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## 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

- Welcoming Ceremony for new Inquirers – We welcome into our family those who have completed Orientation and feel called to further pursue their path towards profession in the Order. Please welcome and greet with joy our new Inquirers: **Joseph Gigliotti, Mary Gigliotti, and Bennett Solberg.**
- Opening prayer
- Housekeeping
- Short Teaching
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the “Shorter Christian” Prayer Book, please bring it with you.

## ◆ Theme: **THE EUCHARIST** ◆

### Bible Quote of the Month

“Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to



1877 painting by Robert Zund

give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” (*Lk 24:29-32*)

### Prayer of the Month

Stay with us, Lord, along our Way through this world on our journey to You. We thank You for the many graces You have bestowed upon us, especially for being with us each time we share Your Body and celebrate Your Word. Help us to be lights for You in the world.

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

Prayer Intention – **Young People:** That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

Urgent Intention – **Landslide Victims/Peace:** Victims of the landslide in Colombia and peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Venezuela, and Paraguay.<sup>1</sup>

### **Fraternity Finances**

**\$** Last month we received \$361 in donations and disbursed \$1,011.48 in expenses. Included is \$735 for one-half of our Fair Share.

<sup>1</sup> Apostleship of Prayer (2015). Accessed Apr 7, 2017, URL <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>



### **The Rule**

Chapter Two, Article 5 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Secular Franciscans, therefore, should seek to encounter the living and active person of Christ in their brothers and sisters, in Sacred Scripture, in the Church, and in liturgical activity. The faith of Saint Francis, who often said "I see nothing bodily of the Most High Son of God in this world except his most holy body and blood," should be the inspiration and pattern of their eucharistic life.

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



"Let us follow in the footsteps of Christ, especially by dedicating ourselves to our brothers and sisters in need."

"Dear young friends, don't be afraid to say 'yes' to Jesus

with all your heart, to respond generously and to follow him!"<sup>2</sup>

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

#### **21. On the inane and loquacious religious<sup>3</sup>**

Blessed (is) the servant, who when he speaks, does not reveal all his own (thoughts) in view of (some) reward, and is not swift to speak (cf. Prov. 29:20), but wisely weighs what he ought to speak and answer. Woe to him religious, who does not retain in his heart (Lk 2:19.51) the good things, which the Lord shows him, and does not show them to others through work, but who in view of (some) gain desires rather to show them to men with words. He himself receives "his wage" (cf. Mt 6:2; 6:16) and (his) hearers bring back little fruit.

<sup>2</sup> Posted on <https://twitter.com/pontifex> Apr 5 and Apr 8, 2017.

<sup>3</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>.

## Spring Luncheon in May – Support the Friars

The Monastery's annual Spring Luncheon will be held on Sunday, May 21, 1-3pm. Our fraternity will attend as a group (after our usual rosary and noon mass) as a show of support for the friars and assistance for their annual fundraiser. Tickets are \$40 per person, which we will purchase as a group. If you can pay for your own ticket or donate more to cover others, please give a check made out to Mt. St. Sepulchre Fraternity to our treasurer at the April meeting or mail it to Michele Dunne, 5236 Nebraska Avenue NW, Washington DC 20015. Do not be concerned if you cannot donate at this time; we want all fraternity members to attend and will ensure that ticket costs are covered!




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### Upcoming Events

Please mark these on your calendar:

- May 21** Fraternity Meeting and Spring Garden Luncheon  
**June** no fraternity meeting  
**July 15** Holy Land Festival 10 am-4 pm  
**July 16** Fraternity meeting
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### May Birthdays

May 1 – Lawrence Bleau, 4 – Michele Dunne, 6 – Roy Foster, 8 – Mary Jo Fehr, 12 – Margaret Simoneau, 15 – Delphine Ben, 15 – J. Patrick Enderson, 20 – Mark Di Salvo, 27 – Sandra White, 28 – Frank Klem, 30 – Joseph Clemente, 30 – Jean-Paul Gauthier.

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### From the Mailbox: News of our Family

**Julia Stratchko** writes: "I thank everyone, for their prayers and cards. I know I am still here because God hears us. My doctors said it is a miracle I am still getting around. I said God was not ready for me. God Bless everyone. I love all of you."



## Spiritual Assistant Program

The St. Margaret of Cortona Region will begin the 2nd class of its "Spiritual Assistant Training Program" on September 16. Discernment interviews will be held before then. This 2-year program consists of individual study with assignments and class sessions.

To be eligible you **MUST** be a professed member of the OFS for more than 5 years. You will not be able to be the Spiritual Assistant for the fraternity to which you belong. If interested or you have questions, contact Friar Kip Ledger before June 15 at [friarkip@gmail.com](mailto:friarkip@gmail.com) or 443-257-7611.

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### 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; Nancy McCleary; Brenda Nutt; Mary Okuma's family; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Joe Rende and his family; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Dineen Whipple; Donna Wilkes and her brother, Hollis; Theresa Wilson; and Mildred Wray.

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### Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

May 9 – Saint Catherine of Bologna, virgin of II Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns); 11 – Saint Ignatius of Laconi, religious of I Order; 16 – Saint Margaret of Cortona, III Order (memorial); 17 – Saint Paschal Baylon, religious of I Order (memorial); 18 – Saint Felix of Cantalice, religious of I Order (feast); 20 – Saint Bernardine of Siena, priest of I Order (feast); 24 – Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi (feast); 28 – Saint Mariana of Jesus de Paredes, virgin of III Order (optional memorial); 30 – Blessed Baptista Varano, virgin of II Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns), and 30 – Saint Ferdinand, King, member of the III Order.