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## Schedule

- 9:30am Orientation Session – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs  
9:30am Candidate (2017) – St. Clare Room  
9:30am Candidate (2016) – Sacred Heart Room  
11:00am Franciscan Crown Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
12:00pm Mass in Monastery church  
1:00pm Fraternity Social Gathering – St. Bonaventure Room – downstairs in the Friary. Bring your own lunch, light refreshments will be provided.  
1:30pm Fraternity Meeting – St. Bonaventure Room

## Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening prayer
- Housekeeping
- Special speaker: Michele Bowe, President of the board of directors of Holy Family Hospital
- Closing Evening prayer. We'll use "Shorter Christian" Prayer Book.

***DON'T FORGET YOUR BINDERS!***

## ◆ Theme: BLESSED CHILDREN ◆

### Bible Quote of the Month

When the wise men had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, "Out of Egypt I called my son." When Herod realized that he had been deceived by the magi, he became furious. He ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had ascertained from the magi. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet: "A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud

lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be consoled, since they were no more." (Mt 2:13-18).

### Prayer of the Month

Holy Innocents, you did not know Jesus during your brief lives, but now you praise Him for all eternity; pray for all those who do not know Jesus that they may open their minds to His voice and their hearts to His love. Holy Innocents, you were killed because one man was filled with hatred; pray for those who hate that God may touch their hearts and fill them with love. Holy Innocents, you died as infants and toddlers, pray for those who are in danger of dying before birth through abortion or early in their lives due to poverty.

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### **ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS**

#### **18. On compassion for one's neighbor <sup>1</sup>**

Blessed (is) the man, who supports his neighbor during his frailty to the extent that he would want to be supported by him, if he falls into an exactly similar situation. Blessed (is) the servant who renders all his goods to the Lord God, because he who has retained anything for himself "conceals" within himself "the money of his Lord" God (Mt 25:18) and "what" he thought he "had, shall be born away from" him (Lk 8:18).

<sup>1</sup> *The Writings of St. Francis of Assisi*, tr. by Paschal Robinson (1905), accessed September 9, 2013, URL <http://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/wosf/wosf03.htm>.



### **The Rule**

Chapter One, Article 2 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

The Secular Franciscan Order holds a special place in this family circle. It is an organic union of all Catholic fraternities scattered throughout the world and open to every group of the faithful. In these fraternities the brothers and sisters, led by the Spirit, strive for perfect charity in their own secular state. By their profession they pledge themselves to live the gospel in the manner of St. Francis by means of this rule approved by the Church.

### **The Information Corner – Pope Quote**



"To celebrate Mary as Mother of God and our mother at the beginning of the new year means recalling a certainty that will accompany our days,

we are a people with a Mother; we are not orphans. To celebrate the feast of the Holy Mother of God reminds us that we are not interchangeable items of merchandise or information processors. We are children, we are family, we are God's People. Jesus, at the moment of his ultimate self-sacrifice, on the cross, sought to keep nothing for himself, and in handing over his life, he also handed over to us his Mother. He told Mary: Here is your son; here are your children. We too want to receive her into our homes, our families, our communities and nations."<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Vatican Radio (2017), extract from Pope Francis' homily on Solemnity of Mary. Accessed 1/4/17, URL <http://www.news.va/en/news/pope-francis-divine-motherhood-of-mary-a-gift-to-u>

### Speaker from Hospital in Bethlehem



The speaker at our meeting this month will be Michele Bowe, President of the board of directors of **Holy Family Hospital** in Bethlehem. She will give us a briefing on the hospital, which is run by the Order of Malta, of which Michele is a member.<sup>3</sup>

### Infant Clothing Collection

The Monastery has been helping to collect infant onesies and other small clothes for newborns (tee shirts, hats, blankets), which Michele Dunne will hand carry to Bethlehem. Please bring something if you can; cash donations are also welcome.



### Papal Intentions for the Month

Pope's Prayer Intention – Christian Unity:  
That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.<sup>4</sup>

### Fraternity Finances

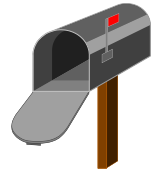
**\$** Last month we received \$170 in donations and disbursed \$351.63 in expenses. This does not include undeposited checks.

<sup>3</sup> The hospital's web site is <http://holyfamilyhospital-bethlehem.org/>. To learn more, watch the short video (<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/2016/12/09/bethlehems-holy-family-hospital/33646/>), which aired in December on the "Religion and Ethics" program on PBS.

<sup>4</sup> Apostleship of Prayer (2015). Accessed February 7, 2015, URL <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>

### From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Donna Wilkes** has a new address: 700 Constitution Ave. NE Room 5119, Washington, DC 20002-6058, phone 202-239-9683. Please update your directory. She says she loves and misses all the members of the fraternity and that we are in her daily prayers. She would appreciate visitors and telephone calls; please call before you visit.
- **Marianne Hughes** said she misses all the members.
- Recently we received a handwritten letter written in Dec 2016 from the family in India whom the Fraternity supports through the Franciscan Family Apostolate program. Here is an extract from the letter. Please keep them in your prayers.



Dear friends,

Thank you for your timely aid which benefited me to meet many of our family needs. Here my husband goes fishing. Laya and Lidhiya are

continuing their studies. Samuel is studying in 9th grade. I am taking medicine for my allergy problems.

Our parish priest Rev. Fr. Vijay Issac died on Sep 17 due to heart attack. Kindly remember him in your prayers. We always remember you in our daily prayers. We wish you a very happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Yours affectionately, Mary Sebastian

### Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

February 4 – Saint Joseph of Leonissa, priest of I Order (optional memorial); 6 – Saints Peter Baptist, Paul Miki, and companions, martyrs of I and III Order (memorial); 7 – Saint Colette, virgin of II Order (feast) for Collettines (memorial for II and III Order nuns); and 19 – Saint Conrad of Piacenza, hermit of III Order (optional memorial for III Order).

## January Reflection

*By Patrick Enderson, OFS*

Luke 6:38 – “Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all my sisters and brothers in Christ. May God's blessing continue to rain down upon you all and may you continue to be instruments of peace in your respective communities.

We are facing a critical time in our country right now. One which calls for true leadership and faith executed with conviction and courage. It is vitally important for each of us as Franciscans to stand by our belief in Christ and to follow in the footsteps of Saint Francis by clearly demonstrating to others what it means to love unconditionally and to give sacrificially.

Going into the new year it is my desire to facilitate and enable our fraternity to grow through acts of charity and giving. This charity and giving must first start within our fraternity and to those we bring in as guests.

On Sunday, January 15, during our monthly gathering, we will be blessed to have Michele Burke Bowe, DM (President of the Board of Directors of Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem), speak to us about her organization's mission. A mission which Pope Francis embraced during his historic visit to Bethlehem by saying: **“Wherever children are accepted, loved, cared for and protected, the family is healthy, society is better, and the world is more human.”**

I would ask each and every one of you to offer something to this worthy cause. If you are unable to bring an item or two to the meeting then please do what you can to assist.

Thank you again for the love, prayers and continued support of our fraternity and for actively professing your faith by action and not just words.

## Please Pray For Our Sick

Julia Stratchko; Frank Klem's wife, Dona Klem; Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau's father, Raymond Bleau; Ernest Braddock; Dorothy Clayton and her family; Mary Anne Corr and her niece, Patricia Corr; Maria Louisa Correa and her family; Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi's mother and her friend, Doris Pittman; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; John Hewitt, M.D.; Helene Hogan; Marianne Hughes and her brother, Msgr. Richard Hughes; Nancy McCleary; Mary Okuma and her family; Fritz Nicolas and his family; Joe Rende; Vicky Spalding's father, John Lynch; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Helen Walls; Dineen Whipple; Donna Wilkes and her family; Theresa Wilson; Mildred Wray; and Susan Zell.

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## February Birthdays

February 1 – Ronald McMahan, 1 – Cecelia Thieman, 4 – Alan Blevins, 4 – Mary Gamez, 8 – Polly Howard, 8 – James (Jay) Lynagh, III, 8 – Donna Wilkes, 21 – Joseph Rende, 26 – Joan Adundo, 26 – Nita Mullins.

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