

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 23rd to November 1st
September 23rd – 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

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

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