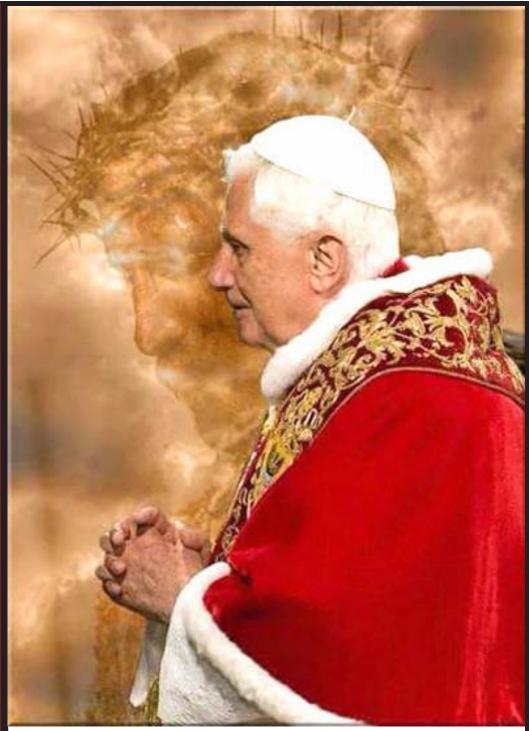


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Pope Benedict XVI

Joseph Ratzinger
Elected the 265th pope
on 19 April 2005
renounced on 28 February 2013



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MINISTER'S LETTER

My dear brothers and sisters,

May God's peace and joy reign in your heart!

At our fraternity gathering on February 17, three of our newly-professed members, **Hank Forys**, **Eileen Smith** and **Anthony Cerroni**, shared with us how God called them to the Secular Franciscan Order, how they responded to God's call, and their personal journey to profession. Great job Hank, Eileen and Anthony!

Please plan to attend our **Day of Reflection** on Sunday, March 17th at 11:00 a.m. Two Bernardine Franciscan Sisters will give a presentation on the topic, *Gazing at Christ*. Remember to bring a **brown bag lunch** and, if you are able, a dish to pass. There will **not** be a Mass on our Day of Reflection.

As you know, Pope Benedict XVI announced on February 11 that he will be stepping down from the Chair of St. Peter at 8 P.M. Rome time on February 28. During this month of March, let us join together to pray 1) in thanksgiving for Pope Benedict XVI, and 2) that the Holy Spirit will guide the discussions of the College of Cardinals as they meet to discern and elect our next Pope.

REFLECTION

Some thoughts for you to reflect upon during this Lenten season:

THE PRAYER BEFORE THE CRUCIFIX

Most High, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out your holy and true command.

- St. Francis of Assisi

"Gaze on (him), consider (him), contemplate (him), as you desire to imitate (him)"

- St. Clare of Assisi

"Totally love him, who gave himself totally for your love."

- St. Clare of Assisi

May our hearts be open to the movement of God's grace in our lives during this Lenten season.

Your sister in Ss. Francis and Clare,

maryann



Guests Ken and Dorothy Popis



Come and See

On Sunday, **April 21**, the St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity is hosting a new class of orientees. The gathering begins at 12 Noon in the second floor conference room of the Solanus Casey Center. Orientees are invited to remain for the fraternity gathering and social, if they wish.

We are looking for practicing, dedicated Catholics. Invite them, and let them decide if they want to pursue the Gospel way of life for themselves.

Please consider inviting even just one person to come and see what we are about.

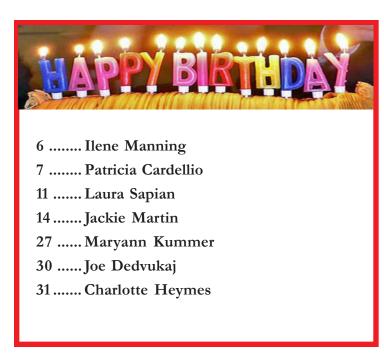
Mary Hebert

Maryann and Hugh Montpetit recently visited Mary Hebert and sent this photo of her.

Mary Hebert The Bellaire # 306 12621 Hale St. Riverview, MI 48193

Our love and prayers are with you, Mary!









