

**The Porter -- August 2020**  
**Saint Conrad's Fraternity -- Severna Park, Maryland**  
**Saint Magaret of Cortona Region**

*In Romans 16: 1-2, Paul states: "I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae, so that you may welcome her in the Lord as is fitting for the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a benefactor of many and of myself as well." [N.R.S.V.]*

**FRATERNITY MEETING**

**September 19 at 10 am using Zoom Video Conferencing.**

We will be continuing our discussion of racism focusing this month on individual racism.

Fraternity members will receive an invitation via email that Joan Faltot is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. We suggest you join the meeting at 9:50 AM. If you have any questions or problems joining, please contact Chris at 410-814-9227.

You can join a Zoom meeting by phone, PC or touch pad.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

For the spiritual and physical healing of...

Kellie Eye (grand daughter of Susan Grief) ▫ Katherine Henry (daughter-in-law of Mary Henry) ▫ Mary Henry and her niece ▫ Stephen (great grandson of Mary Henry) ▫ Mary Jo Johnson ▫ Joe McGeady ▫ John McHugh (brother of JoeMcHugh) ▫ Michelle niece of Denise Miante ▫ Bill Mulqueen ▫ Ruth Shea's husband ▫ Evelyn Jone's niece ▫ Jimmy Wilbourne (son of Genny Wilbourne) ▫ Deacon Chris Pinto

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

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Mary Rita Rossi ▫ Denise Miante ▫ Chris Grubach

**PROFESSION ANNIVERSARIES**

Jean Gaes - September 17, 1987  
Bob Ranke, Sara Ranke, Carmen Delgado - September 11, 1986  
Denise Miante, Mary Rita Rossi, Genny Wilbourne - September 18, 2010  
Toby Hackelroad, Chris Grubach and Joe McHugh - September 21, 2019

**TREASURY**

September ending balance: \$2,026.29

Please send your financial support to our Treasurer, Joseph McHugh, 1740 Tedbury St, Crofton, MD 21114

*In light of the upcoming elections... "Respect and love ought to be extended also to those who think or act differently than we do in social, political, and even religious matters" (Gaudium et Spes 28).*

## **SAVE THE DATE**

40 Days for Life Fall 2020 Campaign – September 23<sup>rd</sup> to November 1st  
September 23<sup>rd</sup> – November 1st 40 days in prayerful vigil to save lives in Annapolis  
[https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/cdn.40daysforlife.com/resources/4113/2020\\_Fall\\_flyer.pdf](https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/cdn.40daysforlife.com/resources/4113/2020_Fall_flyer.pdf)

### Transitus of St Francis

October 3 is the vigil of St. Francis of Assisi's death and bears a special name — the Transitus. October 4 is the day the Church sets aside to celebrate St. Francis of Assisi's dies natalis — his birth into eternal life. Francis is easily one of the Church's most beloved and venerated saints. Thus, even the vigil of his death is celebrated in style. Unfortunately, there are no special celebrations locally this year, though the Shrine of Saint Anthony has an outdoor mass.

The Shrine of St. Anthony 12290 Folly Quarter Rd Ellicott City, MD 21042 410-531-2800  
Sunday, October 4 at 10am Mass outside, bring a chair, wear a mask and social distance.

### Brother Rigo's Ordination

October 10, 2020 - Ordination to priesthood. Pittsburgh, PA  
The ordination will be livestream on Br. Rigo's YouTube channel at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/ReflectingwithBrRigobelAzanwiOFMCap>

### Quinquennial

August 18-22, 2021 Quinquennial in Phoenix, AZ

### Season of Creation

September 1 – October 4 E E E <http://seasonofcreation.org>

*"Nothing is more practical than finding God. It will decide... what amazes you with joy and gratitude." - Blessed Pedro Arrupe, SJ*

## **HOLY MEN AND WOMEN**

Blessed Pedro Arrupe, SJ

*Pedro Arrupe, superior general of the Jesuits died on Feb 5 1991. His belief that the gospel requires effective solidarity with a suffering world had roots in his early years as a priest. Assigned to Japan, he was present in Hiroshima on August 6 1945...*

"I was in my room with another priest at 8:15 when suddenly we saw a blinding light, like a flash of magnesium. As I opened the door which faced the city, we heard a formidable explosion similar to the blast of a hurricane. At the same time doors, windows and walls fell on us in smithereens. From atop a nearby hill we could see a ruined city—a decimated Hiroshima. Since it was at a time when the first meal was being prepared in all the kitchens, the entire city became one enormous flake of fire in two and a half hours.

