



Our Lady of the Rosary Secular Franciscan Fraternity Williamsburg, Virginia

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Message from Minister— Maria Fuentes-Sherman, OFS

Hello Everyone!

"Tra la, it's May, the lusty month of May. That lovely month when everyone goes blissfully astray" I don't know about blissfully astray but if all the rain we've received during the last month does not result in flowers, lots & lots of them, I'm throwing in the towel!

May is the month of our Blessed Mother. Not only is the month dedicated to her, there are other specific feast days as well May 1st - Queen of Heaven; May 3rd - The Most Holy Virgin Mary, Patron of Poland; May 13th - Our Lady of Fatima; May 24th - Our Mother of Sheshan & Mary,

Help of Christians; May 31st - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the Oriental (Coptic) Orthodox Church St Mary is commemorated on the 21st of each coptic month (generally the 30th / 31st of each Gregorian month), with May 9th as Birth of Saint Mary. If we add to these the many different titles, epithets, invocations & names associated with places, this list of feast dates would be quite expanded.

We use "Our Lady" as a sign of respect & honor. The French call her "Notre Dame", & in Spanish she is "Nuestra Senora". She is also referred to as the "New Eve". And there are even titles for her - Maryam - in Islam, e.g.. Nur - Light", & Mustafia - "She who is chosen" & many more.

In May the earth resurrects with trees, bushes & flowers in bloom everywhere. The breezes & fragrances are delicate. We celebrate our earthly mothers in May. It seems quite logical to me that this month be Mary's.

Do you have a preferred title for Our Mother? I already shared mine last October, "La Virgen de la Providencia" How about sharing yours? Plenty of room in our Newsletter!

Enjoy this gorgeous month of May. Bring in the flowers to your special place. Thank Mary & God for the beauty given us.

Pax et Bonum, Marla / QK

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves. Amen.

Pope Francis October 2020

Important Dates:

5/16 Zoom Fraternity Meeting 1:00pm

5/20 Sr. Juliana—Birthday

5/21 Cindy Holland—Birthday

5/25 Maria Fuentes-Sherman—Birthday

Live A Life Worthy of Your Call

Secular Franciscan Order – USA
National Theme - 2021



May Formation



This month we will continue the book, *Clare of Assisi: A Heart Full of Love*. Ask the Holy Spirit to be with you as you read Chapter 6, "Transformation." I have found it beneficial to prayerfully read the pages more than once to ensure a good understanding of the content. What caught your eye as you read these pages? The first questions I will ask are: "What word or phrase stood out to you, and why? We will discuss the four questions for reflection on page 78.

We are also going to spend some time over the next several months (not weeks) discussing the importance of formation. What our responsibilities are as we move from inquiry to candidacy and then to fully processed. This month we will discuss the agents of formation.

The Agents of Formation

(In the next few weeks we will take a look at these in detail.)

- The Agents of Formation
(for candidates AND professed)
- The Holy Spirit
- The Candidate (or the Professed member) him/herself
- The local fraternity
- The fraternity council
- The formation director and formation team
- The spiritual assistant
- The sponsor
- Higher levels of fraternity



Profiles: Peg Crews

Peg was born in Brooklyn and spent the first 10 years of her life on Long Island. Because of her father's job transfers, she spent 2 years in Pennsylvania, 4 years in Illinois and wound up on Long Island again for her senior year in high school. She was a cradle Catholic who left the Church in her late teens. After about 25 years, Peg returned to Church while she lived in Egypt. It was a small mission church run by French Franciscans that brought her back into the fold.

It was only after moving to Williamsburg that Peg paid serious attention to her faith. She wanted to deepen her spirituality so she joined the SDI program in Charlottesville. There she developed a deeper prayer life and read some of the spiritual masters she continues to read today. To increase her knowledge of the Catholic Church, she applied to and was accepted by the Richmond Diocese Lay Ecclesial Ministry Institute (LEMI). Through the program she was able to get her MA – Theology from St. Leo University. To give back to the Church, she became involved in Adult Faith Formation at St. Bede and taught Bible studies, classes on prayer and spirituality and became a member of the RCIA team. Teaching about prayer and spirituality is where she is most fulfilled.

