

## **Prophecy and other Word gifts: P&W 02142021**

**Alan Schreck** As we're entering into the season of Lent, this Wednesday with Ash Wednesday, a few members of the community have shared with the Council, a sense of a need also for repentance. And, of course, the church every year, provides us with this holy season of Lent, as a time for repenting of our own personal sins. But you know, also the sins of our nation and the world that we see around us. We're so aware of this, we've shared about this in the past. And so I think we want to take that word to heart, that this can be a real time of turning to the Lord. And we really pray that in our own hearts, we would turn to the Lord, repenting, asking God for His mercy, his merciful love to be poured out, praying for those who don't know the Lord, that they would discover the love and mercy of our Lord Jesus. And, for all the things in the world we know that are so out of whack. With a time of repentance, we always after Lent, look forward to the gift of Easter, the resurrection and Pentecost. Our repentance has to be sincere and not for ourselves but for the world, and praying in hope. The Lord Jesus really truly is the Lord of history, in spite of how things might look. Jesus, out of the worst things, always can bring out the glory, with the cross itself bringing life out of death. We just repent with hope that the Lord can really bring about changes and healing and, and conversion in the world beginning in our own hearts. Pope Francis is calling us to keep in mind the three theological virtues of faith, hope and love. If you want, go online to [vatican.va](http://vatican.va), and see his Lenten message. He has a very powerful word of looking to these three virtues that we've talked a little bit about in the sharing tonight, that we would just grow in our faith, deepen our hope, and express the love that the Lord has given us to those around us So I probably don't need to exhort this audience to take Lent seriously. But I think we all need that reminder, to really look forward to this as a season of grace. I'm one of those guys who doesn't like Lent because it's hard slog. It's like this winter, but I also have faith. We know this is a season of special grace, a time of real grace, of conversion, of healing and of turning the world around by our prayers. So it's sort of building on the need for us to keep interceding for each other. Let's keep that intercession going for the needs of the world in this season of Lent.

### **Connie Pilsner**

I was thinking that I was getting a word just for myself. But Alan, you just pretty much said it. And so I'll just add one thing. I was thinking very much of this being a time of repentance. And I know I have personal things to repent for. But also, I've been reflecting on the fact that our nation is undergoing tremendous trial, and we need to repent, as you just said on behalf of the nation. And so as I've been reflecting on this, I am reminded of Mother Teresa's words: That when you suffer, whether it's for your own sins or especially for the sins of others not to count the cost. And then in light of your talk, Alan, I was thinking, "What is true love?" In marriage we say, for better or for worse, it's an unconditional love. And so in true love, we don't count the cost. And I thought that would be a good way to go into Lent.

**Alan Schreck** On Saturday, in the Liturgy of the Hours, there was a teaching by Blessed Isaac of Stella. It was on the preeminence of charity and of love. And he talks about the love of Christ that says, "This is indeed the love of Christ who truly bore our weaknesses in his passion, and carried our sorrows out of pity. Loving those he carried and carrying those he loved." And then it goes on, "Let us then be compassionate toward one another, loving all our brothers, bearing one another's weaknesses, yet ridding ourselves of our sins." And then he has a beautiful conclusion, "The more any way of life sincerely strives for the love of God, and the love of our neighbor, for God's sake, the more acceptable it is to God, no matter what be its observances, or external form." So it doesn't matter what the external observances are for, if you're striving to show love of God and neighbor. Charity is the reason why anything should be done, or left undone, changed, or left unchanged. It is the initial principle and the end to which all things should be directed. Whatever is honestly done out of love, and in accordance with love can never be blameworthy. May He then deign to grant us this love for without it, we cannot please Him. And without him, we can do absolutely nothing; God who lives and reigns forever. Amen. He did. So this week, may we practice the art of love, and continue our journey together.



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### Scheduled Events

Sunday Praise and Worship  
Sundays: February 21, 2021

### February 21, 2021 5 PM

Join Zoom Meeting:

Check your Flocknote for this updated link.

[us02web.zoom.u...](https://us02web.zoom.us)

Access by phone: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 861 1744 0720 Passcode: 529523

### Council Meetings:

Alternate Wednesdays: Feb 24, March 10, 24

### February 26-27, 2021 NANCC Conference

The North American Network of Charismatic Covenant Communities will be having their annual conference in Augusta, GA. Joe Loizzo, Shawn Scott and Patrick Wherry will be attending in person and all community members are encouraged to participate on-line. The schedule for the conference is attached below.

### Pope Francis' March Intention

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

**Ministry Updates:** If you are interested in sharing information about a particular ministry that you (as a community member) are involved in, would be interested in participating in, or would like to be the recipient of help from the ministry, please contact Alan Schreck, [aschreck@franciscan.edu](mailto:aschreck@franciscan.edu). This information will be included in the bulletin or passed on to the ministry leader.

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YouTube Channel: COGL Live

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#### From the Council

I thought I would start a new section of the Bulletin to give you updates from the Council. I will also try to include a summary of topics from the Council meetings on a regular basis. Like they say on YouTube "if you like this type of content, let me know!"

If we are being called to be a Refuge for people we must be prepared to receive them. To support that goal, we want to get an up to date list of all the small groups. If the group leader would reply to Martha with the names of group members, when you meet, and if you are open to adding people to the group that will help. We will be adding our Initiate members to small groups soon. Additionally, we have several people who recently inquired about joining a small group- they would be in a 'Come and See' position for 6 months. Then we could invite them to be in the Initiate program. The Council would like your feedback on this plan.

