



# The Newsletter of

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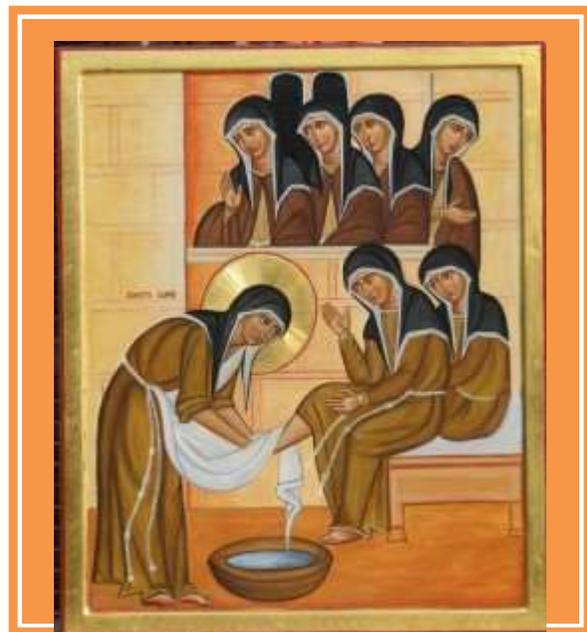
### MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

The message of our lady is still valid for our times. The Lord sent us His daughter, His mother, His spouse to bring us closer to him; to save us from the fires of hell.

Let us cling to the mother of God, Theotokos, Mary, always. St. Francis knew she had a special role in the history of salvation. This is why he entrusted the order to her.

Hail Mary, full of grace....

*Pax et Bonum Jose*





**Council Meeting: Thur., August 27, 2017**

6:15pm — Holy Spirit Catholic Church school building.

**Fraternity Meeting: Sat., August 12, 2017**

9:15am — Gathering at H.S.C.C. School Room

9:30am — Formation:

10:00am — Fraternity Meeting

Inquirers: *“Fun Manual”*

Candidates: *“Pick More Daisy”*, Chapter 1

Ongoing: *“Study the Rule”*, All Creation

**FRANCISCAN SAINTS**

**August**

**The Assumption & Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**



- 2. **Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula,**
- 4. St. Dominic, Priest,
- 5. B. Marie-Francoise de Jesusreligious of the Third-Order
- 6. Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ**
- 7. Bl. Agathange et Cassien, Priest, Capuchin,
- 8. St. Jean-Marie Vianney, Priest, Franciscan Third Order
- 9. Bl. Marie-Marguerite of the Sacred Heart, Third-Order
- 10. St. Beatrice de Silva, Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister
- 11. Bl. Innocent XI, Pope, Franciscan Third Order
- 12. St. Clare of Assisi, Virgin, Foundress of the Poor Clares,**
- 13. Bl. Novellon de Faenza, Franciscan Third Order
- 14. St. Maximilien-Marie Kolbe, Priest,
- 15. **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- 16. Bl. Francois de Pesaro, Confessor, Franciscan Third
- 17. St. Roch de Montpellier, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order
- 20. St. Louis d' Anjou, Bishop of Toulouse, Franciscan 1st Order
- 21. St. Jeanne-Francoise de Chantal, Franciscan Third Order Secular
- 22. The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- 23. Bl. Bernard d'Offide, lay brother, Capuchin
- 25. St. Louis, Patron of Franciscan Third Order Seculars
- 26. Bl. Pierre de Benisa, Priest, Capuchin
- 27. St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest,
- 28. Bl. Junipero Serra, Priest of the Franciscan 1st Order
- 29. Bl. Jean de Perouse, Priest, Franciscan 1<sup>st</sup>
- 30. Bl. Juvenal Ancina, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order
- 31. Bl. Aurele de Vinalesa, Priest, Capuchin



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*Deacon John*

*Aug. 07th*



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Rosemary Safner, for a speedy recovery  
Georgia's husband, had numerous minor strokes.

# The 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima



On August 13, the day the fourth apparition was to take place, the seers were not at Cova da Iria.

They had been abducted by the mayor of Vila Nova de Ourém, who attempted to force from them the secret revealed in the apparition of July 13. The children held fast despite the mayor imprisoning them, and threatening to plunge them in boiling oil.

At Cova da Iria, thunder, followed by lightning, was heard at the usual time.

The spectators noticed a small white cloud that hovered over the holm oak for a few minutes. Phenomena of coloration were observed on the faces of the people, the clothing, the trees, and the ground.

