

Venite Adoremus

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE POOR CLARES OF PERPETUAL ADORATION CANTON, OHIO



Sister Mary Clare



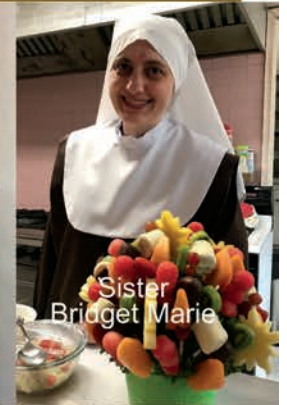
Sister Joan Marie



" My Lord and My God."
John 10:28



Sister Marion Celine



Sister Bridget Marie



Mother Mary Gertrude

WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU!



Blessing of Saint Clare

May Almighty God Bless you
May He look upon you with the eyes
of His Mercy and give you His peace.
Here below may He pour forth
His graces on you abundantly
and in heaven may He place you
among His saints. Amen.



Mother Mary Magdalen



Sister Mary Agnes



Sister Mary Cecilia



Sister Marie Dominique

United with the voices of our beloved Founders, St. Francis and St. Clare, it is your Poor Clares here in Canton, Ohio, extending the warmth of holy prayers and greetings to you and yours! We are writing in the midst of a year replete with singular challenges and we proclaim with St. Paul that no challenge in the whole world could ever excel the Strength and Joy of the Lord for those who love him and rely on his constant care!

When the pandemic hit in March, our monastery along with the body of Mother Church herself have experienced some of the difficulties of those early believers when it was laid on them through sufferings and sacrifices, to find means and ways despite the difficulties, to enjoy the great benefits of Christ's Sacred Meal and the Sacramental Life. And since everything is ordered to the Father's Great Plan we have endured through the holiest days of the Church Year with deep trust that the purpose of all these difficulties and deprivations will serve to purify us spiritually as well as bearing much good fruit for the kingdom.

We hope that this correspondence finds you in good health and possessed of whatever you need for daily living. Our prayers go out to everyone who's struggling with cares and worries. If someone is experiencing sickness, may the Lord's healing hands be on them with healing. If someone's grieving loved ones, consider ourselves in your midst with tears of sisterly compassion. If anyone's engaged in ministries of service, be supported by the hearty encouragement of our grateful prayers.



Sister Mary Justin



Sister Mary Immanuel



Sister Emma

To share with you some administrative notes:

Over the past year, our community conducted the Canonical Election of our current officers to the Membership through July 2022.

These are our election results:

Abbess: Mother Mary Gertrude Espenilla (2nd term)

Vicar: Mother Mary Magdalen Colson

Councillor: Sr Mary Agnes Shayo

The Grace of the Lord be with us!



From L to R: Mother Magdalen, Sr. Mary Agnes, Fr. Art Espelage, OFM Delegate of Local Ordinary for the Canonical Election, and Mother Mary Gertrude



On August 6, 2019, Sr. Mary Cecilia Ignatius Mozo of the Crucified Savior was incorporated into our membership with a permanent transfer to the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration from her former community of the Order of St. Clare located in Cebu, Philippines.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

BLESSINGS UPON OUR FORMATION SISTERS



Over the past year, our two Sisters in temporary profession, Sr Mary Justin and Sr Mary Clare, have consented to extend their vowed commitments as Poor Clares in our Order. The gatherings and celebrations within our community were days of memorable celebration, blessedly free of the strictures we must keep during these times of COVID 19.

Even so, only last month, we must announce to you with deep happiness and celebration, the good news that on July 16th, Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and following the Mass of the day, our postulant, Bridget Fritsch made her formal entrance as a religious novice! Our new novice consented to have her hair cut as a gesture of her intentions and was invested in the the Holy Habit of our Poor Clare Order and received her new name, Sr Bridget Marie of the Pieta and the Most Precious Blood of Jesus. Our postulant, Emma Walters, who arrived in our midst last January, was present at this ceremony along with the Sisters, bearing witness to the day when she would be called to answer the Lord's invitation and enter more deeply onto this path with him as her Beloved Choice!

SR. BRIDGET MARIE'S INVESTITURE



**Our
Vocation
To Adore**

Adoremus in
Aeternum
Sanctissimum
Sacramentum!

"Let us adore unto
eternity the most
Holy Sacrament"



Interior of the
public side of our
Monastery
Chapel

Our Holy Father Saint Francis was so moved when looking at the Crucifix that he exclaimed, "Love is not loved!" In this same spirit, our foundress, Mother Marie Claire Bouillevaux, was inspired by the Gospel passage in which ten lepers were cleansed, but only one returned to give thanks (Luke 17:11-19). Mother Marie Claire wanted to form a Religious Order that would give thanksgiving as reparation for ungratefulness to God for all His goodness. She, like Saint Francis, saw the need to make Love loved.

The Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration were formed to fill this need by Adoring Christ in the Blessed Sacrament in this spirit of reparation and thanksgiving. Adoring for those who do not Adore and offering thanksgiving for those who take God's works, love, and mercy for granted, each Sister spends at least one hour each day and a few hours for two to three nights a week in front of the Sacrifice of Thanksgiving—in Greek, eucharistia, the same word from which we derive "Eucharist. When we must leave this holy hour of love and thanksgiving to carry out our daily tasks, we carry our Lord with us in and near our hearts as imaged by the Monstrance we wear as part of our Habit. Saint Paul writes in his letter to the Philippians, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus," (4:6-7). During this time of the pandemic, our job of offering thanksgiving is even more important, and we could use your help! You can share in our life of Eucharistic Adoration and thanksgiving by joining us in our Chapel, open from 6 AM to 5:30 PM daily for Adoration and by coming to daily Mass at 9 AM to offer the Sacrifice of Thanksgiving. Here, you can "present your requests to God" through "prayer and petition" in the ultimate form of thanksgiving. The Lord calls us all to come to Him and to lay down our burdens and cares at His feet. We can find our rest and nourishment here in His Eucharistic embrace.

Please know of our continued prayers with and for you during these difficult times. May God bless you, keep you safe and healthy, and grant you the peace "which transcends all understanding"!

Come, Join Us!

 *Eucharistic
Adoration*

6:00am-5:30pm

Mass Schedule

9:00am, Daily

IMPROVEMENTS/ INNOVATIONS

Our Community is most grateful for the completion over this past year, of some hoped for improvement and renovation projects!

The construction work slated for our public parlor room has resulted in a very suitable section for our Sisters to visit with family and conduct appointments and business engagements. Also, the large gathering room, named in memory of our original house and property benefactors, Mr. John and Ida O'Dea, and further beautified by new friends and benefactors today, has reached the point of good spacing with completed flooring and a serviceable array of furniture.

Our trusty well system was in need of attention, but through the generous labors of our Foundation Board Members, the financial resources needed to address this problem were available to make the required repairs and improvements resulting in our household systems being in a better state of usefulness than before!

The continuing agenda of our monastery place, in the effort to have a system installed to cool our gathering places both within the Sisters' enclosure and in all the public gathering places is a project that has furthered its reach and which will continue until the entire effort has been completed. Our deep gratuities go to them that have made this a reality! In our current times, as the climates continue to warm, it becomes vital that both health issues and an atmosphere conducive to prayer and quiet are a growing necessity.

Our original flooring, after decades, has been giving way, warning us that it wasn't going to last much longer! Eureka! The visitation of a talented floor man, his industrious crew and the generous financial aid of benefactors has graced us with a great solution to the problem. Our hallways, kitchen work areas, video/class room and dining room are now covered in surfacing that will not only last as long as our former floors but will be sure to outlast them by a good measure!

And we're very happy to tell you that the new windows which have been installed, a continuing project also, are rewarding us with lowered heating and cooling expenses. Our grateful hearts are beyond all bounds for all this caring assistance we have from you!

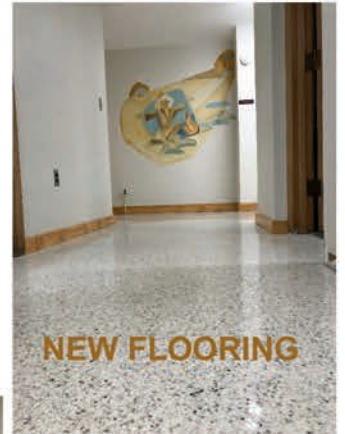
St. Teresa of Culcutta Parlor



The St. Teresa of Culcutta Parlor has been built due to the generosity of the Scaia family, in loving memory of Edie Scaia, mother of our longtime friend and benefactor Kathleen Clunk.



Water Well System



NEW FLOORING



New HVAC system installed in our gathering places in our first floor



New windows in our Formation classroom





We want you to see what beautiful results are present across the grounds of our monastery place, through the generous labors of a talented crew of “plant doctors!” Our thanks to the gracious owner of the garden center, GREENS & THINGS NURSERY AND LANDSCAPING, Mr. John Proach, who donated and planted these beautiful flowers and shrubs, and who spares not himself in caring for them all through the growing time of the year. Our gratitude goes out as well to our longtime friend, Eileen Lierman for her labor of love in caring for different prayer gardens on our property . Is this not a most heavenly encounter in your day, with the Eucharistic Lord Himself smiling over us all as well? Our GRATITUDE also for THE LEAF REMOVAL SERVICE PROJECT during Fall organized yearly by Mr. Brian Rice of Rice's Landscape Redefined.





Our Inaugural Event Exceeded The Expectations!

The Inaugural Sancta Clara 2019 5K Nun Run took place on October 12. It was a resounding success and is now the premier fundraiser for the PCPA Canton Foundation. The 5K Run sold out in advance with over 290 registered runners. In addition to the 5K run, there was a children's run, a balloon artist, and cookie painting to ensure that there was something for everyone. We had 18 sponsors for the 2019 Nun Run, and the success of the event would not have been possible without such generous support. The course started at St. George Byzantine Catholic Cathedral and wound through local streets, trails and our monastery grounds before ending back at St. George. The t-shirts, Nun Run logo, and medals were all well-received by the participants. **The Nun Run was organized through the hard work of the PCPA Canton Foundation Board. Our Board member Anthony Schuster initiated, planned and implemented our first 5K "Nun Run". His outstanding leadership was crucial to this successful sell out event. A committee dedicated solely to organizing the Nun Run is being formed for future event.**



Board member, Anthony Schuster



KIDS FUN RUN



THANK YOU to our Foundation board members, sponsors, volunteers, and participants!

