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On this day: A New Saint

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NCR Today

On this day we celebrate the feast of Saint Luigi Guanella, who was canonized yesterday.

Click here for "Delco man's recovery yields newest saint," by David O'Reilly, from the Philadelphia Inquirer. The article tells of the second miracle performed by Blessed Luigi Guanella on his way to sainthood.

"The 19th-century Italian priest Luigi Guanella was a saintly man, but he might not be getting his halo from the pope on Sunday had William 'Billy' Glisson Jr. practiced safe skating.

"On March 15, 2002, the 21-year-old Glisson was speeding backward downhill without a helmet along Baltimore Pike in Springfield, Delaware County. One of his inline skates caught on a dip in the sidewalk. His feet flew into the air. The back of his head smashed into the concrete." . . .

"Among the throng in Rome will be the Glisson family of Glen Mills. A casually observant Catholic who prefers rollerblading over Mass most Sundays, Billy Glisson, now 30, said last week he was 'too nervous to even think' about the ceremony, in which he will carry the bread and wine up the steps of the basilica."

A man attempted to interrupt the ceremony. Click here for "Pope names 3 new saints, man disrupts Mass," from the Boston Globe.

Click here for more Google News of Luigi Guanella.

The celebration continues today. "On Monday 24, the liturgical feast of St. Luigi Guanella, will be held at

St. Peter's Basilica, at 10 am the Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving led by Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, with the renewal of the promises of the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence, the Servants of Charity and Guanellian Cooperators. At the Basilica of St. Joseph in Rome at Trionfale, at 4pm, there will be the perpetual professions of the religious Guanellian. In the following days, the program will continue with the pilgrimage to Como and the birthplace of the saint."

--from "Don Guanella, 'father of the poor' in 4 continents: over 12 thousand pilgrims for his canonization on World Mission Day," from Agenzia Fides.

Click here to see Saint Luigi Guaenlla's picture.

Click here for Butler's Lives of the Saints. Search term: Guanella. Page 172.

A very happy feast day to the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence, the Servants of Charity, their Cooperators, and their clients!

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