Our Lady had certainly come, but she had not found the seers.

On August 19, at about four o'clock in the afternoon, Lucia was with Francisco and another cousin at Valinhos, a property belonging to one of her uncles, when the atmospheric changes that preceded the apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria began to occur: a sudden cooling of the temperature and a waning of the sun.

Feeling that something supernatural was approaching and enveloping them, Lucia sent for Jacinta, who arrived in time to see Our Lady appear – heralded as before by a bright light – over a holm oak slightly larger than the one at Cova da Iria.

**Lucia:** What does Your Grace wish of me?

**Our Lady:** *I want you to continue to go to Cova da Iria on the thirteenth of each month and to continue to pray the Rosary every day. On the last month, I will perform the miracle for all to believe.*

Then Our Lady's face became more serious, and even upset.

**Our Lady:** *If they had not taken you to Ourém, the miracle would have been even greater.*

**Lucia:** What does Your Grace want done with the money that the people leave at Cova da Iria?

**Our Lady:** *Have two portable stands made. You and Jacinta with two other girls dressed in white carry one of them, and let Francisco carry the other one with three other boys. The portable stands are for the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The money that is left over should be contributed to the chapel that they shall build.*

Lucia: I would like to ask you for the healing of some sick persons.

**Our Lady:** *Yes, I will cure some during the year.*

Becoming sadder, she recommended anew the practice of mortification, saying lastly, 'Pray, pray much, and sacrifice for sinners, for many souls go to hell because there is no one to sacrifice and pray for them.'

As usual, she then began to rise toward the east. The seers cut boughs off the tree over which Our Lady had appeared to them and took them home. The boughs gave off a uniquely sweet fragrance.

# Saint of the Month of August



**Clare of Assisi died on August 11, 1253 in Assisi, Italy.**

When at length she felt the day of her death approaching, Clare, calling her sorrowing religious around her, reminded them of the many benefits they had received from God and exhorted them to persevere faithfully in the observance of evangelical poverty. Pope Innocent IV came from Perugia to visit the dying saint, who had already received the last sacraments from the hands of Cardinal Rainaldo. Her own sister, St. Agnes, had returned from Florence to console Clare in her last illness; Leo, Angelo, and Juniper, three of the early companions of St. Francis, were also present at the saint's death-bed, and at St. Clare's request read aloud the Passion of Our Lord according to St. John, even as they had done twenty-seven years before, when Francis lay dying at the Porziuncula. At length before dawn on 11 August, 1253, the holy foundress of the Poor Ladies passed peacefully away amid scenes which her contemporary biographer has recorded with touching simplicity. The pope, with his court, came to San Damiano for the saint's funeral, which partook rather of the nature of a triumphal procession.

The Clares desired to retain the body of their foundress among them at San Damiano, but the magistrates of Assisi interfered and took measures to secure for the town the venerated remains of her whose prayers, as they all believed, had on two occasions saved it from destruction. Clare's miracles too were talked of far and wide. It was not safe, the Assisians urged, to leave Clare's body in a lonely spot without the walls; it was only right, too, that Clare, "the chief rival of the Blessed Francis in the observance of Gospel perfection", should also have a church in Assisi built in her honour. Meanwhile, Clare's remains were placed in the chapel of San Giorgio, where St. Francis's preaching had first touched her young heart, and where his own body had likewise been interred pending the erection of the Basilica of San Francesco. Two years later, 26 September, 1255, Clare was solemnly canonized by Alexander IV, and not long afterwards the building of the church of Santa Chiara, in honour of Assisi's second great saint, was begun under the direction of Filippo Campello, one of the foremost architects of the time. On 3 October, 1260, Clare's remains were transferred from the chapel of San Giorgio and buried deep down in the earth, under the high altar in the new church, far out of sight and reach. After having remained hidden for six centuries--like the remains of St. Francis--and after much search had been made, Clare's tomb was found in 1850, to the great joy of the Assisians. On 23 September in that year the coffin was unearthed and opened, the flesh and clothing of the saint had been reduced to dust, but the skeleton was in a perfect state of preservation. Finally, on the 29th of September, 1872, the saint's bones were transferred, with much pomp, by Archbishop Pecci, afterwards Leo XIII, to the shrine, in the crypt at Santa Chiara, erected to receive them, and where they may now be seen. The feast of St. Clare is celebrated throughout the Church on 12 August; the feast of her first translation is kept in the order on 3 October, and that of the finding of her body on 23 September.