Our Deceased:

Clara Babala (₱ Feb. 7, 2013) Joseph Pierce (⊕ Feb. 18, 2013)

Members needing prayers:

Wilhelmina Adkins Lorraine Korte Dan & Jan Atkinson Frank B. Kraimer Kav Balas Les and Josie Lafata

Frank & Rosalie Liccardello Claire Boutain

Mary Lou Catino Patricia Long Rocco Cesaro Rose Longo Ilene Manning Joe Driessen Joseph Marra Mary Gillen Grabowski Family Sophie Martin Mabel Michaels Nona Mary Hebert James Heymes **Hugh Montpetit** Barbara Pardington Caroline Hojna Bob Peckham Dora Sue Jay Anna Marie Jezak George Pelvak Gary Johnson Tom Ricard Donna Marie Johnston Mary Saber Francis Scallion Louis Joseph Alice Vier Esther Kelley

Relatives needing prayers:

Richard Boutain, son of Claire

Theresa Brannigan, daughter-in-law of Marguerite Mary Ann Bridge, daughter of Connie Musial

Joseph Wisk

Melinda Ann Collins, daughter of Julia E.-Donahue

Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forys

Ted and Judy Hojna

Mary Klein

Bonnie Holler, niece of Jo Marie Nardi

Denise Joseph, daughter of Louis

Michael and Irene Kutchey,

son and daughter-in-law of Julia E.-Donahue Fred LaChance, brother of Donna Marie Johnston Family of Patricia Long

Family of Ilene Manning Rosemary Marson, sister of Ralph Barbara Musial, daughter of Connie Joan Nagel, sister of Joe Driessen Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas Teresa Poole, mother of Mary Joseph Ricard, brother of Tom Sr. Mary Siefken, SCL, cousin of Tony Lienert William Thomas, Jr, brother-in-law of Joe Driessen

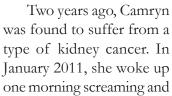
Memorials:

Rev. Michael Donavan, Rev. Henry Villerot, Lucy Fuca

Please help to keep our list up-to-date. Call:

Jo Marie Nardi

Camryn 6 years old





clutching her side. A CT scan revealed that there were several tumors on her right kidney and one large tumor on her left kidney. Camryn's family was quickly sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, where her treatment included chemotherapy, surgery and radiation. Throughout Camryn's fight with cancer, doctors worked to keep her kidneys functioning so that she wouldn't need dialysis.

In the beginning, Camryn was scared, but a Child Life specialist explained everything to Camryn so that she could understand it. Camryn's mother is an elementary school teacher and her father is a 4-H instructor getting his master's degree in agriculture education. They have good insurance, but the family was relieved that whatever insurance didn't cover, St. Jude would. "I've heard so many times that people have had to declare bankruptcy or lost their homes when a family member gets sick, but St. Jude takes care of its families," Camryn's mom said.

Camryn is done with treatment and visits St. Jude for regular checkups. She loves dancing and singing, and has even started to write her own songs. When she grows up, Camryn wants to be a dance teacher.



Celebrating Ron and Elizabeth Kessler





Ronald was born on November 3, 1942 in Saginaw. He was the second oldest of four children born to Roman and Lillian Kessler. His siblings are: Carol Ann, who died from complications at birth, Larry James and Theodore "Ted" Lee.

Ron attended St. Joseph Catholic Grade School in Saginaw. His high school and first two years of college were spent at St. Joseph's Seminary in Grand Rapids for preparation for the diocesan priesthood. His last two years of college were spent studying mostly philosophy, Latin, Greek, and Church History at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Emmittsburg, Maryland, home of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the Sisters of Charity. Ron also spent one year studying theology at St. John's

Major Seminary in Plymouth, Michigan. After much thought and prayer, Ron left the seminary in 1965 to begin a secular way of life.

Ron taught school for one year at Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington Hills, and for three years at St. Mark's in Warren. Since many of the Catholic schools were closing in the late 1960s, including St. Mark's, Ron decided to pursue a different career. He became an assistant manager at Knapp Shoe Stores for three years. He was teased that he went from "saving souls to selling soles!" Ron ultimately met a gentleman who introduced him to the Life Insurance business and since then has been in life insurance sales.

