



The Marian

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Dear Friends of Our Blessed Mother,

Soon, The Franciscan Friars will celebrate the 9-day Novena of Mary, Untier of Knots. At different times in our lives, we all have come face to face with knots. These knots are the problems and struggles we face for which we do not see any immediate solution. Knots of discord or contention in your family, a lack of understanding between parents and children, knots of deep hurt between a husband and wife or the absence of peace and joy at home. There are also knots of anguish and despair of separated couples, knots of depression, unemployment, fear and solitude. These knots in our lives can suffocate our souls, beat us down, betray the heart's joy and separate us from God.

However, more and more Christians kneel and pray to Mary to help them untie these knots. Many families have become reconciled. Many diseases have been healed. Many jobs have been given. For this reason, Mary who undoes the knots, who was chosen by God to crush the evil with Her feet, comes to us to reveal Herself. She comes to us and provides jobs, good health and to unite families. She wants to undo the knots which dominate our lives so that we can receive the promises reserved for us from eternity. She comes to us with promises of victory, peace, blessings and reconciliation. The Franciscan Friars will pray for you that Mary will intercede on our behalf and untie the knots that exist in our lives so that we may be purified and ever closer to God.

Faithfully yours,

Fr. David Convertino, OFM
Executive Director, St. Anthony's Guild

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A Marian Fact

Mary's song, her encounter with Jesus in the temple, her intervention at the wedding at Cana and her standing at the cross lead us back to Jesus, His mission and our salvation. Her life was to witness the glory of her son, and we all admire her for that.

"Through The Lens of a Friar"

Br. Romuald Chinetsky, OFM



Bro. Romuald, OFM is presently living at Holy Name Friary, Holy Name Province's skilled nursing facility in Ringwood, NJ. He spent many years cooking and baking for the young Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province; it is well known that he baked the best bread. Here is his story:

"I say about my life as a Franciscan Friar, only that it has been the most wonderful 62 years of my life. How blessed I am to have been given this vocation by the Lord and to be a member of the Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province." I was a cook and baker in the army stationed in California when I visited St. Boniface Church in San Francisco. It was there that I became interested in the Franciscan Order. When I returned to Pennsylvania, I spoke to a priest who sent me to Wilkes-Barre to speak to the Franciscan Friars there. Well after many visits, I decided to enter the Franciscan order, and spoke to Fr. Salvatore Fink, OFM better known as Doc Fink, the vocation director of Holy Name Province at that time.

I was sent to St. Joseph Seminary in Callicoon, NY where I was the baker and from then on that was my job, not only there but also at our retreat center in Rye Beach, NH where I also cooked. Then came my assignment to Siena College Friary in Loudonville, NY, where I became the guest master and head of maintenance for the friary. I loved all of my assignments, especially cooking at St. Joseph's Seminary for the young seminarians and friars. But I love Siena and that became my home. All these years, I have been so grateful to God for giving me this opportunity to serve. And all this was supported by the goodness and kindness of our people, you. Each day I have never forgotten to pray for our benefactors and their loved ones. You are the reason why Holy Name Province is able to bring the Good News to His People. God Bless."

Coffee With Mary

Mary, my family is complicated. Schedules, politics, even choices of music and food require negotiation. I love my family, but sometimes it's a challenge.

The command to love is simple but not easy. When Joseph and I presented Jesus to Simeon in the temple, he first gave thanks to God for the gift of salvation. Then, after blessing us, he said to me, "...you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." For me that meant standing by the cross, of course, but it also meant dealing with the daily ups and downs of day-to-day life, including dealing with family relationships. For you and anyone in a relationship, your compassionate heart has been opened by love and must remain open to the joys and difficulties that come from loving others. Luke 2:35, Context: Luke 2:22-35



St. Anthony's Guild "Prayer Line To St. Anthony"

We are receiving many positive responses from our members about our "Prayer Line" to St. Anthony. Did you know that you can call us toll-free at **1-888-407-5112** and leave a message with any special intention or prayer need that you want heard? One of the Franciscan Friars will respond in prayer for you.

We want to share a recent letter from one of our members about her experience with the "Prayer Line." We hope that we will continue to bring comfort and peace to you whenever you need a Friar to hear your intentions.

Dear Fr. David

I wish to thank you for having the Prayer Line. It is a Godsend for those who have no one to share or care, are old, or at times prayer doesn't fill the need of a human voice.

It was a human voice that welcomed me to the prayer line at a very dark hour when I was feeling abandoned, helpless, and forgotten.

It was that human voice of welcome that released my fears, if I mentioned my trouble or even spoke a word. That doesn't matter.

It was God in that human voice that welcomed me, which released all my fears, tensions and tears.

My concerns remain but I received the quiet peace which I desperately needed or that time from that voice that said "Welcome to the Prayer Line."

Thank You and May God Bless You,

J.D



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Cinnamon Sugar Knot Rolls

A great menu treat that is super easy to incorporate into your day and a "knot" your whole family will love for sure.

Ingredients

- pizza dough (or feel free if you have the time to make your own dough)
- 2 tablespoons butter melted
- 2 tablespoons cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar

Dipping Sauce

- 2 cups confectioner's sugar
- 1-2 tablespoons heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 425° F. Cut pizza dough into strips that are about 6 inches long and 1 1/2 inches wide. Tie each strip into a knot. Brush with melted butter and sprinkled with cinnamon and granulated sugar. Place in oven and bake for about 10-12 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove from oven and serve with optional dipping sauce.

Dipping Sauce Recipe:

Whisk together confectioner's sugar, heavy cream and vanilla in a medium bowl until creamy. Pour into a bowl for dipping.



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