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St. Petersburg, Florida



St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity meets every third Sunday of the month, except July and August, at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Rm, Most Holy Name of Jesus, 5800 15 Ave So, Gulfport FL 33707

# Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis

## ORDER FRANCISCAN SECULAR

### St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity Newsletter

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## The Minister's Message

by Bob Johnston OFS

### Welcome Regional Visitation Team

It is with great excitement that we as a fraternity welcome the Regional visitation team to our fraternity today. The intent of the regional team is to extend to our fraternity their willingness to support us in all matters related to the functioning of the fraternity whether spiritual or fraternal.

The best part of this visit is to remind ourselves that we are not just an isolated group of Secular Franciscans but we are part of a regional, national and world-based group of people who model our lives after the life of Francis and Clare.

As part of the Regional executive council and having done several of these visitations I can report personally that each meeting of all the various fraternities from Naples to Spring Hill bring their own special viewpoints and ways in which they model their lives after Francis and Clare. In their prayer lives, their various ministries and the ways in which they reach out to their larger parish communities I am always enriched by the faith devotion and true commitment to modeling Franciscan ideals to all the people they meet.

I am happy to report that we as a fraternity are on track in that we have a robust prayer life, a strong formation team and healthy apostolic ministries outreach that any fraternity would be pleased with. I know that when the visitation team is done that we will be able to say confidently that we have been good and faithful servants of the theology and Franciscan ideals that make us in every sense of the word good Franciscans. We also thank personally Shelia Solomon and Marie Thomas who have visited us today and leave us richer for their wisdom, insights and guidance.

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Please join the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany in the United States, Jamaica, Bolivia, and Brazil in their prayer for peace in the world by saying this prayer every Wednesday at noon.

Let us pray for your personal intention in one of our Houses of Prayer.

**St. Elizabeth Motherhouse**

Allegany, NY  
prayforme@fsallegany.org

**St. Elizabeth Convent**

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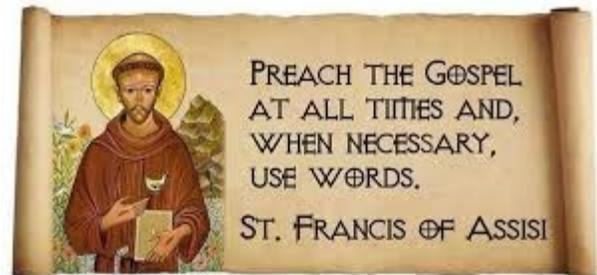
**Immaculate Conception Convent**

Kingston, Jamaica  
(876)924-6888

**Peace Prayer Initiative**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may  
Not so much see to be consoled, as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



**THOMAS MORE FAMILY MEETING**

**Where:** St. Thomas More Church  
2506 Gulf Gate Dr, Sarasota, FL  
34231

**When:** Saturday September 15, 2018

**Time:** 11:30 a.m

Please join us for our next Thomas More family meeting. All Fraternity members are welcome. The host will be Reggie Birks. Opening prayer will be said by Roger Reid and the closing prayer by Marguerite Schaeffer.

**Please bring something to share.**



**A selection from our Rule of Life:**

In their family they should cultivate the Franciscan spirit of peace, fidelity, and respect for life, striving to make of it a sign of a world already renewed in Christ.

By living the grace of matrimony, husbands and wives in particular should bear witness in the world to the love of Christ for His Church. They should joyfully accompany their children on their human and spiritual journey by providing a simple and open Christian education and being attentive to the vocation of each child.

— *Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order – Article 17*

# Profession Anniversary Congratulations!



Nancy Nalewaiski, OFS 9/08/62



## Ongoing Formation

by D Susan Pivec, OFS

### LIVING THE GOSPEL

*(Excerpts from "Set Themselves Free: Continuous Guide to Life & Roll of Secular Franciscans" by Teresa V Baker, SFO)*

#### Franciscan Focus:

So one day, when [Francis] had given himself over to prayer with greater devotion than usual, giving thanks for the rich favors bestowed on him by God, he recalled, in the bitterness of his soul, the years he had wasted, and stood trembling before the Lord. His mind was flooded throughout with a wonderful sweetness and joy to the extent that he lost himself, until at last, the heavy darkness from his sins was utterly dispelled, and he was mad certain that the debt of his offenses had been forgotten down to the last penny.

