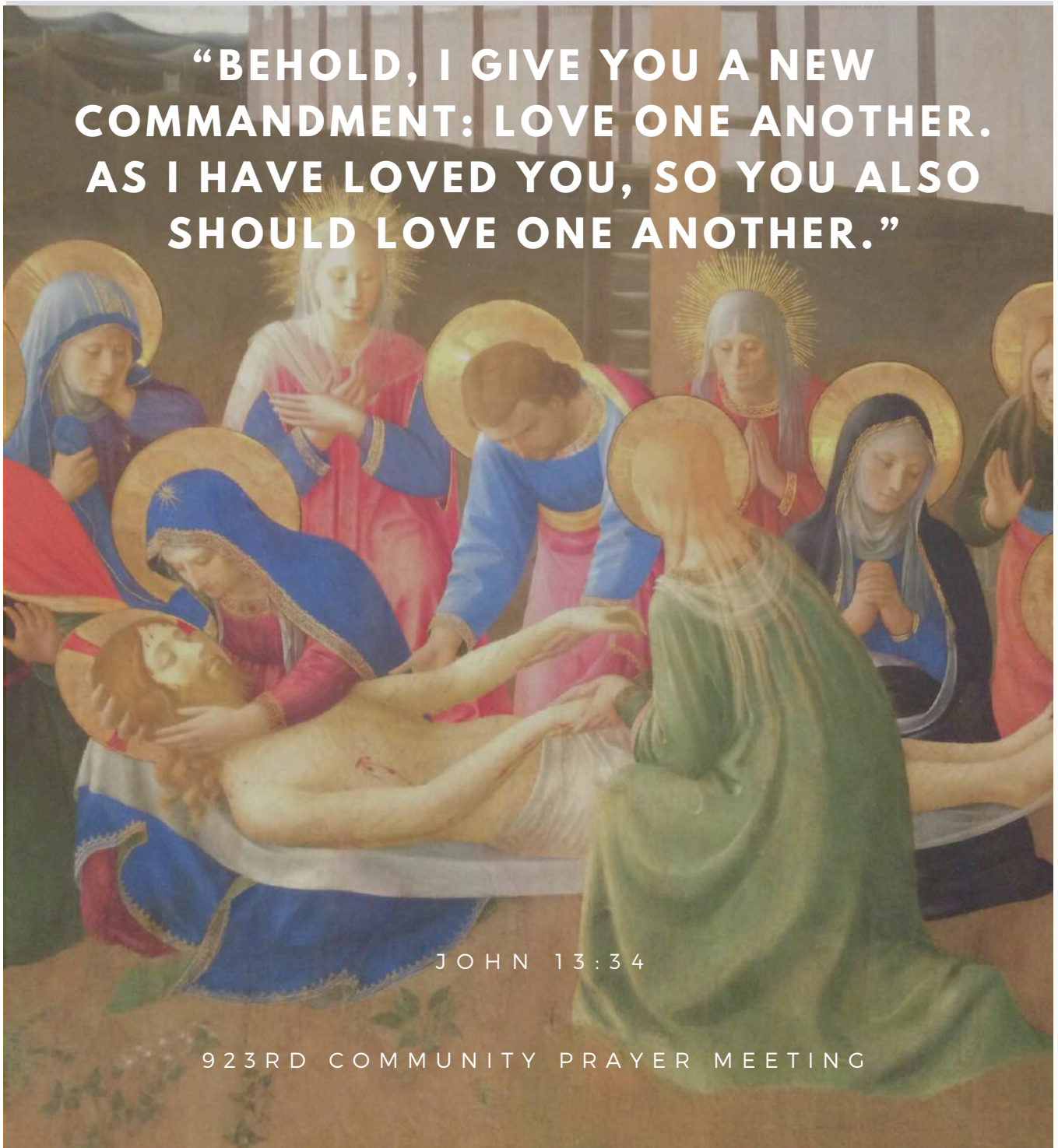


JESUS IS LORD!