Elizabeth Ann was born on October 4, 1944 in Reed City, Michigan, also the birthplace of another OFS member, John Bodell. She was the third of seven children born to Russell and Ann Erbes. Her siblings are: Marie, Russell Jr., twins Frances and Barbara, Joann and Suzanne. Barbara died from cancer in 1986 at the age of 40.

Elizabeth attended St. Philip Neri Catholic Grade School and Reed City High School. She graduated from Mercy College of Detroit (now University of Detroit Mercy) in 1966 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education and from Marygrove College in 2000 with a Master's Degree in the Art of Teaching. She taught school for two years at St. Mark's Grade School in Warren with Ron and for 40 years with the Center Line Public Schools. She loved teaching and working with children and finally retired in August 2009.

Ron and Elizabeth (tagged "Liz" by classmates in college), met in the fall of 1965 and were married on August 20, 1966 in Reed City. They have two sons, David Alan and Daniel Joseph. David lives and works in the Detroit Metro area. Dan and his wife, Dorene, live and work in Glendale, Arizona, and have two children, Deven and Darian.

Ron and Liz are members of St. Clement Parish, recently renamed St. Mary's, Queen of Holy Families, in Center Line. During the spring, summer and fall months you can find them on the church and rectory grounds caring for the flower gardens which they plant, water and weed regularly. Two Sundays a month they take Ron's almost 94-year-old mother to Mass at St. Joseph's Church in Saginaw.

Ron and Liz enjoy traveling, sightseeing, hiking and walking their beloved granddog, Trooper. Ron has several sports interests, including playing racquetball twice a week, and golfing when possible. Liz enjoys reading and writing and has taken an interest in genealogy and compiling family data and information for their family and for other families.

They frequently attend the Healing Service on Wednesdays, and it was there that they met Joe Gentile who invited them to attend an orientation class to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order. One of Elizabeth's favorite saints is St. Francis of Assisi as she was born on his feast day. She had thought about the secular Franciscans but did not take any action until meeting Joe. Both Ron and Liz are now candidates in the formation program. They feel welcome in their new spiritual family, and look forward to learning more about St. Francis, our Fraternity, and living the Gospel more fully.

We love you, Ron and Elizabeth!



Gospæl Happenings

MARCH 23, 2013 (SATURDAY)

Join us from 9 am to Noon at the Capuchin Service Center, 6333 Medbury (corner of I-94 and Mt. Elliott). We will be joined by the St. Clare Society from Regina High School. We will also be volunteering with another group that morning. Remember to wear your brown shirts. If you have any questions, contact **Eileen Smith**. We look forward to seeing you! Eileen, Laura and Ruby.

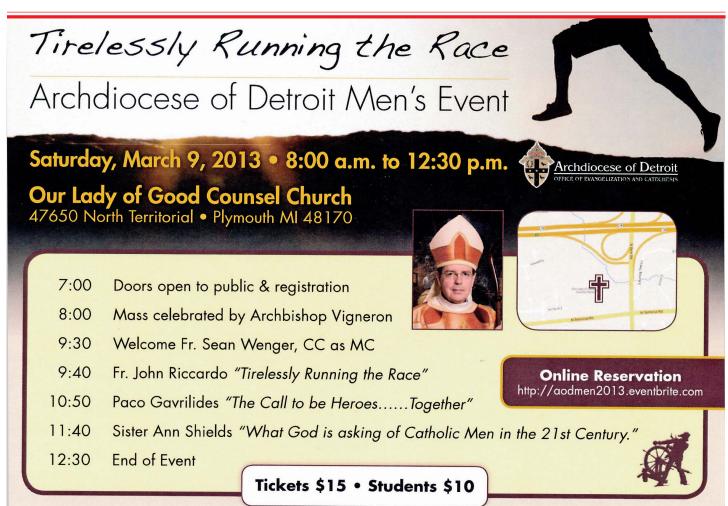
SPREAD THE WORD

Divine Mercy Region has a new regional Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Representative [JPIC] in the person of **Jim Hegenauer**. Check out the Region's JPIC website at **dmrjpic.wordpress.com**. You'll find lots of good information regarding JPIC issues on the site.

