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**NOTICE! Since the third Sunday in April is Easter, we will next month's fraternity meeting on April 23, the fourth Sunday. Please adjust your plans.**

## Schedule

- 9:30am Orientation Session – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs
- 9:30am Candidate Session (2017) – St. Clare Room – upstairs in the Friary
- 9:30am Candidate Session (2016) – Sacred Heart Room downstairs
- 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
- Presentation – TBD
- Office for the Dead for Marianne Hughes. If you have the “Shorter Christian” Prayer Book, please bring it with you.
- Closing prayer.

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

Reminder: If you are unable to attend the fraternity meetings for more than one month, please notify one of the Council members. The criteria for Active-excused and Lapsed member status is explained in the Fraternity guidelines. Thank you.



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

#### **20. On the good and the vain religious <sup>1</sup>**

Blessed (is) he religious, who has not cheer and gladness except in the Lord's most holy discourses and works, and with these leads men forth to the love of God with joy and gladness (cf. Ps. 50:10). Woe to him religious, who delights himself in idle and frivolous words and with these leads men to laugh.

#### **April Birthdays**

April 5 – Dorothy Clayton, 6 – William Richardson, 9 – Virginia Lyons, 28 – Saturnino Camposano.

<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 Two, Article 4 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

The rule and life of the Secular Franciscans is this: to observe the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by following the example of Saint Francis of Assisi, who made Christ the inspiration and the center of his life with God and people.

Christ, the gift of the Father's love, is the way to him, the truth into which the Holy Spirit leads us, and the life which he has come to give abundantly.

Secular Franciscans should devote themselves especially to careful reading of the gospel, going from gospel to life and life to the gospel.

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



“Lent is the favourable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbour.” “May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God’s word.” <sup>2</sup>

### **Papal Intentions for the Month**

Pope’s Prayer Intention – **Support for Persecuted Christians:** That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

Urgent Intention – **For the Pope:** “I ask, please, for your prayers for me and my collaborators, who until Friday (3/10) will be on retreat.” – Pope Francis <sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Posted on <https://twitter.com/pontifex> Mar 12 and Mar 13, 2017.

<sup>3</sup> Apostleship of Prayer (2015). Accessed March 11, 2017, URL <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>

### Upcoming Events

- April 1 – Seventh Annual **Day of Reflection** for Inquirers, Candidates and Newly Professed. It will be held at the St. Anthony Shrine in Ellicott City, MD.<sup>4</sup>
- April 28-30 – **Regional Retreat** at Priest Field Pastoral Center in West Virginia. Springtime is a wonderful time to visit this peaceful retreat center.<sup>4</sup>
- May 21 – Annual **Spring Garden Festival**; see article
- July 15 – **Holy Land Festival**; see article

### Spring Garden Luncheon and Festival



Our fraternity will once again participate in the Monastery's annual **Spring Garden Luncheon** on **Sunday, May 21**. This coincides with our monthly meeting, so after the rosary and mass, we will go to the luncheon. This month we will

discuss how to raise funds so that all of us can attend the luncheon and we can support the Monastery in this important fundraiser.

### Please Pray For Our Sick

Julia Stratchko; Frank Klem's wife, Dona Klem; Marianne Hughes (d.), Msgr. Richard Hughes (d.), and their family; Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau's father, Raymond Bleau; Dorothy Clayton and her daughter, Kathy McCoy; Mary Anne Corr and her niece, Patricia Corr; Maria Louisa Correa and her family; Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi's mother; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; Sheila Kelly; John Hewitt; Nancy McCleary; Brenda Nutt; Mary Okuma's family; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Joe Rende, his sister-in-law and his family; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Helen Walls; Dineen Whipple; Donna Wilkes and her family; Theresa Wilson; and Mildred Wray.

<sup>4</sup> For more details see <http://saintmargaretof cortona.com/>

### Holy Land Festival

Please mark your calendars now for the Monastery's annual **Holy Land Festival**, to be held all day on **Saturday, July 15**. Our fraternity will participate actively, having its own booth that will allow us to offer hospitality to visitors and to distribute information about the Order of Secular Franciscans. We will need members to staff our booth in two-hour shifts. The Festival is a major activity for the Monastery and our participation is an important way to show our support. We hope to have most of our active members participate in some way, and to spread the word to other area fraternities as well. We will discuss the Festival in more detail at our March and April meetings.



### Update Your Directory

- **Donna Wilkes** has a new address: 223 - 7th Street NE, Room 5119, Washington D.C 20002. Note that she has not moved; just that the address of her building changed. Please update your directory. Her phone (202-239-9683) has not changed.
- **Michele Dunne** has a new address: 5236 Nebraska Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20015, phone 202-237-1111 (cell 202-412-1210).

**Pray For Our Deceased Marianne**

**Hughes**, who died on Feb 28, 2017. Her funeral Mass was on Mar 4 at St. Mark's Church. Marianne was professed in 1980 and was an active member for many years. Her whole family knew of her love for the fraternity. In her later years she was unable to travel, but still kept in touch with the fraternity, and her love of St. Francis never waned. She passed peacefully and unexpectedly. Shortly thereafter, her brother, **Msgr. Richard Hughes**, also passed away. Please keep them both in your prayers. May the souls of the faithful departed, especially those of our members and their families, rest in eternal peace in the presence of our Lord.

**Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials**

April 2 – Bl. Elisabetta Vendramini, religious, III Order, founder; 3 – St. Benedict the Moor, religious, I Order (Sometimes celebrated on April 4); 6 – St. Crescentia Höss, virgin, III Order; 16 – St. Bernadette Soubirous, cord-bearer of St. Francis; St. Benedict Joseph Labre, cord-bearer of St. Francis; 21 – St. Conrad of Parzham, religious, I Order; 23 – Bl. Giles of Assisi, religious, I Order; 24 – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest, martyr, I Order; 25 – Bl. Pedro de San Jose Betancur, religious, III Order, founder; 27 – St. Zita of Lucca, virgin, III Order; 28 – Bl. Luchesius, III Order; 30 – Bl. Benedict of Urbino, priest, I Order; St. Benedict Joseph Cottolengo, III Order.

**Feastdays of Franciscan Friars**

Keep in your prayers the following friar, whose birthday is this coming month: April 4 – David Wathen.

**Fraternity Finances**

**\$** Last month we received \$320 in donations and disbursed \$309.60 in expenses. This does not include undeposited checks.

