar Justin Biase, OFM Conv. was welcomed into eternal rest by Sister Death. We pray for his repose and for all the friars of Our Lady of the Angel's Province.

 We
celebrate
the Feast
of All
Saints of
the
Seraphic
Orders on
the 29th of
November

01 All Saints Day

02 All Souls Day

03 Bl. Teresa Manganiello, Italy is known as the corner stone of the Franciscan Immaculatine Sisters.

04 St. Charles Borromeo 1538-1584

06 Bl. Alfonso Lopez, priest, and companions, martyrs.

07 St. Didacus of Alcala c. 1400-1463 was a Spanish lay brother of the Order of Friars Minor

13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini 1850-1917 founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart
14 St. Nicholas Tavelich was a Franciscan missionary, who died a martyr's death in Jerusalem. He was the first Croatian saint.

18 Blessed Salome 1201-1268

19 St. Agnes of Assisi was the sister of St. Clare and her first follower.

22 Christ, the King

25 Bl. Elizabeth of Reute, virgin, III Ord

27 St. Francis Anthony Fasini OFM Conventual

28 St. James of the March, OFM helped spread devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus.

17 ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY 1207-1231

Patron of the Third Orders along with St. Louis IX of France. Elizabeth appreciated her dignity from childhood on. She found her sweetest delight in being united with God by prayer and pious practices, and her favorite occupation was to serve God in His poor and sick members. Elizabeth was a princess of the Kingdom of Hungary and a greatly

venerated Catholic saint who was an early member of the Third Order of St. Francis, by which she is honored as its patroness. Elizabeth was married at the age of 14, and widowed at 20. After her husband's death she sent her children to be with relatives and used her dowry to build a hospital where she herself and her servants served the sick. She became a symbol of Christian charity after her death at the age of 24 and was quickly canonized. (See p. 6)

November Devotion: The Holy Souls in Purgatory Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. As a reminder of our duty to pray for the suffering faithful in Purgatory, the Church has dedicated the month of November to the Holy Souls. The Holy Souls are those who have died in the state of grace but who are not yet free from all punishment due to their unforgiven venial sins and all other sins already forgiven for which satisfaction is still to be made. They are certain of entering Heaven, but first they must suffer in Purgatory. The Holy Souls cannot help themselves because for them the night has come, when no man can work (John 9:4). It is our great privilege of brotherhood that we can shorten their time of separation from God by our prayers, good works, and, especially, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Prayer: My Jesus, by the sorrows Thou didst suffer in Thine agony in the Garden, in Thy scourging and crowning with thorns, in the way to Calvary, in Thy crucifixion and death, have mercy on the souls in purgatory, and especially on those that are most forsaken; do Thou deliver them from the dire torments they endure; call them and admit them to Thy most sweet embrace in paradise.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

Workers and the Unemployed.

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

The following statement is taken from the book of John McCaffery "**Tales of Padre Pio**", Kansas City, 1979, p. 67

"I believe that not a great number of souls go to hell. God loves us so much. He formed us at his image. God loves us beyond understanding. And it is my belief that when we have passed from the consciousness of the world, when we appear to be dead, God, before He judges us, will give us a chance to see and understand what sin really is. And if we understand it properly, how could we fail to repent? You will be surprised to find in Paradise souls you never expected to be there." ~ St. Pio

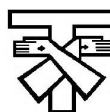
**Our Companions in Prayer ~ the Poor Clares at
Travelers Rest, S.C.**

Happy Birthday to

**Sister Kathy DeLancey, OSC
November 27**

**Please keep the brides of Christ in your prayers, To find out more
about the Poor Clares go to:**

<http://poorclaresc.com/zzz/who-we-are/staff/>.



ON PROFESSION

The Brothers and Sisters called to the Franciscan life in the Secular Fraternity make their Profession during a specific celebration according to the ritual proper to the SFO. This aspect is by no means insignificant, because the celebration constitutes the foundational moment of the identity of the professed, and is simultaneously the condition for a dialogue to take place in response to God's action. In fact, the consequences of the commitment a human being expresses by means of a promise derive from a prior commitment, that of God to man.

The celebration of Profession testifies to all of this, because it is God's action and a saving event: it is a moment when salvation reaches the faithful: enabling them to make a promise to live the Franciscan gospel life and producing in them particular effects of grace, by which they are deputed to specific tasks within the People of God.

Only a person sanctified in the liturgical action, where (s)he fully experiences the immensity and force of God's love, can be capable of a loving response.

By Br. Felice Cangelosi, OFM Cap.

CONGRATULATION STAN DRISCOLL, OFS 4TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROFESSION



"Let us take thought of our vocation. God in his mercy has called us to it not so much for our sake as for the sake of the many. So let us go out into the world and remind everybody by example as well as word to turn to God." - St. Francis

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APOSTOLATES

For JPIC & Oak City

Outreach, Email Ellen Ferrone,
OFS

(Oak City is 8/26/17)

For CPO or Library:

Email Maureen Copan, OFS

For Hospitality:

Email Marie Roccoforte, OFS

For Prayer Requests:

Email Joe Travers, OFS

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For the Newsletter: Email

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For the Website: Email

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CAROLYN D. TOWNES, OFS

JPIC Mission Statement: The mission of JPIC is to assist the Professed Secular Franciscans as they reflect on their relationship with God as manifested in the fruits of conversion in their lives. This with special regard to the daily choices made in the areas of justice, peace making and respect for all created things and people; as brothers and sisters of penance, bringing life to the Gospel and the Gospel to Life.

