

St. Padre Pio Press

May, 2018

May Meetings



The May meeting will take place at St. Patrick house on May 6, 2018 at 12:30 PM. We will have a May crowning for our Blessed Mother. We will process outside with our flowers to Blessed Mother singing and will present our flowers. Then we will pray the Crown Rosary. Charles Howard will speak to us from the book Saints Behaving Badly. This book covers such things as mistaken or controversial beliefs about saints. Charles has chosen to cover Sts. Mary Magdalene and St. Christopher this time. It promises to be most interesting.

Please remember to bring flowers for Blessed Mother and something to share at the potluck during social time. After the meeting, we will take our flowers home to bless our homes and families.

The council will meet on Saturday, May 5th at the home of Janet Serros at 1:00 PM.

The meeting day is moved up to the first Sunday of the month in May because Mothers' Day is on the second Sunday of the month. We will return to our regular meeting day in June.

Las Cartas



Reflection—The Good Shepherd
Jesus is the good Shepherd. As the Word says, "I am the good shepherd, and I know mine, and mine know me." Jesus knows when we are weak, helpless, and wounded.

Jesus knows how to pick up the weak and damaged and bring them comfort. We may be reminded of when we were young and our mothers comforted us when we were sick. Jesus always knows our heart and when we are hurting; He knows how to give us comfort and security. The Good Shepherd is always walking with us and brings us home when we have lost our way.

A special blessing to all the mothers this Mothers' Day. We pray for all our mothers, living and deceased. And, as Franciscans, we are ever thankful to our Blessed Mother Mary.

May the Lord bless you and keep you and cause His face to shine on you.

Peace and All Good, Janet

Words of St. Pio

May Mary be the star which shines on your path and may she show you the safe way to reach the Heavenly Father. May she be like an anchor to which you must be closely attached in time of trial.

Words of St. Francis

When you see a poor person, you are looking into a mirror of the Lord and His poor mother. Celano, Second Life, 85

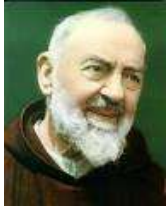
Profession of Dr. Juanito Medrano Garlitos



Juanito, next to Father Steve, with his Franciscan family

Franciscans gathered at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Alta Loma for the profession of our newest brother, Dr. Juanito Medrano Garlitos on April 21, 2018.

Congratulations to Juanito and to Holy Spirit Fraternity. May the Lord bless you always.



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Saints' Corner St. Catherine of Bologna



St. Catherine was born Catherine de' Vigri in Bologna on the 8th of September in 1413, and died there on March 9th in 1463. At the age of ten, her father sent her to the court of the Marquis of Ferrara to be a companion to the Princess Margarita. She studied literature and fine arts. A manuscript illuminated by her once belonged to Pope Pius IX and is now among the treasures at Oxford University.

After Princess Margarita married, Catherine returned home, and planned to join a community of devout maidens who were living in community and following the rule of the Third Order of St. Augustine in the nearby town of Ferrara. She later entreated them to adopt the Rule of St. Clare and in 1492, they were clothed in the habit of the Second Order of St. Clare by the provincial of the Friars Minor.

The increasing number of vocations made it necessary to establish new monasteries for the Poor Clares in Italy. Two were founded, one in Cremona and the other in Bologna. St. Catherine held the office of Abbess of the community in Bologna until her death.

Though plagued with temptations in her early religious life which tried her patience, humility, and faith (especially her faith), in her later years these gave way to abundant spiritual consolation and enjoyment of the "heights of contemplation."

She was a mystical writer. Much of her counsels and instructions on the spiritual life can be found in her "treatise on the Seven

Spiritual Weapons", which contains an account of her own spiritual struggles in the way of perfection.

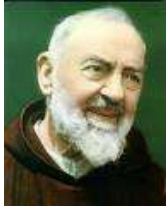
Her body remains incorrupt and is preserved in the chapel of the Poor Clares at Bologna. She was canonized by Pope Benedict XIII. Her feast is kept on the 9th of March. She is the patron saint of artists and those who struggle against temptations.

May Calendar of Saints

- 9 St. Catherine of Bologna
- 11 St. Ignatius of Laconi
- 16 St. Margaret of Cortona
- 17 St. Paschal Baylon
- 18 St. Felix of Cantalice
- 20 St. Bernadine of Siena
- 24 Dedication of the Basilica of St. Frances
- 28 St. Mariana of Jesus de Paredes
- 30 Bl. Baptista Varano
- 30 St. Ferdinand, King

Fraternal Visitation in June

Our Fraternal Visitation will occur at the June meeting. All members of the St. Padre Pio Fraternity are strongly urged to be in attendance. At this meeting, a fraternal visitor from St. Francis Region will visit. He or she will go over our books to be certain that all records are being kept in accordance with our constitutions and regional norms. The entire meeting will be turned over to the visitor. The council will meet with the visitor at 10:30 before the meeting. The visitor will speak with the fraternity during the meeting. This is a joyous time. Suggestions will be made in areas where we might need improvement. In areas where we are doing well, we will be given affirmation. Visitations occur every three years as do elections. Every order in the Catholic Church receives visitations. We look forward to sharing this special time with all of you.



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Change for Charity



Our Change for Charity fund is continuing. We send donations to three charities at the beginning of each year. Please remember to add any spare change or bigger bills if you have been blessed. God will bless you and those in need will bless you as well.



Pray for all who suffer because of terrorism and war throughout the world.

Please Pray

- Julie Bash
- End to abortion
- Sanctity of marriage
- Gilbert Serros
- Anne Hurst (health of her eyes)
- Barbara Turkowski
- Health and wellbeing of Betty Sonderman and her friends and family
- The end of human trafficking
- The end of domestic violence
- Gerald Borne, Jr.
- Discernment for all of those who are in formation
- Gilbert Williams--health
- Agatha Borne
- Agatha's daughter Panchita and granddaughter Erika
- Ted Hewitt
- Edison Marshall
- George Wurzel
- Linda Williams and her brother and sister-in-law
- Avis Ochoa--surgery

Franciscan School of Theology

The Franciscan School of Theology is now located at Mission San Luis Rey. Phone numbers are (760) 547-1800 or toll free (855) 355-1550.



Please pray for travel mercies for Janet and her family. Blessings to her niece on her marriage.

May Birthdays

None

May Anniversaries of Profession



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| 5/4/03 | Janet Serros |
| 5/4/03 | Jim Harr |
| 5/20/06 | Agatha Borne |