PEOPLE OF HOPE

A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES ON MISSION

**“BEHOLD, I GIVE YOU A NEW
COMMANDMENT: LOVE ONE ANOTHER.
AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, SO YOU ALSO
SHOULD LOVE ONE ANOTHER.”**



JOHN 13:34

923RD COMMUNITY PRAYER MEETING

NOVEMBER 3, 2024



“Behold, I am with you always, even until the end of time.”

Matthew 28:20

LET’S WALK TOGETHER IN HEALING

Yes, there is more to come. There is more healing to come. But you are moving from strength to strength, from joy to joy to greater joy. I’m so proud of you. You are so precious to me. You’re not alone, I’m always at your side. So let’s walk together in joy and peace and healing. All will be well with your souls.

MY LOVE, MY KINDNESS AND MY MERCY WILL NEVER END

Brothers and sisters, whether you prefer the beaches of the Jersey shore or New Zealand or Portugal or Spain, picture being at the water’s edge and the waves relentlessly rolling. Go there today, go there tonight, go there tomorrow, go there the day before you die. Rolling, rolling, relentlessly small, sometimes powerful, sometimes overwhelming, relentless.

And the Lord says ‘This is as nothing compared to the relentlessness of my mercy, my kindness, my favor, my love, my forgiveness - rolling, rolling, constantly, constantly, never ending. The seashore will pass away, the waves will pass away but I promise you, my love, my kindness, my mercy, my favor will never ever ever go away’, says the Lord

MY PRECIOUS BLOOD WILL HEAL YOU

After the retreat I happened to see a video about healing but there were no words. There was a glass of red wine in a sink and a person turned on the tap and water began flowing into the glass. Little by little as the glass overflowed, the red became lighter, then it became pink until it was completely clear and just water.

As the Lord brought this to mind as we were praying, he said, “I want you to think about being a well or being a vessel. It was the water that cleared the glass, but it’s my precious blood that I have poured out that is healing you. And I will continue everyday and every moment to pour my precious blood down upon you so that you and your healing will be brought to perfection.

**Prophecies from Community Prayer Meeting
October 6, 2024**



ST PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

“In God’s
marvelous plan,
Divine
Providence
often uses the
tiniest twigs to
do good works”

THE PEOPLE OF HOPE

HEALING THE WHOLE PERSON RETREAT

RETREAT REFLECTIONS FROM AN ANCHOR & LIGHTHOUSE MEMBER

Lighthouse Member Reflection

BY JAKE WALTERS

When I heard about the Healing the Whole Person Retreat, I knew this was an opportunity for an encounter I did not want to miss. As I learned about the history behind the Diocese of Metuchen and the wounds her members have suffered over the years, I quickly realized how much more this retreat meant to the wider community than just to me. I was personally excited to see and hear live talks from Dr. Bob Schuchts and Sister Miriam James, who I had heard from before in podcasts and YouTube videos. I was just not fully aware of what this retreat could mean for the people of this area and the gravity of such a healing that could manifest out of such a wounded place.

Heading into this retreat, I didn't really have any expectations. I knew the Lord would be present and that He would act, I just did not know what that would look like for me or the people around me. I tried to enter this retreat without expectations because I wanted to be surprised by the Lord. I did not want to limit the Lord or "put Him in a box" by having certain expectations. I also did not want to be skeptical of how much He wanted to do in my life. I wanted to be as open as possible and hope for as much healing as possible to make me as free as possible. I fully believe that "free people free people and hurt people hurt people." I wanted to be a more free person. I wanted this not only for my life, but for the lives of those around me. I wanted to be

healed so as to bring about a greater healing in the lives of my wife, my family, my clients and colleagues at work, my community, and anyone else I am blessed to encounter in this life. I know the only way I can be truly free is in Him and in His healing. Little did I know just how He was going to bring that about.