APRIL 23, 2013 IN LANSING



Spend the day in Lansing to learn about current prolife legislative priorities and to have lunch with your legislator. The event will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing. More details in the coming weeks. Contact **Eileen Smith** if you are interested in attending.



CURRENT FRANCISCAN CARDINAL ELECTORS

CARLOS CARDINAL AMIGO VALLEGO, OFM

Archbishop emeritus of Seville, Spain (age 78)

Birth. August 23, 1934, Medina de Rioseco, archdiocese of Valladolid, Spain.

Education. Medical Faculty of Valladolid, Valladolid (medicine); soon after, left and joined Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans). Studied philosophy in Rome; Central University of Madrid, Madrid (psychology). Received the diaconate from Cardinal Fernando Quiroga Palacios, archbishop of Santiago de Compostela.

Priesthood. Ordained, August 17, 1960, Rome, by Miguel Nóvoa Fuente, auxiliary of Santiago de Compostela. Further studies, Rome. In Madrid, pastoral ministry; further studies; professor of philosophy of science and anthropology in different educational centers. Provincial of the Franciscan province of Santiago, 1970.



Episcopate. Elected archbishop of Tanger, Morocco, December 17, 1973. Consecrated, April 28, 1974, church of San Francisco el Grande, Madrid, by Cardinal Marcelo González Martín, archbishop of Toledo. Attended the Fourth Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, September 30 to October 29, 1977. In several occasions acted as mediator to solve conflicts between the countries of Magreb (Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Mauritania, Tunisia) and Spain. Transferred to metropolitan see of Seville, May 22, 1982; received the pallium from Antonio Innocenti, nuncio in Spain, on June 29, 1982 during the installation mass at the metropolitan cathedral of Seville. Attended the Sixth Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, September 29 to October 28, 1983; by papal appointment. President of the Episcopal Commission for the Fifth Centennial of the Evangelization of America. Attended the Fourth General Conference of the Latin American Episcopate, October 12 to 28, 1992, as an invited guest. Attended the Ninth Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, October 2 to 29, 1994. Member of the Academies of Buenas Letras, Medicina and Bellas Artes of Seville. Decorated with the Orden al Mérito de los Padres de la Patria Dominicana, the highest decoration granted by the Dominican Republic, February 1995. Granted an honorary doctorate by the Technological University of Cibao, Dominican Republic, February 1995. Granted the silver medal of the Republic of Panamá, September 2000.

Cardinalate. Created cardinal priest in the consistory of October 21, 2003; received the red biretta and the title of S. Maria in Montserrato degli Spagnoli, October 21, 2003. Participated in the conclave of April 18 to 19, 2005, which elected Pope Benedict XVI. On November 5, 2009, he resigned the pastoral government of the archdiocese of Seville.



CLÁUDIO CARDINAL HUMMES, OFM

Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation of the Clergy (age 78)

Birth. August 8, 1934, Montenegro, archdiocese of Porto Alegre, Brazil. His family originated in Germany. Son of Pedro Adão Hummes and Maria Frank Hummes. He was baptized with the names Cláudio Aury Affonso.

Education. Joined the Order of the Friars Minor on February 1, 1952; solemn profession, February 2, 1956; Seminary Seráfico São Francisco, Taquari; Friary of São Boaventura, Daltro Filho, Garibaldi (philosophy); Friary of Divinópolis, Divinópolis (theology); Pontifical Antonian Athenaeum, Rome (doctorate in philosophy); Institut Oecuménique, Bossey, Geneva, Switzerland (specialization in Ecumenism). Besides his native Portuguese, he also speaks

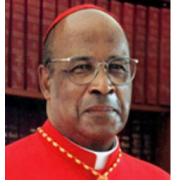
Spanish, German and Italian.

Priesthood. Ordained, August 3, 1958, Divinópolis, by João Batista Resende Costa S.D.B., coadjutor of Belo Horizonte. Further studies, Rome, 1959-1963. Further studies, Geneva, Switzerland, 1968. Professor of philosophy,

Franciscan Seminary of Garibaldi and parish ministry, 1963-1968; concurrently, consultor for ecumenism of the National Conference of Bishops of Brazil, 1965-1968. Further studies, Geneva, Switzerland, 1968. From 1969 to 1972, professor and rector of the faculty of Philosophy of Viamão, and professor of philosophy in the Pontifical Catholic University of Porto Alegre and counselor to the Franciscan students of philosophy. Provincial Minister of of Rio Grande do Sul in Porto Alegre, 1972-1975. President of the Latin American Franciscan Council.