Due to coronavirus and health department guidelines, we will be cancelling the October 2020 Nun Run.

We sincerely thank all those who have inquired for information and were willing to help us with this huge undertaking. However, we will be resuming our Nun Run in 2021 so that all participants can safely interact with one another. We continue to pray for all of you during this most trying and difficult time and hope to see you for a successful 2021 Nun Run.

These are some updates on this year's events and projects:

Annual Social Fundraiser

Our Annual Social Raffle and Gathering has sadly been cancelled for this year due to the health issues of the COVID 19 pandemic. By the Grace of God, we shall resume this very special event in time for the Summer of 2021. Our perpetual thanks to all those who support this event, year after year, to the enjoyment of us all!

The Rosary Walk

The Rosary Walk originally planned for our south end pond area and recently under renewed consideration, is being moved over to the front lawn facing Market Avenue. This setting will incorporate the statuary already established there – the shrine of our Blessed Mother, our Foundress St. Clare which is located in the central circle and the newly planted shrubs and ornamental trees.

Sanctuary Guild

We wish to ATTENTION all our current and potential Sanctuary Guild participants that this is the time for renewing your membership. We thank and bless you who have prayerfully shared in and support the daily candleworks of our Blessed Sacrament Chapel, adornments fashioned from fine beeswax and which make a fitting homage to our dear Lord! To enroll or to renew your membership, please fill out the enclosed Sanctuary Guild membership form or you can enroll on-line via our website @www.poorclares.org

Amazon Smile

Due to popular demand, we have also this past year set up an Amazon Smile account with 2 lists of items that we are in need of. One is for resources for our ongoing and initial formation and the other is for household items. We are listed as Poor Clares Nuns of Perpetual Adoration Canton OH and you must log into Amazon Smile and not Amazon. If you are able to help us out with any of these items we would greatly appreciate it and we pray that God will bless you abundantly for blessing us!



A NEW INNOVATION!

Bread and Soup Sales —

Having carefully pondered the possibility of continuing with our Bread & Soup Sales by a manner in keeping with the perimeters of those guidelines laid out for health safety, we've decided that we can continue with this service and monastery fundraiser. It will require some changes for us and for you since we need to convert our preparations as well as the format of your purchasing and pick-up. The next one will be Thursday September 24, Friday September 25, and Saturday September 26 both from 10 AM to 4 PM and will include all our bread and soups freshly made. For the safety of all our customers and all of our Sisters, especially our high risk Sisters, and in order that we follow both recommended and required health guidelines, WE ARE ONLY TAKING PRE-ORDERS. THERE WILL BE NO WALK-IN ORDERS ACCEPTED. WE ARE ALSO HIGHLY ENCOURAGING THAT ALL ORDERS BE PREPAID. Walk-ins will be asked to fill out an order and return the next day. This sale will also be done "curbside" outside the bread kitchen on the new portion of the circle out front. There will be (shortly if not already) a place on our Bread & Soup where you can pre-order and prepay online through PayPal. If you do not wish to pre-order and prepay online, please call the monastery at 330-492-1171 to place your order and we still encourage you to prepay by sending in your money (check preferred) through the mail to Sancta Clara Monastery ATTN: Bread and Soup Sale 4200 N Market Ave Canton, OH 44714.

Our November Sale on Friday November 20 and Saturday November 21 will also be modified. We will have available fresh pumpkin pie and cheesecake BUT BREADS AND SOUPS WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE FROZEN.

WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING AS WE WORK THROUGH THESE NECESSARY CHANGES TO STILL BE ABLE TO HAVE THIS MUCH NEEDED FUNDRAISER.

We have **ABUNDANT**
harvest from our
vegetable garden
this year!
THANKS BE TO GOD!



And if that were all the blessings that have come our way this past year, there's yet one more. We can cluck with delight over the new residents occupying our back cloister yard! Chickens! A gaggle of twelve hens...well, perhaps one rooster.. housed in a nice duplex of bird houses, perfect for egg-laying. So now, we're looking forward to a life of fresh morning breakfast food – aka- eggs, from our feathered residents. Our smiling thanks to a certain crew of fowl catchers and an earnest bird home builder!



Friends, as we prepared to conclude this correspondence and send it off to you, yet comes a final flash of interesting news to share! There's yet another chapter to be had on our little "backyard barnyard!" On the eve of St Clare's Day, we received a beautiful pair of sleek brown and white goats – a little male and female couple. So, as you might guess, these Sisters are energetically engaged in a lively NAMING CONTEST! Oh, what shall be the prevailing selection?



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