As I reflected on the first talk on "Healing the Whole Person," I quickly realized there are a lot of areas of my life that still need healing to make me whole. There were a lot more things uncovered in me than I thought there would be. My heart was stirring up memories of wounds I thought were already healed and in the past, but clearly needed more of the Lord's loving touch. A big wound that I was surprised to see rise back to the surface was the wound of my parent's divorce. I found out my parents were getting a divorce as soon as I made it back to MN for SPO mission training in June of 2021. Since then, there has been healing from reconciling with my parents, the Lord, and even working through the spiritual practices of Neal Lozano's book "Unbound" this past summer, it was evident the Father had unfinished business in this area of my heart.

I did not want to address this at first and certainly did not want to relive the trauma from those hard memories surrounding the separation of my parents. However, I decided to trust in the Lord and to give Him a chance



to heal me further. I recognized the importance of “opening the wound” so as to allow God to heal it. I brought the memories, and the difficulty that came with them, to the prayer meeting we had on Friday night. I invited my wife, Hailey, to pray over me and for God’s loving healing to descend upon me through the Holy Spirit. I felt His presence move in an incredibly powerful way that night. I felt a new peace and warmth that only He can provide. Perhaps this is needless to say, but the Father shattered my expectations. He inspired me to call upon him in this way more often and to utilize healing ministry in my everyday life.

I was really struck by the notion that healing is not only a gift from God, but also an essential part of our salvation. After this retreat, I am convicted of my need to seek healing from the Lord on a more regular basis. I already try to attend confession at least once a month, but there is so much more to healing than participating in this sacrament. Confession is huge, but it is also good to be prayed over, to claim Christ’s victory and authority over my life, my relationship with Hailey, and my health: body, mind, and soul. I want to be better about asking to be prayed over, especially by Hailey. I want to invite others to intercede for me and I want to be a man of intercession for my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. The last thing I want is for the healing or the invaluable lessons learned from this retreat to go to waste. True healing happened in our midst and I hope we do not soon forget that.

What a true gift and a blessing it was to be in that sanctified space with hundreds of brothers and sisters in Christ who uplifted one another and greatly contributed to the healing and freedom of our Church. May God continue this work of healing and liberating in our community and may that start with me. I know I need it and I cannot wait to see how “healing the whole person” can become “healing the whole people” in our body and in the entire body of Christ.

- Jake Walters, *Lighthouse Member*

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Anchor Member Reflection

BY CAROL CIROTTI

In these most challenging times our Heavenly Father has granted our local church and our community a special grace in the form of a retreat focusing on the Healing of the Whole Person.

Those of us who have been journeying with the Holy Spirit for a while, may have been initially tempted (as I was) to think: "I've done this. I've dealt with my wounds and my sins. I've been prayed with for healing of memories and deliverance." As I prayed to remain open to whatever the Lord wanted to do with me, this resistance to re-visit the ongoing consequences of past sins and wounds was gently removed. I was reminded that I still struggle with the negative ways they had formed my character and produced the weakness I experience in the face of temptations. Hearing that "healing is an ongoing (I stress on-going) encounter with the love of God" and placing myself under His tender gaze I was able to once again witness the truth being proclaimed that

