



St. Padre Pio Press

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November Meeting

Our next meeting will take place on November 10th at 11:30 AM in room 6 at St. Christopher Catholic Church. After the opening and the Liturgy of the Hours, Dixie Marshall will lead the wake service for our departed, Jim Harr will continue with Franciscan Prayer, and Jeanne Joslin will discuss purgatory.

Upcoming Events

December 8th

Baby Shower for Jesus/Christmas Meeting



“Suffer the little children to come unto me for such is the kingdom of God.”

At our Christmas meeting we have our annual Baby Shower for Jesus knowing that what we do to the least of these little ones we do also unto Him. Veronica’s home of Mercy takes in mothers who have chosen life and their children. The moms are helped to prepare for jobs and life outside of the shelter, but may stay until they are ready along with their little blessings. We are also blessed to be able to help them with items that are needed. They can use diapers, baby shampoo, wipes, and other items that our little ones need each day. They need diapers in all sizes. Babies grow quickly and some of the moms have older children. Things such as twin sheets and blankets are also needed. When the families are ready to go out to live independently, they

are given items to help them set up housekeeping such as unbreakable plate sets and tableware (forks, knives, and spoons), etc. Please remember these little ones and their moms who are so beloved by the Lord. You may bring your gifts for Baby Jesus to our December meeting.

January

1/8 Epiphany Party

Letter to My Brothers and Sisters



Hello my Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Thanksgiving! Wow, so hard to believe that we’re in the month of November. I’m sure we all have lots to be thankful for this year. This year is really flying by so fast. I hope everyone is doing well. Remember if you or a family member, or a friend needs prayer, send a not to Dixie so we can all pray together for their needs.

I was reading this article and thought I would bring it to you about having a good sense of humor. Humor helps lighten the day and laughter can bring a smile to humor so that I may take some happiness from this life and share it with others.

Laughter as a Form of Prayer

Reflection: St. Francis taught us how to be childlike in our appreciation of all that God provides for us, and especially in creation. Sometimes we become too solemn in our faith.

Like St. Francis, every once in a while we have to pick up two sticks and pretend we are playing the violin. We have to laugh and play and celebrate the goodness of God.

Prayer: Lord, let me never forget to smile!

Letter (Cont.)

Again, everyone try to remember to smile and share some humor with someone. Even if you don't show your teeth, you can smile. Bring some joy into someone's life. Remember, humor, laughter, and a smile are forms of prayer. You might be the only person they see that day. Enjoy your families and friends this Thanksgiving.

Blessings to All!

Denise

Ongoing Formation

Franciscan Prayer

It is important to know yourself before you come before the Lord in prayer. It is important to have a friendship with God. Ask yourself are you moving toward the Lord or away from the Lord. We may not understand the things within us that separate us from the Lord. We must go deep within and strive to understand ourselves. The Lord knows us. There are no secrets from God. Our Abba knows when we are not fully honest, perhaps from shame, or fear, or from lack of knowledge of our deepest self. Feel free to open yourself completely to your Abba—to your best Friend. Listen to the Lord. He will lead you in the right path.

The Franciscan's Climb to God

Chapter 10 Kindling the Fire of Love

In the fire, love came to me. Fr.

Jacopone da Todi

The Lord despises souls that are lukewarm. The Holy Spirit came to the Earth in the form of fire. The Lord wants us to be fervent, inflamed and burning with love. Francis climbed to the peak of Mt. Alvernia. In the spiritual sense, only those with souls afire for the Lord will ascend to the top. Fire ascends, but when there is no more fuel, fire is extinguished. Saints subjected themselves to mortification or indignity. For this, they were subject to the criticism of the worldly. They asked for forgiveness for their persecutors and

continued on their way. The person who is mortified, becomes free and light. He or she is not the slave of material things. In detaching from worldly goods and ideas, the person is more easily able to continue the climb to the top of the mountain. Think of hiking up a mountain with a large backpack to which are fastened a large bedroll, tools such as a spade, an ax to chop wood, etc. After a while, all of these things will begin to weigh you down and slow your progress. Now imagine hiking with only your trust in the Lord. Nothing will slow you down and, and all that you need will be provided. You must continue to stir the ashes and to add fuel as you find it on your journey. God will take care of you.

In mortification, we subdue in order to conquer. We renounce what the world sees as important in order to possess the treasures of heaven. The mortified soul is a soul that really lives. It is full of life and power and spreads this life all around where it leads others to follow the path to the top. Live an austere life. Detach from the things of the world. Ascend the mountain of spiritual holiness. Control your passions and set yourself free. Souls that are at peace with themselves, and that have mastered their wills will then be free to climb to the top of the spiritual mountain and to eventually enter into the kingdom of God.