I shall never forget my first sight of the result of the atomic bomb: a group of young women, 18 or 20 years old, clinging to one another as they dragged themselves along the road. One had a blister that almost covered her chest. She had burns across half her face and a cut in her scalp caused probably by falling tile, while great quantities of blood coursed down her face. On and on they came a steady procession numbering some 150,000. This gives some idea of the horror that was Hiroshima.

We continued looking for some way of entering the city, but it was impossible. We did the only thing that could be done in the presence of such mass slaughter: we fell on our knees and prayed for guidance, as we were destitute of all human help. The following day, before beginning to take care of the wounded and bury the dead, I celebrated Mass at 5am in the house. In these very moments one feels closer to God, and more deeply the value of God's aid. Actually the surroundings did not foster devotion for the celebration of the Mass. The chapel, half destroyed, was overflowing with the wounded, lying on the floor near one another, suffering terribly, twisted with pain."

*Blessed Pedro Arrupe's Hiroshima Diary*

*The head of a Madonna statue that survived the Nagasaki atomic bomb. It is located in the Urakami Catholic chapel. The statue was destroyed during the bombing and buried in the rubble. The blackened head was found by a recently discharged Japanese soldier who happened to be also a Trappist monk.*

*Grant me, O Lord, to see everything now with new eyes, to discern and test the spirits that help me read the signs of the times, and to communicate them to others. Give me clarity of understanding that you gave Ignatius. - Blessed Pedro Arrupe, SJ*

## **SECRETARY'S BY-LINE**

Susan Burns rightly reminded us of the injustice faced by Native Americans in the United States. The plight they face is no less daunting than Black Americans. I believe that only by being truthful can we imagine a better way. So, I have included links for two recent articles which have appeared in the Baltimore Sun and Annapolis Capital Gazette by Gerald Winegrad, former Maryland State Delegate. If you would like to go much deeper I am reading Unworthy Republic by Claudio Saunt. I was surprised to learn the same characters involved with enslavement of black people were responsible for the forced migration of Native Americans across the Mississippi.

Gerald Winegrad: Geocide of Native Americans transforms North America | Commentary  
<https://www.capitalgazette.com/environment/ac-cn-gerald-winegrad-20200718-idhv5jxfiramjchepeoq43r7zq-story.html>

Gerald Winegrad: Abusive land practices started with colonization | COMMENTARY  
[https://www.baltimoresun.com/news/environment/ac-cn-column-gerald-winegrad-2020726-20200725-lvpj4uyaqjgwbaanz7lejmvze4-story.html?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+baltimoresun%2Ffeatures%2Frss2+%28Top+features%29](https://www.baltimoresun.com/news/environment/ac-cn-column-gerald-winegrad-2020726-20200725-lvpj4uyaqjgwbaanz7lejmvze4-story.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+baltimoresun%2Ffeatures%2Frss2+%28Top+features%29)

## REQUIEM FOR BLACK CHILDREN OF GOD

Brothers and sisters, the scars of systemic racism plague our nation, our communities, and our churches. Far too long, too many of us stood silent as our Black brothers and sisters succumbed by the brutal blows of racism's cruel injustice. Let us say their names, those who bled and died on this punishing cross and ask forgiveness. Forgive us we pray.

King Oscar Grant  
Trayvon Martin  
Rekia Boyd  
Michael Brown  
Laquan McDonald  
Tamir Rice, Eric Garner  
Sandra Bland  
Bettie Jones  
Quintonio LeGrier  
Walter Scott  
Eric Harris  
Tony Robinson  
Romain Brisbon  
Breonna Taylor  
George Floyd  
Amadou Diallo

Malice Green  
Freddie Gray  
Rafael Cruz  
Kajuan Raye  
Alton Sterling  
Paul O'Neal  
Philando Castile  
Terence Crutcher  
Devaris "Caine" Rogers  
Stephon Clark  
Juan Flores  
Marco Gomez  
Eddie Lee Patterson  
Gus Touis  
John Crawford  
Sean Bell

Abner Louima  
Nathaniel Edwards  
Harith Augustus  
Botham Jean  
Isiah Murrietta-Golding  
Antwan Rose II  
O'Shea Terry  
Devon Bailey  
Atatiana Jefferson  
Kenneth French  
Michael Dean  
Bruce Carter  
Genevive Dawes  
Ahmaud Arbery  
Aiyana Jones