Bea Sanford, who was working at St. Bede invited her to a Franciscan meeting. Soon she was in the initial stages of formation and she professed in April, 2017 at St. Bede. She loves the St. Francis and her Franciscan vocation, but confesses to also having a fondness for St. Ignatius of Loyola and the Jesuits. Currently, Peg is the Director of Formation for Our Lady of the Rosary Fraternity.

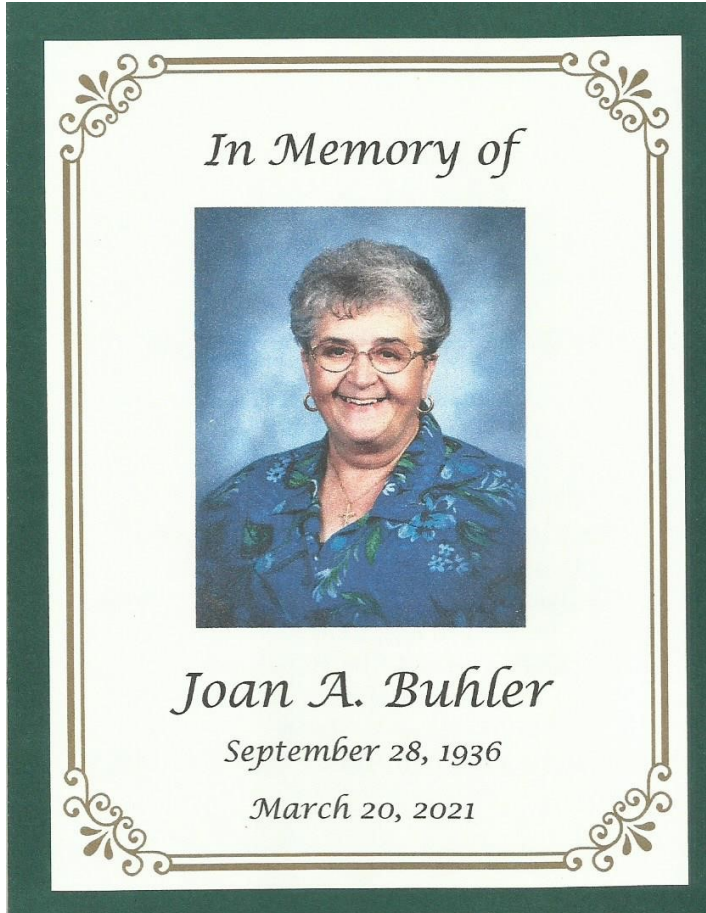


20th Quinquennial Congress
The Franciscan Jubilee is Back on!
August 3-7, 2022
Phoenix, AZ

More information regarding registration and hotel reservation will be available soon.
<https://secularfranciscanusa.org/>



During the COVID-19 meeting restriction, if you wish to continue your monthly fraternity donation please send your check to treasurer, Barbara Massey, 862 Ventnor Drive, Newport News, VA 23608-8927. **Please make checks payable to SFO.**



Praying for Our Deceased Brothers and Sisters

- Joan Albrecht
- Edna Bartlett
- Gladys Branch
- Joan Buhler
- Julia Carey
- Donald Carpenter
- Dorothy and Janice Carpenter
- Rose Coleman
- Josephine Decori
- Esme Esflavo
- Marian Garris
- Florence Gorden
- Jack Houlahan
- Dorothy and Don Johnson
- Lauren Pallazola
- Mark Pepper
- Daphne Pritchett
- Elma Stanbeck
- Lauren Sessa
- Denny Thiel
- Maria Torres
- Frances Warren

Prayer Request



Please keep in your prayers: the repose of the Soul of Bob James and Joan Buhler. Also, please keep in your prayers: Valerie King, Susan James, Joe and Carol Murphy and daughter, Katheryn, Kathy Clagg, OFS, from St. Conrad (Hanover) Fraternity, and Kelly Ann Lynch, former minister of Our Lady Queen of the Angels fraternity is requesting prayers for her daughter, Shannon, and yet to be born granddaughter, Claire and Joe Messina, OFS, from our Blessed Carlo Acutis.