#### Reflection Questions:

1. In your professed life, is there a conversion moment that stands out above all others for you? What were the surrounding events? Was it based in a Scripture story?
2. What is the significance of this moment for you? Why was it so monumental for you?

# Happy Birthday!



- Priscilla Romano, OFS July 5
- Loretta Johnston, OFS July 12
- Polly Saint Raphael, OFS July 22
- Alice Boyle July 28
- Phyllis Hall, OFS August 16
- Melba Gonzalez September 7
- Martha Dilley, OFS September 12
- Lizbeth Perez, OFS September 15
- Terry Willey, OFS September 18
- Marty Roache, OFS September 24
- Joy Richards, OFS September 30
- Helen McGovern, OFS September 30



# Goodie Table

Assigned to bring refreshments for the September Fraternity meeting.

- Martha Dilley
- Polly St Raphael
- Marty Roache

# Please pray for...

All our fraternity members and their families.  
 Especially Grace Krist, Fred Wheeler, Elena Kelly  
 Elena Starr for healing and her trip to the Philippines  
 Richard with Heart Problems  
 Michael Flanagan, Brain Cancer  
 Baby Bella  
 Matthew, safe travels and a new job  
 Diane Irey, Torn Meniscus  
 Ethel Smyrski, Cancer & heart problems  
 All lapsed Catholics  
 Unborn children and those aborted.  
 Clergy and religious to keep them focused on our Lord.  
 All unspoken and special intentions of our fraternity.

### Q & A

- Q.** What should do if I want to share something at the meeting?
- A.** Since the majority of the meetings are scripted ahead of time, and time is often short at the end, we are asking that if you would like to share something, please bring your topic to any council member prior to the meeting, so that accommodations, if possible, can be made.



## NO MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER

# TREASURER'S REPORT



*Submitted by:  
Cindy Marks, OFS – Treasurer*

<b>Opening Balance Apr 16, 2018</b>	<b>\$4,417.62</b>
<b>Ending Balance May 20, 2018</b>	<b>\$4,119.97</b>
<b>Opening Balance May 21, 2018</b>	<b>\$4,119.97</b>
<b>Ending Balance June 17, 2018</b>	<b>\$4,069.97</b>

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE OUR FRATERNITY IN YOUR PLANNING OF CHARITABLE DONATIONS**  
 Withdrawals from 401(k)s and IRAs become required after age 70½.  
**WHY NOT CONSIDER A CHARITABLE DONATION “TAX FREE”** to the St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity.

**ANOTHER WAY** to keep our fraternity financially sound is to **Create a bequest.** (Simply put a paragraph of instruction in your will or attach a codicil for this purpose. You can request a copy of a codicil for this purpose from our Treasurer.) You can accomplish much the same result by adding the name of our fraternity to your IRA or life insurance policy beneficiary form.

## Fathers in Our Lives

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives.

Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail. We ask for Your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways--both big and small--they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You. In Your Holy name, O God, we pray.

Amen.

- Rev. Chuck Currie



## Franciscan Library, St Mary's Church

Judy Born has done a beautiful job of organizing our Franciscan Library at St. Mary Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, 515 4<sup>th</sup> Street South in St. Petersburg. There are many fine books you can read in the beautiful library room or take home. Judy has made it simple to do this.

[One idea would be to go to the daily 12:10 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's, go early, and spend some time in the library room and read about St. Francis and many others in the rich – yet poor - tapestry of the Franciscans.](#)

There is room to add a few more books to the library collections at St. Mary Our Lady of Grace Church. Our OFS St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity collection includes books about all aspects of Franciscan life, spirituality, devotionals, St. Francis and other Franciscans, and travel guides for Rome, Assisi and the Holy Land. The Legion of Mary collection includes books about Mary's life and anything related to Mary and those who dedicated their lives to her, the Rosary, and devotionals.

Please contact Judy Born if you have any books on these subjects that you would like to give to our library. 727-409-4576 bornjudy@gmail.com