If you are not in a small group and would like help to find one let us know!

Thanks to everyone for being consistent with your tithes over these months of Covid! You can always mail in tithes to the Community of God's Love, PO BOX 806, Steubenville, OHIO 43952

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## SUMMARY OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

January-February 2021

\*Discussed the radio station- the Sisters are willing to take it over from us and the FCC contracts are being reviewed by attorneys. Once this is done we will end our ownership of the station. But in the meantime there are ongoing bills which we are working to have the Sisters take over now.

\*Discussed the annual NANCCC retreat/conference to be held Feb. 25-27 in Augusta. Alleluia Community is the host. The 25<sup>th</sup> is a business meeting for NANCCC leaders and Joe and Shawn will attend as our representatives, 26<sup>th</sup> is a conference given by Dan Keating from Detroit Major Seminary about the significance of covenant communities, 27<sup>th</sup> is a conference by Patrick Reis, exec. Director of the Encounter Ministries on personal evangelism with power. Decided to make this the winter conference for our community since it will be livestreamed. We will make the link available to everyone to watch in their homes.

\*Decided to promote the intercession ministry that the Kissingers and others are working on. It is a good way to use our gifts and to reach out to other people. Details will be forthcoming but it will start as an online form to fill out with your request and people will be assigned to intercede. Later we can do in-person evenings of prayer ministry, etc.

\*Discussed what we heard from the Night of Discernment and prepared a response for the next Sunday.

\*Discussed the role of small groups and how we might use them in a different way following up on the idea of being a Refuge. People can be invited to join a small group for 6 months in a come and see position. After that time, we can talk with them about joining us in a formal way by being in the Initiate program leading to a covenant commitment to us. Community members will be asked to give feedback on this idea.

\*Decided to continue our series of talks on the Fruit of the Spirit, since other people will see the fruit living in our lives and be attracted by that witness. This then is a way that we can become a Refuge for other people.  
Joe Loizzo

## Intercessory Prayer Requests

**Since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 1Thes 5:8**

-All of our elderly, infirm, and ill members-including Frank Alex, Pergis, Mark N., Vicki, Eleanor, Mercedes, Don Spencer, Elaine Sleever, Judy Russelo

-Friends and relatives of Community members: Sr. Isabel's brother; Fr. Joseph D'aco, Connie P's brother; Rosie S's sister-in-law Elaine; Jared Weber; Rosemary Adams

-ChristLife to bear much fruit

-Project Rachel: Post-abortion ministry

-Urban Underground Ministry

-Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR

-The president and all elected officials

-How can we be a REGUGE for others?

-End of the COVID -19 epidemic

**Thank you for praying for these intentions!**

**New Small Group** A new community small group has formed consisting of Dave & Mary Nelson and Don & Maureen Kissinger. They meet 2x a month on Wednesday 1-2:30 PM and their focus is prayer, friendship, spiritual and emotional refreshment and healing. They are open to new members. Call if interested or have questions.

## Available for Free

Cecilia McCarry had a Contour adjustable twin bed with an electronic control that she purchased in 2009. If you are interested in the bed contact Lisa Ferguson.

## Franciscan University Positions Available

- Nursing-clinical Instructor
- Vice President of Student Life
- Administrative Assistant for Student Life
- Office Manager Position-Mar-Com
- Gift Processing Specialist
- Manager of Youth Programming
- Programmer Analyst-updated
- Social Media and email Coordinator(new)
- Content Strategist (Website)
- Director of Information Security
- General Maintenance Technician
- Male Residence Hall Director-Gaming
- Male Residence Hall Director-Steubenville

**For more information look at the Franciscan University website or call Mary Lynn Lewis (740-283-6398)**

## Looking for a Rental

A single woman, friend of the community is looking for a small house or detached garage apartment to rent(no shared walls). If you have any leads, please email the community office and the information can be relayed to our friend.

## MARCS BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Mark Vaudrain
- 5 Susan Portenlanger
- 8 Diane Hostetler
- 11 Rosie Snelting
- 12 Catherine Recznik
- 15 Bernadette Wherry
- 17 Rosanne Tysz
- 21 Francis Wherry
- 24 Roy Heusel
- 25 Camille Recznik
- 25 Jim Cutler
- 27 Terri Fernandes
- 29 Jim Hostetler



## NORTH AMERICAN NETWORK CONFERENCE

**Note: we would like as many people as possible to livestream this conference and use it as a kind of winter conference for our Community. We are still in Covid but we can be built up using the online capability. See the FlockNote for the necessary link.**

### SCHEDULE

Thurs. 2/25 9-5 Steering committee and full council meeting followed by dinner and worship time.

Friday, February 26, 2021

- 9:00 am. Opening Remarks and worship
- 9:45-10:45 Dr. Dan Keating: Signs of the Times
- 11:20 Testimony about covenant community
- 11:40 Maria Baltazar: witness
- 1:30 Dr. Dan Keating: Why Covenant Community?
- 2:30 Testimony from a couple who are in community
- 3:30 Breakout into smaller groups for sharings and prayer
- 4:30 Assemble for feedback from entire group
- 5:30 Dinner
- 7:00 Praise & worship
- 7:40 Dan Almeter: Isaiah Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Saturday, February 27, 2021

- 9:00 Praise & Worship
- 9:45 Patrick Reis- talk
- 11:00 Activation/impartation based on the talk
- 1:30 Patrick Reis- talk
- 2:30 Activation/impartation
- 3:50 Small group sharings
- 5-6:00 Vigil Mass at local parish
- 6:15 Lord's Day Meal and sharings