November Formation

Contemplate this quote: "Our souls demand Purgatory don't they?" Would it not break the heart if God said to us, "It is true, my son, that your breath smells and your rags drip with mud and slime, but we are charitable here and no one will upbraid you with these things, nor draw away from you. Enter into the joy." Should we not reply, "With submission, Sir, and if there is no objection, I'd rather be cleaned first." Letters to Malcolm: Chiefly on Prayer by C.S. Lewis



Saints' Corner
Bl. Salome of Cracow



Salome was a daughter of Prince Lescon V and a sister of Boleslas the Chaste.

She was born in Cracow, the capital of Poland, in 1201. She was betrothed to Prince Colman of Hungary at the age of 3. He was a brother of St. Elizabeth of Thuringia and was sent to be raised in the court of King Andrew II.

Salome was a child of grace and was a model child. When it came time for Salome and Colman to be married, both agreed to preserve their virginity. They kept this vow to the end of their lives.

Both were known for practices of piety and penance. With the consent of her husband, Salome received the habit of the Third Order of St. Francis through her confessor, a Franciscan friar. Many of the ladies of the court followed her example and renounced worldly pomp and vanity. The palace began to resemble a convent. Even when her husband became the king of Galicia and she became queen, she remained the simple daughter of St. Francis.

King Coleman died in battle in 1225. Salome then consecrated herself to God, and used her wealth to support the poor and to build churches.

In 1240, she entered the convent of the Poor Clares at Zawichost. Later the convent moved to the area of Cracow to protect it from the Tatars. It was known as St. Mary of the

Stairs. Salome continued to live there for 28 years.

At the age of 67, she became ill during holy Mass, and predicted that her death would occur shortly. She died on November 17, 1268 after admonishing her sister to practice charity and harmony, and to faithfully observe the rule. In her last hour she was favored and fortified with a vision of our Lady and the Child Jesus. At the moment of her death, her sisters saw a brilliant star rise from her lips and mount to heaven. Seven months after burial, her body was exhumed and found incorrupt giving forth a sweet odor. Many miracles were ascribed to her, and she was beatified by Pope Clement X.

November Calendar of Saints

- 4 St. Charles Borromeo
- 7 St. Didacus of Alcala
- 13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
- 14 Sts. Nicholas Tavelic and companions
- 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary
- 18 Bl. Salome
- 19 St. Agnes of Assisi
- 24 Commemoration of all the Deceased of All the Franciscan Orders
- 26 St. Leonard of Port Maurice
- 27 St. Francis Anthony Fasani
- 28 St. James of the March
- 29 All Saints of the Franciscan Orders

Welcoming a New Inquirer



Jeanne Joslin is welcomed as an inquirer in the Padre Pio Fraternity by Minister Denise Leslie.

Please Pray

Rest of Soul

William "Bill" Richards

Those Who Mourn

Maggie Richards

Jeff Richards and family

Jason Richards

The Day and Marshall Families

Health and Healing

Barbara Turkowski-home hospice

Joanne and Jeffery Kmiecniak-hospice

Tom Turkowski

Victor Cisneros

Lilia Guzman

Lily Aldaz

Donald Stanley-3 bypasses

Julie Bash

Mary Pluegar

Susan Solomua

Joe Leslie

Charlie Hale

Janis Morris

Kathryn Grosz

Dora Sheppard-intense pain

Caretakers

All of those who care for the ill and dying

Peace of Spirit

Cecily Frank

Jordan Frank

Other Intentions

Peace in the world/An end to war

An end to abortion

Those who suffer from the effects of war

God's true peace in the world

For those who suffer from hurricanes,
tornadoes, flood, and fire

For those who are hungry and/or homeless

In thanks for all blessings great and small

In thanks for Jesus, for His sacrifices, and for our
salvation

That God's will be done

November Birthdays



11/28

Janet Serros

November Anniversaries of Profession



None

Wisdom of the Aging

Merry Christmas from Heaven

John Mooney

I still hear the songs,

I still see the lights

I still feel your love on cold winter nights

I still share your hopes and all of your cares
I'll even remind you to please say your prayers.

I just want to tell you, you still make me proud
You stand head and shoulders above all the
crowd.

Keep trying each moment, to stay in His grace
I came here before you to help set your place.

You don't have to be perfect all of the time
He forgives you the slip, if you continue the
climb.

To my family and friends, please be thankful
today
I'm still close beside you, in a new special way.

I love you all dearly, now don't shed a tear
'Cause I'm spending my Christmas with Jesus
this year.

*To all of us who miss our loved one on special
holidays, remember that we will see them again
one day.*