If you have a prayer request, please email your request to karenrutherfordcoulson@gmail.com to be included in our next newsletter!



Pineapple Inn Pantry

At the Pineapple Inn, we strive to ensure that our guests have access to all services available to them. This includes access to a small pantry that is stocked by members of the faith community and good hearted individuals. If you would like to help, we are always in need of these items:



Soup/Chili – *Canned foods should have a pop-top if possible*
Ramen Noodles
Mac & Cheese (consider Velveeta or Kraft with liquid cheese)
Rice (White or Brown)
Canned meat (tuna, chicken, ham, Spam, Vienna Sausages etc.)
Tuna with crackers kit
Canned Veggies (no GREEN BEANS)
Canned tomatoes
Tuna with crackers kit
Shelf stable meals - i.e. Hormel Completes
Pasta
Spaghetti/Pasta sauce
Stove Top Stuffing
Peanut butter
Jelly
Sandwich Bread © Fruit cups/canned fruit © Cereal - cheerio's etc.
Hot Cereal – oatmeal etc.
Granola/Cereal bars
Juice (V8, Ocean Spray – no Hi-C please)
Boxed or powdered milk
Peanut butter
Jelly
Sandwich Bread
Canola oil/Vegetable Oil (needed to make Rice a Roni etc.)
Salad Dressing (Ranch & Italian)
Spices (Salt, pepper, Italian blend etc.)
Sugar & Flour
Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo etc.)
Fresh fruit & vegetables - we are happy to take your excess garden goods
Snacks/cookies
Microwave popcorn
Feminine hygiene products
Can Openers

We also are in need of pots, pans, dishes, and silverware.

As always we are grateful for any and all donations.

If you have any questions please call us at (757) 259-9670 or send us an email to info@pineapplehousing.com

Chaplet for the Release of Souls from Purgatory
St. Gertrude Prayer to Release Souls from Purgatory

(Each time this prayer is said, 1,000 Souls are released from Purgatory)

The Prayer of St. Gertrude, is one of the most famous of the prayers for souls in purgatory. St. Gertrude the Great was a Benedictine nun and mystic who lived in the 13th century. According to tradition, our Lord promised her that 1,000 souls would be released from purgatory each time the prayer is said devoutly.

The Release of Holy Souls Chaplet

The Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Hail Mary...

Glory be to the Father,,,

Pray: Holy Souls pray for us as we pray for you.

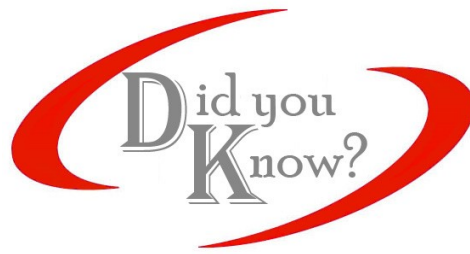
The Prayer of St. Gertrude said 10 times: *Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.*

Glory be to the Father...

(You can say this decade once or on all five decades of your rosary. If you pray this prayer using the five decades, you will release fifty thousand souls from Purgatory. Remember a majority of us will be there someday and we will want prayers said for us.)

Chaplet created by Bob Longo, OFS





Did You Know.....

Each month of this year focuses on an intention of the Pope?

January - Human Fraternity: May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers & sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

February - Violence Against Women: We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they be protected by society & have their sufferings considered & heeded.

March - Sacrament of Reconciliation: Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

April - Fundamental Rights: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes & even in democracies in crisis.

May - The World of Finance: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere & protect citizens from its dangers.

June - The Beauty of Marriage: Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community; may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness & patience.

July - Social Friendship We pray that, in social, economic & political situations of conflict, we may be courageous & passionate architects of dialogue & friendship.

August - The Church: Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace & strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

September - An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle: We pray that we will make courageous choices for a simple & environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

October - Missionary Disciples: We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

November - People Who Suffer from Depression: We pray that people who suffer from depression or burnt-out will find support & a light that opens them up to life.