Episcopate. Elected titular bishop of Carcabia and appointed coadjutor of Santo André, March 22, 1975. Consecrated, May 25, 1975, Mother of God cathedral, Porto Alegre, by Aloísio Leo Arlindo Lorscheider, archbishop of Fortaleza. Succeeded to the see of Santo André, December 29, 1975. In Santo André, he helped to organize the metallurgical labor unions and supported their strikes; he opened the doors of the churches to the clandestine meetings of the unions and hid the leaders, persecuted by the military dictatorship (1964-1985), among them Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, the current president of Brazil; he opposed the Theology of Liberation and was a tireless defender of the poor and human rights. Attended the V Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, September 26 to October 25, 1980. Attended the Fourth General Conference of the Latin American Episcopate, October 12 to 28, 1992. Promoted to the metropolitan see of Fortaleza, May 29, 1996. He was one of the leading organizers of the World Encounter of Families in Rio de Janeiro in 1997. Attended the Special Assembly for America of the Synod of Bishops, November 16 to December 12, 1997. Transferred to the metropolitan see of São Paulo, April 15, 1998. Grand Chancellor of the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo.

Cardinalate. Created cardinal priest in the consistory of February 21, 2001; received the red biretta and the title of S. Antonio da Padova in Via Merulana, February 21, 2001. Attended the X Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, September 30 to October 27, 2001. Preached the Lenten retreat at the Vatican for the pope and the Roman Curia, February 18 to 23, 2002. Member of the Council of Cardinals for the Study of the Organizational and Economic Problems of the Holy See, December 16, 2004. Participated in the conclave of April 18 to 19, 2005, which elected Pope Benedict XVI. Attended the XI General Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, October 2 to 23, 2005. Resigned the pastoral government of the archdiocese of São Paulo and was named prefect of the Congregation for the Clergy, October 31, 2006. Participated in the 5th General Conference of the Latin American Episcopate that took place from May 13 to 31, 2007, in Aparecida, Brazil. Attended the Twelfth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, October 5 to 26, 2008. Participated in the Second Special Assembly for Africa of the Synod of Bishops, October 4 to 25, 2009. Resigned the prefecture of the Congregation for the Clergy for limit of age on October 7, 2010.



WILFRID FOX CARDINAL NAPIER, OFM

Archbishop of Durban, South Africa (age 71)

Birth. March 8, 1941, Swartberg, diocese of Kokstad, South Africa. Of a family of seven children, five boys and two girls, who remain close to this day.

Education. Joined the Order of the Friars Minor, Ireland, 1960; Franciscan Noviatiate, Killarney; University of Galway (bachelor in letters); Louvain University, Louvian, Belgium (master in arts; bachelors in philosophy and theology).

Priesthood. Ordained, July 25, 1970, cathedral of Kokstad, by John Evangelist McBride, O.F.M., bishop of Kokstad. Parish ministry in Lusikisiki (1971-1973); and in Tabankulu

(1973-1978). Learned several African languages of his area. Apostolic administrator of the diocese of Kokstad, May 15, 1978 to 1980.

Episcopate. Elected bishop of Kokstad, November 29, 1980. Consecrated, February 28, 1981, St. Patrick's cathedral, Kokstad, by Denis Eugene Hurley, O.M.I., archbishop of Durban. Attended the Sixth Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, September 29 to October 28, 1983. President of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference (SACBC), 1987-1994, the critical years when the country abolished apartheid and elected its first black president,

Nelson Mandela. Attended the Seventh Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, October 1 to 30, 1987. Outspoken defender of human rights. Member of the Council of the Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops, 1989-. Promoted to metropolitan see of Durban, May 29, 1992. Attended the Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for Africa, April 10 to May 8, 1994; president of the Commission for Social Communications. Apostolic administrator sede vacante et ad nutum Sanctae Sedis of Umzimkulu, August 1, 1994. Honorary doctorate in jurisprudence, National University of Ireland, 1995. Attended the Special Assembly for Asia of the Synod of Bishops, April 19 to May 14, 1998; by papal appointment. President of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference (SACBC), 1999-2007.