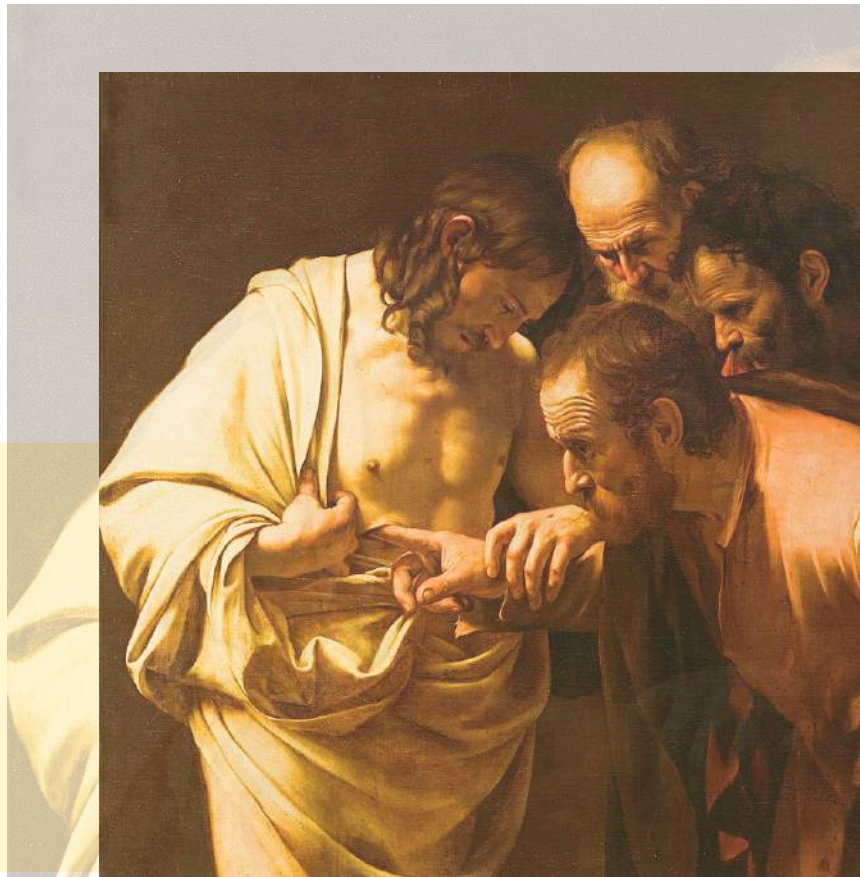
our sins and our wounds do not define who we are. The Father sees us in our wholeness and desires to bring us to completeness in Him.


I was deeply moved by St. Pope Benedict's quote: "Healing is an essential dimension of the apostolic mission and of Christianity and when understood at a sufficiently deep level this expresses the entire content of Redemption." Recalling this truth confirms our mission of being a people of prayer and evangelization and healing is an aspect of both!

Despite the large number of participants, I found the retreat to be extremely personal. I came away with the blessed assurance that "He who began this good work in you (and me) will bring it to completion on the Day of Christ Jesus." Phil 1:6

- Carol Cirotti, *Anchor Member*

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A painting of St. Jeanne d'Arc in armor, holding a banner with the word 'MARIUS'. The background shows a wall with some graffiti or markings.

ST JEANNE D'ARC

“It is better to
be alone with
God. His
friendship will
not fail me,

*nor His counsel, nor His love. In His strength, I will dare and dare
and dare until I die.”*

Ignite Youth Ministry

PRAY FOR **IGNITE!**

On Thursday, October 24th, Ignite held its kick-off event to commence the start of the 2024/2025 Ignite youth program. Aside from the plethora of snacks, s'mores and games, the teens had the opportunity to engage in praise and worship and listened in as we discussed our content theme for the year: "Practicing the Way", by John Mark Comer, where the teens will learn what it means and how to become an apprentice of Jesus. Please keep the teens and youth workers in your prayers this year!



DAVID MCGILL

GOOD BROTHER & FAITHFUL FRIEND TO THE PEOPLE OF HOPE

David McGill, former President of the Sword of the Spirit, has died on Monday October 28th at the age of 88 after several years of illness.

David and his wife Margaret were founders of the Community of the Risen Christ (Glasgow, Scotland) and were for many years active in Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Scotland. David served as President of the European and Middle Eastern Region of the Sword of the Spirit from 1994 to 1999, and then as International President of the Sword of the Spirit between 1999 and 2004, and he was for several years a member of the Service Team, the precursor to the International Executive Council.