"Mindful that they are bearers of peace which must be built up unceasingly, they should seek out ways of unity and fraternal harmony through dialogue, trusting in the presence of the divine seed in everyone and in the transforming power of love and pardon. Messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, they should strive to bring joy and hope to others." ~ **Article 19 of the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order**

..... The Pope goes on to pray for “God to help us to cultivate nonviolence in our most personal thoughts and values.”

This is my prayer as well because as someone once said, our thoughts become our words and our words become our actions. Those brutal and hurtful words moved from the thoughts of the speaker to the words of that speaker. Once those words are unleashed, like feathers in the wind, they are impossible to retrieve. We profess our values as those of the teachings of Mother Church, and, yet, we tend to hide those values on a nearby shelf when conflicts and differing opinions arise. I read an exercise that asked me to finish every sentence I spoke with “in Jesus’ name.” Would we be so quick to sling hurtful comments and criticisms if we were doing it in the name of Jesus, our nonviolent Prince of Peace?

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- Carolyn Townes, OFS from the *Winter 2017 Communio*

**November 18, 2017:
Annual Fraternity Retreat
from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
at Avila Retreat Center in Durham.
Lunch and beverages will be provided.
Carolyn D. Townes OFS, National JPIC
Animator, and the Brothers and Sisters of St.
Francis Region’s JPIC animator
will facilitate the retreat.**

Carolyn D. Townes, OFS is a member of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Fraternity, Hilton Head Island, S.C.; the National JPIC Commission; the International Commission for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation; and the Franciscan Action Network Commission.

Topic: “Mindful Communication”



**Cost is \$40.00.
Financial assistance is available from the
Endowment Fund. Tell Sharon if you are
coming so she can do a count.**

O Breath of God, unite us in action!



HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Joyce Wesner

11/16

Lee Cunningham

11/19

Virginia Conway

11/30



ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY INSPIRES US TO HELP THE POOR.

St. Elizabeth is the patron saint of Secular Franciscans and Catholic Charities.

Pope Benedict XVI spoke about her:

Elizabeth practiced assiduously the works of mercy: she gave to drink and eat those who came to her door, she got clothes, paid debts, looked after the sick and buried the dead. Coming down from her castle, she often went with her maidservants to the homes of the poor, taking bread, meat, flour and other foods. She would hand the food out personally and carefully oversaw clothes and shelter for the poor. This behavior was reported to her husband, who not only was not annoyed, but answered her accusers: "So long as they don't come to the castle, I'm happy!" Placed in this context is the miracle of bread transformed into roses: While Elizabeth was going through the street with her apron full of bread for the poor, she met her husband, who asked her what she was carrying. She opened her apron and, instead of bread, magnificent roses appeared. This symbol of charity is often present in depictions of St. Elizabeth. Hers was a profoundly happy marriage: Elizabeth helped her husband to raise his human qualities to the supernatural level and he, on the other hand, protected his wife in her generosity to the poor and in her religious practices. Ever more in admiration of his wife's great faith, Ludwig, referring to her care of the poor, said to her: "Dear Elizabeth, it is Christ whom you have washed, fed and looked after." A clear testimony of how faith and love of God and one's neighbor reinforce marital union and make it even more profound..."

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Oct. 20, 2010.

A PADRE PIO MOMENT: DEC. 30, 1937 Padre Pio was praying in the choir with the other friars. Suddenly he said: "Let's pray for our Provincial Father Padre Bernardo Apicella who is in agony." Nobody knew that he was sick. The day after, they were told that he had suddenly died.

CHRIST HAS NO BODY

by Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)

Christ has no body but yours,
 No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
 Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do
 good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all
 the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
 Christ has no body now but yours,
 No hands, no feet on earth but yours,

Yours are the eyes with which he looks
 compassion on this world.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

(Born in Spain, Teresa entered a Carmelite convent when she was eighteen, and later earned a reputation as a mystic, reformer, and writer who experienced divine visions. She founded a convent, and wrote the book *The Way of Perfection* for her nuns. Other important books by her include her *Autobiography* and *The Interior Castle*.)



COMMON HOME CORNER-LIVING LAUDATO SI

(A space for fraternity members to share ideas for living Laudato Si)

This year I received the most unusual birthday gift from, sister, formator and mentor Suzie Nelson OFS. It was a gift bag of discarded CDs! I was delighted. I used them as garden borders. The shiny discs reflect brilliant colors bring joy to the birds who dance before their own images.

Last year the Padre Pio Fraternity studied Laudato Si in ongoing formation. After each chapter we explored new actions that we might take and shared practices that we were already doing. Suzie and I discussed the importance of not stopping with discussion, but taking action by seeking and discovering new ways to honor the imprint of our Creator in nature and in people.

Suzie skims the tops of dumpsters for things that may be useful to herself or others. Her purpose is to help others and save space in landfills. She has collected things such as egg cartons, paper bags, baby clothing, maternity wear and other miscellaneous items of use that are in good condition. She cleans the items and either uses them for herself, or donates them to charities such as Dorcas Shop or Catholic Charities.

Laudato Si living is an ongoing process of finding new ways to cherish all life, use what we have, take only what we need conserve, renew, and reuse. Let us graciously find joy in nurturing and preserving mother earth and one another. - S. Lynn Oeser, OFS

"Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last 200 years." - Pope Francis

Praise be to you our Lord with all of creation, the work of your hands.

Send forth your Spirit upon us and renew the face of the earth.

What are your Laudato Si actions? Share with us.



Discarded CDs make a fine garden border.