December - Catechists: Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage & creativity & in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Little Known Title of Our Lady

Maria Lactus (Mary Nursing)

Virgin Mary is shown in the act of nursing, celebrating it as one of the supreme joy & nourishing gifts of motherhood

Little Known Facts:

How Ferrero Rocher chocolates were inspired by the Virgin Mary herself

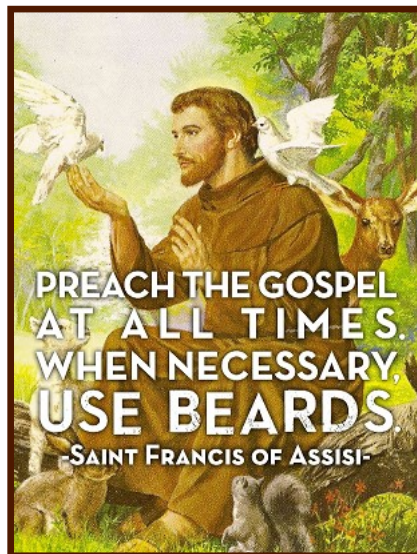
When the Italian chocolatier Michele Ferrero introduced the treats in 1982, it is believed that he named them "Rocher" after the craggy rock grotto, called the Rocher de Massabielle that marks the place where the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette in Lourdes, France.

Within the gold foil wrapping of a Ferrero Rocher candy there is a multi-layered confection that seems like some kind of magic: a single roasted hazelnut encased in a wafer shell filled with hazelnut chocolate, which is itself topped with chocolate studded with chopped hazelnuts. The chocolates' hazelnut-pocked surface bears more than a resemblance to the rock formation at Lourdes

.A devout Catholic, Ferrero was known for his strong devotion to Our Lady. He stated at the 50th anniversary of the founding of his company: "The success of Ferrero we owe to Our Lady of Lourdes; without her we can do little." Ferrero was said to have made an annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, taking his top manager. He also organized a visit to the shrine for his employees, & had a statue of the Virgin Mary placed in each of his company's 14 production facilities around the world.

Useless Catholic Trivia:

- There are 5377; 2 over 100 years old
- Al Smith was the first Catholic nominated for President
- Pope Leo X had a pet elephant.
- Sister Act's Terry - role first offered to Bette Midler
- Phrase "Hell freezes over" comes from Dante's Divine Comedy
- Cardinals' red robes symbolize blood
- St. Martin's in Texas has largest congregation; 10,500 families
- 18% is the maximum alcohol content in wine for Church



May – Month of the Holy Virgin Mary



1. Feast of Saint Joseph the Artisan
2. St. Richard Pampuri, Confessor, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1930
3. Bl. Edouard-Joseph Rosas, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1903
4. Bl. Ladislav de Gielniow, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1505
5. Bl. Beinvenu Mareni, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1289
6. Bl. Marie-Catherine Troijani, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1897
7. Bl. Anne-Rose Gattorno, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1900
8. Feast of Mary Mediatrix of all Graces
9. Bl. Antoine Bajewski, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr 1941
10. Bl. Marie-Bernard Butler, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1924
11. St. Gemme de Sulmona, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1439
12. St. Ignatius of Laconi, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1781
13. St. Michael Garicoits, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1863
14. St. Marie-Dominique Mazzarello, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1881
15. St. Jean-Baptiste de la Salle, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1719
16. St. Theophilus of Corte, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1740
17. St. Paschal of Baylon, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1592
18. St. Felix de Cantalice, lay brother, Capuchin religious, 1587
19. St. Yves, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1303
20. St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1444
21. St. Crispin of Viterbo, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1750
22. St. Joaquina Vedruna, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1854
23. Bl. Gerard of Villamagna, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1242
24. Bl. John of Prado, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1631
25. Dedication of the Basilica in Assisi, 1253
26. St. Philippe Neri, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1595; memorial of St. Mariane of Jesus Parades, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1645
27. Bl. Gerard of Lunel, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1270
28. St. Jean-Baptiste Rossi, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1764
29. Bl. Etienne et Raymond, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1242
30. St. Joan of Arc, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1431 King Saint Fernando III, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1252
31. Feast of the Queenship of Mary, Public Consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Novena in preparation of the feast of Pentecost Pentecost - Plenary Indulgence – Chant in public the Veni Creator Sacred Heart – Plenary Indulgence - Public recitation of the Act of Reparation