Cardinalate. Created cardinal priest in the consistory of February 21, 2001; received the red biretta and the title of S. Francesco d'Assisi ad Acilia, February 21, 2001. Participated in the conclave of April 18 to 19, 2005, which elected Pope Benedict XVI. Named member of the Council of Cardinals for the Study of the Organizational and Economic Problems of the Holy See, February 3, 2007. Participated in the Second Special Assembly for Africa of the Synod of Bishops, October 4 to 25, 2009, its second president-delegate. Named member of the Pontifical Council for Health Workers on March 21, 2012.



SEÁN PATRICK CARDINAL O'MALLEY. OFM CAP

Archbishop of Boston, Massachusetts (age 68)

Birth. June 29, 1944, Lakewood, diocese of Cleveland, USA. Son of Theodore O'Malley and Mary Louise Reidy. His baptismal name was Patrick.

Education. Entered the Order of the Friars Minor Capuchin; professed on July 14, 1965; took the name Seán; St. Fidelis Seminary, Butler, PA; Capuchin College, Washington, DC; The Catholic

University of America, Washington, DC (master's in religious education; doctorate in Spanish and Portuguese literature). Besides his native English, he speaks Spanish and Portuguese, and also knows German, Italian and French.

Priesthood. Ordained, August 29, 1970, church of St. Augustine, Pittsburgh, by John Bernard McDowell, auxiliary bishop of Pittsburgh. Faculty member, Catholic University of America, 1969-1973. Further studies, Washington, DC In the archdiocese of Washington, executive director of Centro Católico Hispano, 1973; episcopal vicar for the Hispanic, Portuguese and Haitian communities and executive director of the Office of Social Ministry, 1978. Named a knight commander of the Order of Prince Henry the Navigator in 1974; this honor was conferred by the Portuguese government for outstanding service to the Portuguese people.

Episcopate. Named coadjutor bishop of Saint Thomas, Virgin Islands, June 2, 1984. Consecrated, August 2, 1984, cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Saint Thomas, by Edward John Harper, C.SS.R., bishop of Saint Thomas. Member of the Christian Life Community "Agrupación Católica Universitaria", founded in Cuba and now present in several U.S. cities, September 22, 1984. Succeeded to the see of Saint Thomas, October 16, 1985. Named as a chaplain ad honorem of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, 1991. Transferred to the see of Fall River, MA, June 16, 1992. Participated, by papal appointment, in the Special Assembly for Oceania of the Synod of Bishops, November 22 to December 12, 1998. Apostolic visitor for several seminaries in Central America and the Caribbean. Transferred to the see of Palm Beach, September 3, 2002. Promoted to the metropolitan see of Boston, July 1, 2003.

Cardinalate. Created cardinal priest in the consistory of March 24, 2006; received the red biretta and the title of S. Maria della Vittoria, March 24, 2006. On May 31, 2010, he was named visitor to the archdiocese of Dublin and its suffragan sees to explore more deeply questions concerning the handling of cases of abuse and the assistance owed to the victims; to monitor the effectiveness of and seek possible improvements to the current procedures for preventing abuse perpetrated by priests and religious upon minors.

MARCH 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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LENT III Pss Wk 3	4	5	6	7	Meldrum Soup Kitchen: 10:30-1:00	9
LENT IV Pss Wk 4 Daylight Savings Time begins (Spring forward)	11	12	13	14	15	Fraternity Council meeting 1:30 am - 3 pm
LENT V Pss Wk 1 Day of Reflection: 11:00 AM	18	19	20 First Day of SPRING	21	22	23
PALM Sunday Pss Proper 31 EASTER Pss Proper	25	26	27	28	29	30 erello, March 2013



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MAKING FRATERNITY HAPPEN

The entire St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity gathers on the Third Sunday of every month. For more information, contact:

In addition to our monthly Fraternity gathering, some members also gather in small groups:

Fr. Solanus Cell (2nd Friday, 7:30 pm):

Mary Ann and Hugh Montpetit

FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

Meldrum Soup Kitchen

Usually on the 2nd Friday of each month.

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Healing Service Social Wednesdays at 2 PM

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