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March Fraternity Gathering Fraternity Elections

Wednesday, March 30 7:00 pm

****PLEASE NOTE: Return to Wednesday Night Schedule****



Please make every effort to attend this meeting. We cannot have an election without a quorum (over 50% of our members). THERE CAN BE NO ZOOM OR ABSENTEE BALLOTS! All votes must be in person.

Nomination Slate:

Minister—Chris Bueche Treasurer—Jeff Dills

Vice Minister—
Chris Bueche Counselor—
Margo Dean Chris Bueche
Jeff Dills Carol Dills
Mark Mann Jeff Dills
Beth Price Jim Howard
Mary VanderPloeg Mark Mann
 Todd Oatley
 Paul Wojtas
Secretary—Carol Dills (must Mary VanderPloeg
have 2/3

Majority on the 1st
vote)

****Please mail your fair share checks for the month if you don't plan to attend to Jeff Dills (address on the back on the newsletter). You may also electronically transfer your fair share using Venmo. You can find our account at @OMS-Franciscan-GR.**

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Ongoing Formation Opportunities



From the Franciscan Institute: Secular Franciscan Conferences—Summer 2022

The Crib, the Cross, the Eucharist: A Secular Franciscan Spirituality

Three Saturday sessions, each from noon to 2 p.m. Eastern
May 14 | June 11 | July 9. All Sessions via Zoom.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and registration.

Support the Capuchins in Ukraine and Poland



When war came to Ukraine, the Capuchin friars from the Custody of Ukraine chose to remain in Ukraine to provide humanitarian and spiritual assistance to the people. At the same time, our Capuchin brothers across the border in Poland are ministering to the refugees that continue to arrive each day to escape violence in Ukraine. As you can tell from their messages above, the situation is very serious for the Ukrainian people.

Like our brother St. Francis of Assisi, who himself lived through strife and war, the friars work to alleviate suffering and be the hands and feet of Jesus among the suffering. You can make a difference and support the work of the friars in Ukraine by making a donation below or sending a donation by mail to us at:

Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph
Att'n: Development Office - Ukraine Relief
1820 Mount Elliott St
Detroit, MI 48207

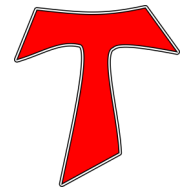
Please write "Ukraine" on the memo line of your check.

We are grateful for your generosity. 100 percent of your donation goes directly to the Capuchin friars in Ukraine and Poland. Thank you.

For more information go to thecapuchins.org/ukraine

Celebrating the Milestones

Wishing our brothers and sisters many blessings!



Professions

Terri Mauro	April 23
Dwayne Betcher	April 24
Cami Mann	April 24
Mark Mann	April 24
Susan Martin	April 24
Barb Scott	April 24
Lori Fedewa	April 25
Amy Oatley	April 25
Todd Oatley	April 25
Jim Flickinger	April 27
Alvin Matkovich	April 27
Harriet Pilson	April 27
Jerry Swiatlowski	April 27

Birthdays

Ken Estes	April 2
Margaret Gessner	April 5
Linda Lee Spencer	April 6
Peg Wegenka	April 14
Jim Parent	April 17
Mary Michalski	April 18
Ted Kusmierz	April 19
Michelle Bryk	April 22
Mary VanderPloeg	April 22
Beth Price	April 24
Patti Reynolds	April 28
Lori Fedewa	April 30
Claire Pinsonneault	April 30

Message from the Minister

Our online Saturday Laudato Si Discernment Process has been going so well! Thank you, Cory Mitchell, for leading us through this important exercise. So much great conversation in looking ahead for projects for our fraternity. If you have not been able to participate, it is not too late to join. We meet on Saturdays from 10:00 –11:00 am. Watch your email for the weekly reminders and the Zoom link.

I would also like to pray for the upcoming elections. I know the Holy Spirit has blessed this fraternity and will continue to do so. I pray for all the nominees that they be open to the Spirit's promptings in guiding the future of Our Mother of Sorrows. May God be praised!

Pax et bonum,

Barbara Scott, OFS

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NOTES

****Please note the new format****

- We ask you to pray for the person you are partnered with all month.
- We encourage **either** person to call to check in or ask for prayer requests.
- All numbers are cell numbers, if available
- M=Mailing list
F=Formation
- Prayer requests can be emailed to Barb Scott and Michelle Bryk

We encourage you to call your prayer partners and check in to see how they are fairing. Specific prayer requests can be sent to Michelle Bryk if needed.

Fair Share Update

If you are excused from attending the fraternity gatherings and would like to send your fair share amount, please make check payable to Our Mother of Sorrows Fraternity and send your check to:

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2265 Burton Pines SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

OR Venmo to:
@OMS-Franciscan-GR

To Be Excused

If you are unable to attend a fraternity gathering due to health or other hardship reasons, please email:

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