



St. Padre Pio Press

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May Meeting on First Sunday

Our May meeting will be held at St. Christopher on the **first Sunday of May**, which is May 5th at 11:30 AM. We change the day due to mother's day falling on the second Sunday of May. We will do a Consecration to Mary and Pray the Crown Rosary. We will review chapter 6 of the Franciscan Climb to God and should have read chapter 7. Please plan to be at the meeting.

June Visitation

Our June meeting will be given over to region as we have our Pastoral Visitation. We all need to be present to meet with our visitor. We will be considering our spiritual growth and well-being as a fraternity. Please make every effort to join us on this important day. We will meet at St. Christopher at 11:30 AM.

Letters to My Brothers and Sisters



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

To all mothers, Happy Mothers' Day! Spring is a wonderful time of year. Everything seems new or refreshed. May is the month of Mary, our Blessed Mother. I want to challenge everyone to pray one rosary a day. The rosary is our gift from the Blessed Mother. Let us give her a rosary each day in May to honor her in this month as she continues to protect and love us. This statement comes from St. John Vianney. *"Only after the Last Judgement will Mary get any rest; from now until then, she is much too busy with her children."*

Mary, Our Intercessor

Reflection: The Blessed Mother Mary does not spend her time in heaven thinking about her own needs. She is constantly interceding for her children on earth.

Mary is so loving and compassionate that she always reaches out to those in need, especially those who do not even know that what they are doing is putting them in spiritual danger.

Prayer: O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you.

So let us honor our Mother Mary by giving her the gift of ourselves as we pray the rosary this month. We thank Holy Spirit Fraternity for sponsoring last month's ongoing formation and renewal of our promises for our District Event. Father Mike was a pleasure to meet. The potluck was also wonderful. Their fraternity is always so welcoming.

Peace, Your sister in Francis,
Denise



Renewal of Profession Promises

For our last meeting, fourteen members of our fraternity joined our brothers and sisters from Holy Spirit Fraternity in Claremont at the Our Lady of the Assumption Church. During Mass, those of us who were professed renewed our profession promises. After Mass, we gathered in the auditorium to share a potluck meal. A video by Brother Bill Short provided ongoing formation. Small group discussion followed the video. It was a beautiful day filled with companionship and community. As we left to go home, the Lord decided to renew our baptisms as well, and the skies opened up, we all got water poured on our heads. Perfect joy!



Saints' Corner
St. Paschal Baylon



St. Paschal Baylon's parents were poor people who were devoted to their faith. The family was Spanish. From the time he was seven until the age of twenty-four he worked as a shepherd. During this time, he began a life of mortification. He could pray on the job, and listened for the church bell which rang at the Elevation during Mass. An honest person, he once offered to pay farmers for any damage his sheep had caused to their crops.

In 1564, he joined the Friars Minor and gave himself to a life of penance. He was urged to study for the priesthood, but chose to remain a brother. He served as porter, cook, gardner, and official beggar.

Paschal was careful to strictly observe his vow of poverty. He would not wast food or anything given to the friars. As porter, he cared for the poor coming to the door and was known for his generosity. His brother friars tried to moderate his liberality.

He spent his spare time in praying before the Blessed Sacrament. Many people sought his wise counsel. After his burial, people flocked to his tomb. Miracles were reported promptly. He was canonized in 1690 and was named patron of eucharistic congresses and societies in 1897. His memorial is celebrated on May 17th.

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 Cantilice

- 20 St. Bernadine of Siena
- 24 Dedication of Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi
- 28 St. Mariana of Jesus de Paredes
- 30 Bl. Baptista Varano
- 30 St. Ferdinand king

Wisdom of the Aging

Sometimes as we age, we face more aches and pains, and we are weaker than we used to be. St. Pio had words of wisdom for us. He who suffered so much has left his view to guide us on our way.

"You should rather humble yourself before God than be distressed if he reserves for you the sufferings of his Son, and makes you experience your weakness. You should offer up to him the prayer of resignation and hope, even when you fall through frailty, and than him for all the benefits with which he continually enriches you."

May Birthdays



- 5/9 Marta Victoria

May Anniversaries of Profession



- 5/4/03 James Harr, OFS
- 5/4/03 Janet Serros, OFS
- 5/19/18 Steve McBee, OFS
- 5/20/06 Agatha Borne, OFS

Services for Rock DeSpain

The Mass for Rock DeSpain will be held on May 25th. There will be no reception at this time. The SLR service, internment and reception will be held sometime in June. More information will be sent to everyone as soon as we know more. All are welcome to both. Please pray for the repose of his soul, and for Jan DeSpain for comfort and support.

Please Pray

Barbara Turkowski-healing

Tom Turkowski-health

Barbara Jr. and all caretakers-strength and
support

Mary Pluegar-healing

Julie Bash-health

Joe Leslie-health

Kathryn Grosz-health

Janis Grosz-health

Peace in the world

End to abortion

End to war

Thanksgiving for our mothers

Thanksgiving to God for his Son, for his Son's
Sacrifices, and for our salvation



Thank you Deacon Manuel for sharing this.