

**SAINT CONRAD'S FRATERNITY ○ SAINT MARGARET OF CORTONA REGION ○
SEVERNA PARK, MARYLAND**

MAY 2020

"Please come to me in spiritual communion. Send your body and blood gushing through my veins. Send your love to my heart, my soul and my mind. Left me up to your bosom and infuse me with your divine love." Amen. – Blessed Solanus Casey

FRATERNITY MEETING -- Postponed

"Be praised by Lord, through all your creatures, especially through my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day; and you give light through him."

PRAYER REQUESTS

For the physical and spiritual healing of...

Kellie Eye (granddaughter of Susan Grief), Katherine Henry (daughter-in-law of Mary Henry), Mary Henry and her niece, Mary Jo Johnson, Bill Kvetkas (husband of Joan Kvetkas), Joe McGeady, John McHugh (brother of Joe McHugh), Michelle niece of Denise Miente, Bill Mulqueen, Ruth Shea's husband Pat Tyrrell, Evelyn Jones' niece, Jimmy Wilbourne (son of Genny Wilbourne)

And for all those who are in need of prayers and are absent from this list.

"Praised be you, my Lord through Sister Moon and the stars, in heaven you formed them clear and precious and beautiful."

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Carmen Delgado, Audrey Donnelly, Catherine Gonzalez

"And praised be you, my Lord, through Brother Wind, through air and cloud, through calm and every weather by which you sustain your creatures."

PROFESSION ANNIVERSARIES

Audrey Donnelly, Catherine Gonzalez, Mary Henry

"Praised be you, my Lord through Sister Water, so very useful and humble, precious and chaste."

TREASURY

Checking Account Balance \$1,662.28 (As of May 8, 2020)

CHARITY

Our Minister asked that we continue to shift our fraternity giving to any charities and outreaches that are assisting the lives that have been disrupted by Covid-19. Here are some local charities

Catholic Charities

<https://catholiccharitiesny.org/news/help-catholic-charities-provide-emergency-relief->

Anne Arundel County Food Bank

<https://app.mobilecause.com/e/3nD-eQ?vid=85fdl>

Hope For All

Hope for all is a Christian ministry serving the basic needs of families and individuals who are residents of Anne Arundel County and parts of Baltimore City. It is supported by several parishes represented by our Fraternity.

<http://www.hopeforall.us>

Saint Francis International School

St Francis International School sponsors food distribution for the Langley Park community in Prince Georges' County. The community has a high concentration of poor immigrant families. Our Fraternity brother Tobey Harkleroad is the principal of St Francis. Their good works were featured in a recent Catholic standard article!

<https://www.mightycause.com/story/Covid19food>

<https://cathstan.org/news/local/catholic-parish-and-school-provide-lifeline-to-langley-park-community-hard-hit-by-covid-19>

*“Praised by you, my Lord through Brother Fire, by Whom you light up the night,
and he is handsome and merry, robust and strong.”*

APOSTOLATES

Lighthouse Shelter Lunches Postponed. We will continue to provide the Shelter with some cash donation each month so they can shop and make lunches inside the Shelter.

Phoenix Academy Backpack Program. We continue to provide the Phoenix Academy with a cash donation to assist some of the teachers and staff in need.

****If you are new for either Apostolate please contact Denise Miente at 410 253 5555****

Franciscan Family Apostolate - Family #1178 - <https://franciscanfamilyapostolate.org/>

*“Praised be you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth,
who sustains us and directs us bringing forth
all kinds of fruits and colored flowers and herbs.”*

MAY FRANCISCAN CALENDAR

1-Saint Joseph the Workers, 12-Saint Leopold Mandic, 13-Our Lady of Fatima 20-Saint Bernardine of Sienna, 30-Saint Jone of Arc

Saint of the Day Calendar available at Franciscan Media.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/sod-calendar/>

*“Praised be you, My Lord through those who forgive for your love
and who bear sickness and trial.”*

COUNCIL MEETING

Next Council Meeting will be a web and audio conference using Zoom on Friday, May 22 at 10:00 AM.

“Blessed are those who endure in peace, for by you, Most High, they will be crowned.”

SAVE THE DATE

June 13, 2020 (tentative) Br. Diogo’s ordination to the priesthood. Pittsburgh, PA

September ??, 2020 (tentative) Br. Rigo’s ordination to the priesthood. Pittsburgh, PA

August 18-22, 2021 Quinquennial in Phoenix, AZ

“Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no living man can escape.”

MINISTER’S MINUTE

Dear Brothers and Sisters

I hope you are doing well bodily, mentally, and most important spiritually. We are now embarking on a modified phase one reopening as we move from “Stay at Home” to “Better at Home” during this epidemic. Home is definitely better for now and I do not know when we will be able to gather together again. The size of the fraternity and the size of the Youth Room do not meet necessary safety measures. But with the warmer weather hopefully becoming more consistent I hope we can meet at an outdoor location soon.

Like many organizations/businesses, our National Council has sent out a “Guide for Fraternal Life During Social Distancing.” The council will be discussing this at our next council meeting on May 22.

I need feedback now from you. I know my parish is doing many activities in addition to streaming the Mass. Are your parishes doing the same or would you like the fraternity to host an online rosary or the 14 Stations of the Resurrection? An online presentation really only works with one person talking at a time, so if we held an online activity speaking parts would be assigned to people.

Online discussion groups can also be done on Zoom; however, groups should be small ... perhaps area groups. I think a discussion group with 20 people might be awkward. Or are you being inundated with activities from your parish? Please let me know what you feel/think at jd6bouv@verizon.net. And let me know what you think of the new Porter format that Chris has developed.

In all the Poor, Bonaventure wrote, “Francis saw before him a portrait of Christ” even animals represented Christ to him. Seeing the birth of a lamb, for example, Francis exclaimed, “Alas, brother lamb, innocent animal, always display Christ to people.”

5TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAUDATO SI'

This month we celebrate the 5th anniversary of Pope Francis' second encyclical Laudato Si'. Here in the US, the call of Laudato Si' is not being heard. Recently our nation abandoned its commitment to the Paris Climate Accord, rolled back safety standards for the purity of our air and water, weakened regulations for auto emissions and fossil fuel plants, and gutted protections for endangered species.