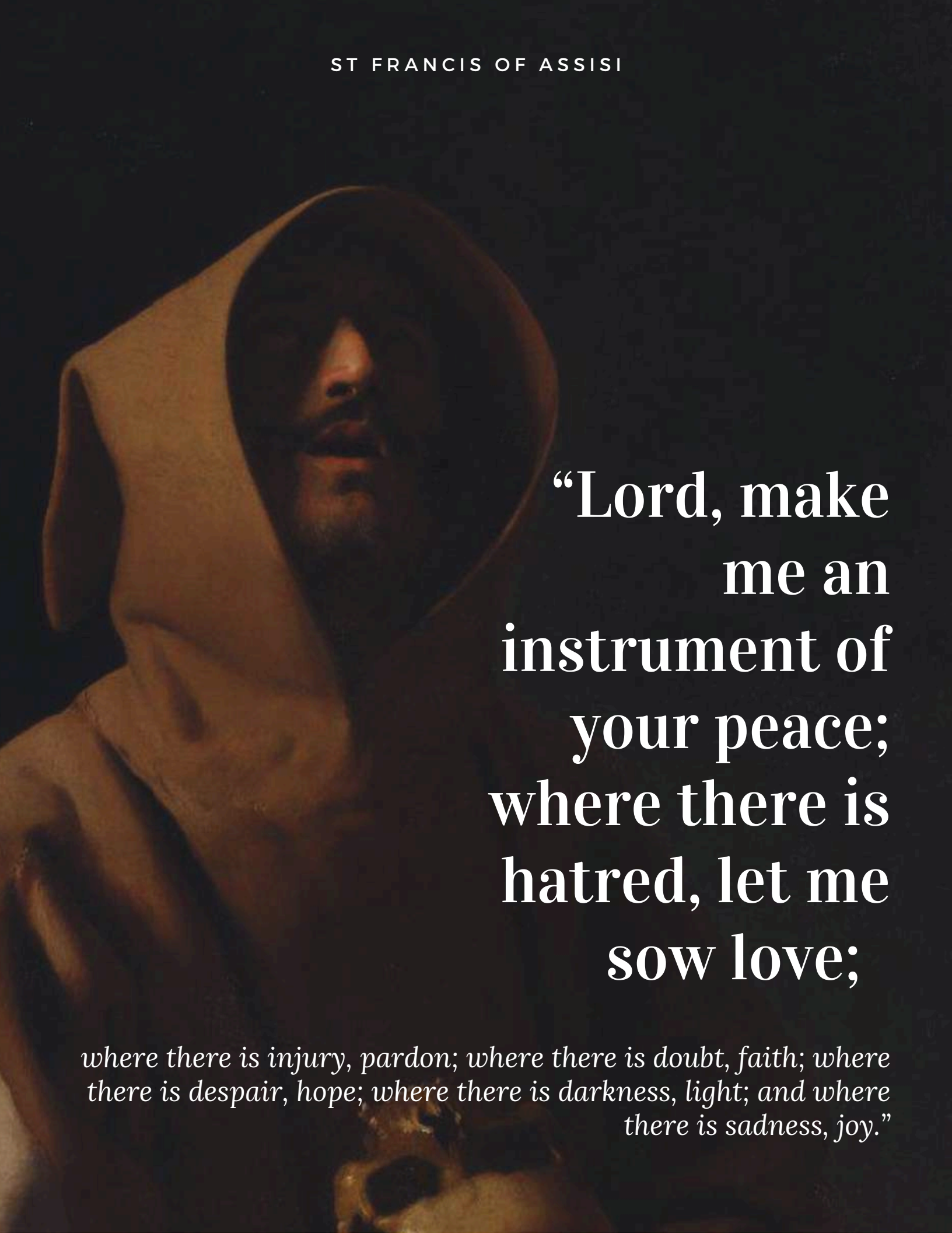
David was a great evangelist and with great warmth and joy had a profound influence in the lives of those who knew him. He had become frail in recent years but still took an active interest in the life of his own community and the broader Sword of the Spirit.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Please pray for Margaret and for their extended family, and the brothers and sisters of the Community of the Risen Christ.

***ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HIM,
O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL
LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM. MAY HIS
SOUL AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE
FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH
THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN
PEACE. AMEN***




ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI



“Lord, make
me an
instrument of
your peace;
where there is
hatred, let me
sow love;

*where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where
there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where
there is sadness, joy.”*

ST ROSE OF LIMA



Apart from the
Cross there is
no other ladder
by which we
may get to
heaven.”

THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation.

We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities.

We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes.

We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day.

We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IMMEDIATE NEED

- Gary Montemurno
- Joseph McMullen
- Lee Ravaioli
- Eric Garcia
- Shannon Hardy

SERIOUS & ONGOING

- Eleanor Benson
- Jack Bickel
- Jackie Donnelley
- Peggy Camiolo
- Margaret Fierro
- Danielle Neri
- Lee Scarfone
- Rose Molnar
- Dan O'Mullan

Please visit our website peopleofhope.net/prayerintentions to see our complete list of our prayer intentions and to add to our list.

PRAYER PETITION HIGHLIGHT

UNITY

Strengthen our unity. May our speech support and reflect this unity. “Never let evil talk pass your lips, say only the good things men need to hear, things that will really help them.” (Eph. 4:29)

“Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Present your needs to God in every form of prayer and petitions full of gratitude.”

PHIL. 4:6

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANCHOR FRIDAY NIGHT OUT

Friday, November 22nd
Details emailed out

LIGHTHOUSE PRAYER MEETING WITH PETROS

Sunday, November 24th
Koinonia Academy
2:30-4:30PM

COMMUNITY PRAYER MEETING

Sunday, December 8th
2:30-4:30pm
Koinonia Academy

IGNITE SMALL GROUPS



Thursday, November 14th
7:30-9:00pm
Location TBD

IGNITE LARGE GROUP

Thursday, November 21st
7:30-9:00pm
Koinonia Academy

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THANK YOU GREGORY & MAUREEN



*In thanksgiving for your many years of faithful
service as coordinator of the People of Hope*

IN LOVING MEMORY
CLAIRE MARIE BIRMINGHAM

Born into earthly Life: August 16, 1928

Baptized: August 19, 1928

Born into Eternal Life: October 10, 2024

Claire (Casey) Birmingham, was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Claire put family and faith at the center of her life. Known for her quick wit, warm laughter, and infectious smile, Claire never lost her sense of humor or ability to laugh. As a child, she was affectionately called the "little girl who always smiled," a nickname she lived up to through out her life, bringing joy to everyone who knew her.



Born and raised in Malden, Massachusetts, Claire attended Girls Catholic in Malden and graduated from Emmanuel College in Boston in 1950. After a brief career as an elementary school teacher, Claire married Richard Birmingham in 1953 and eventually settled in Reading, Massachusetts, where they raised 10 children. In 1967, they moved to Montclair, New Jersey, and later lived in Berkeley Heights and Warren.

A devout Catholic and daily communicant, Claire was a devoted member of Our Lady of the Mount Church in Warren for nearly two decades. She was also an active member of the People of Hope Catholic Charismatic Community in Plainfield for over 40 years.

Claire cherished summers in Scituate, Massachusetts, the seaside town where she met her future husband, and it became the site of many family vacations. She also relished thrifting and going to garage sales, often arriving at family gatherings with her latest finds, eager to share them. In recent years, she especially looked forward to her weekly Zoom calls with her children, scattered across the country, savoring every shared laugh and story.

Claire is predeceased by her husband, Richard, with whom she shared 68 years of marriage.

She is survived by their children and their spouses by a sister, Ann Dolan, and a brother, Tom Casey, as well as nineteen grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen