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## Schedule

- 9:30am Inquiry 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
- Short Teaching – Mary and Francis
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the “Shorter Christian” Prayer Book, please bring it with you.

### ***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.

## ◆ Theme: MARY AND FRANCIS ◆

### Prayer of the Month

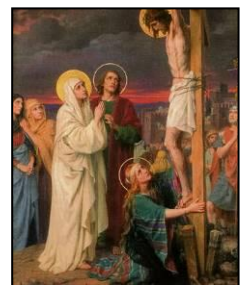
Hail, O Lady, Holy Queen, Mary, holy Mother of God, Who are the Virgin made Church, chosen by the most Holy Father in heaven whom he consecrated with His most holy beloved Son and with the Holy Spirit the Paraclete, in whom there was and is all fullness of grace and every good.

Hail His Palace! Hail His Tabernacle! Hail His Dwelling! Hail His Robe! Hail His Servant! Hail His Mother! And hail all You holy virtues which are poured into the hearts of the faithful through the grace and enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, that from

being unbelievers, You may make them faithful to God.<sup>1</sup>

### Bible Quote of the Month

When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” Then He said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” From that hour the disciple took her into his own household. (*John 19:26-27*)



<sup>1</sup> Armstrong, Regis, et al (ed) (1999): *Francis of Assisi: Early Documents, Vol I*, Undated Writings, p163.

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

#### **9. On Love<sup>2</sup>**

The Lord says: “Love your enemies; [do good to those who hate you, and pray on behalf of those who are persecuting and calumniating you]” (Mt 5:44). For he truly loves his enemy, who does not grieve because of the injury, which he did to him, but, concerning the sin against his own soul, burns for the sake of the love of God. And he shows love for him by (his) deeds.



<sup>2</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 9 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

The Virgin Mary, humble servant of the Lord, was open to his every word and call.

She was embraced by Francis with indescribable love and declared the protectress and advocate of his family. The Secular Franciscans should express their ardent love for her by imitating her complete self-giving and by praying earnestly and confidently.

### **The Constitutions**

Article 16 of the General Constitutions of the OFS.

Mary is the model of fruitful and faithful love for the entire ecclesial community. Secular Franciscans and their fraternities should seek to live the experience of Francis, who made the Virgin the guide of his activity. With her, like the disciples at Pentecost, they should welcome the Spirit to create a community of love.

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



“In witnessing to the faith what counts is not success, but fidelity to Christ.” “Forgiveness sets our hearts free and allows us to start anew. Forgiveness gives hope.

Without forgiveness, the Church is not built up.”<sup>3</sup>

### **Papal Intention for the Month**

Prayer Intention – Artists: That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.<sup>4</sup>

### **Fraternity Finances**

**\$** Last month we received \$305 in donations and disbursed \$378.88 in expenses. Thirty-three of 43 have now paid their Fair Share.

<sup>3</sup> Aug 9 and Aug 7, 2017. URL <http://twitter.com/pontifex>

<sup>4</sup> Apostleship of Prayer (2015). Accessed August 2, 2017, URL <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>

## **The Information Corner**

### **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

In *Munificentissimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII proclaimed on November 1, 1950 that “we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”<sup>5</sup> The document notes that the assumption – also called the “dormition,” which means “falling asleep” – of Mary had been believed by Christians since the early centuries of the faith and on down through the centuries. It explains the Assumption as something of a counterpart to the Immaculate Conception, which had been established as dogma in 1854, as both events show the unique situation of Mary as the mother of God: “She, by an entirely unique privilege, completely overcame sin by her Immaculate Conception, and as a result she was not subject to the law of remaining in the corruption of the grave, and she did not have to wait until the end of time for the redemption of her body.”

The Feast of the Assumption is celebrated on August 15; it is a holy day of obligation unless it falls on a Saturday or Monday. A feast celebrating Mary in August is very ancient, going back



<sup>5</sup> Apostolic Constitutions of Pope Pius XII *Munificentissimus Deus*, accessed August 6, 2017, URL [http://w2.vatican.va/content/pius-xii/en/apost\\_constitutions/documents/hf\\_p-xii\\_apc\\_19501101\\_munificentissimus-deus.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/pius-xii/en/apost_constitutions/documents/hf_p-xii_apc_19501101_munificentissimus-deus.html)

to Byzantine times. In many countries the Assumption is also a public holiday.<sup>6</sup>



### **Please Pray For Our Sick**

Julie Stratchko; Frank Klem’s wife Dona; Fred Scharf’s father; Fritz Nicholas recently deceased brother Anthonin; Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau’s father, Raymond Bleau; Ernest Braddock; Mary Anne Corr and her niece, Patricia Corr; Maria Louisia Correa and her sister Maria Franco; Lourdes Corso and her family; Dorothy Clayton’s daughter Kathy McCoy; Michele Dunne’s friend, Lois Feigh; Sarah Faizi’s friend, Ron Harner, and her mother; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; John Hewitt; Marianne Hughes; Nancy McCleary; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Mary Okuma’s family; Joe Rende; Vicky Spalding; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Helen Walls; Dineen Whipple; Donna Wilkes and her family; and Mildred Wray.

### **September Birthdays**

September 1 – Kathleen White, 4 – Maria Correra, 9 – Salvacion Pagado, 18 – Marilyn Taylor, 19 – Catherine Horvath, 23 – Jean Fleurival, 27 – Mary Okumu.

<sup>6</sup> New Advent, accessed August 6, 2017, URL <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/02006b.htm>

## **August Reflection**

*By Larry Bleau, OFS*

Our Blessed Mother Mary is so much a part of our Church and faith that you can find her almost anywhere.

Francis chose Mary as the Protectress of the OFM, putting her in a special relation with the Order. She holds a special place in our Order as well, so much so that an article of our Rule (art. 9) is devoted to her. Mary points the way to Jesus, just as does St. Francis. Mary exemplifies the virtues of humility and obedience, which we too are to observe. We have the richness of the Franciscan Crown rosary. St. Francis had a love of poverty and detested money in any form; our own rule advises us to nurture a spirit of detachment from temporal goods and live a simple life.

There is so much more one could speak of, read about, and ponder. Let us each take some time this month to reflect on Mary's role in the Church, our Order, and our lives.



## **Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials**

September 1 – St. Beatrice of Silva, virgin, II Order, founder; 2 – Bls. Apollinaris of Posat, John Francis Burté, Severin Girault, priests, and companions, martyrs, I and III Order; 3 – Bl. Claudio Granzotto, religious, I Order; 4 – St. Rose of Viterbo, virgin, III Order; 17 – Stigmata of our Holy Father Francis; 18 – St. Joseph of Cupertino, priest, I Order; 20 – St. Francis Mary of Camporossa, religious, I Order; 22 – St. Ignatius of Santhia, priest, I Order; 23 – St. Pio of Pietrelcina, priest, I Order; 24 – St. Pacifico of San Severino, priest, I Order; 25 – Finding of the Body of St. Clare; 26 – Bl. Aurelio of Vinalesa, priest, and companions, martyrs of Valencia [Ambrose of Benaguacil, Pedro of Benisa, Joachim of Albocácer, Modesto of Albocácer, Germaine of Cargagente, Bonaventure of Puzol, Santiago of Rafelbunol, Henry of Almazora, Fidel of Puzol, Berard Lugar Nuevo de Fenollet, Pacifico of Valencia], I Order; St. Elzear of Sabran and Bl. Delphina of Glandenes, husband & wife, III Order; 28 – Bl. Innocent of Berzo, priest, I Order.

## **Feastdays of Franciscan Friars**

Keep in your prayers Friar Jim Gardner, whose birthday is September 21.