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Schedule

- 9:00am Candidate Session (2018) – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs
- 10:00am **Open House – 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
- Presentation of certificates
- Short Teaching
- Office for the Dead for Julia Stratchko. If you have the “Shorter Christian” Prayer Book, please bring it with you.
- Closing prayer

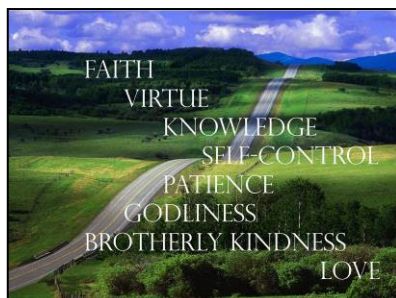
DON'T FORGET YOUR BINDERS!

◆ Theme: TEMPERANCE ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(2 Peter 1:5-8)



Prayer of the Month

Jesus, You practiced temperance;
You were the Model of self-restraint,
Never over-indulging in the temporal.
My body being the Temple of the Lord,
I must treat it with ongoing respect.
Self-abuse destroys the body;
Be it alcohol, drugs, or excess food.
Lord Jesus, bestow fortitude upon me
For my soul to control my body,
To practice the virtue of temperance.
Jesus, You are the source of my vigour.
Through You, all is possible!¹



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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

11. That no one should be corrupted by the wickedness of another ²

No thing ought to displease the servant of God except sin. And in whatever manner another person would sin, even on account of this the servant of God, out of charity, would not be upset or grow angry, (as one who) hoards up fault for himself (cf. Rm 2:5). That servant of God, who does not grow angry nor disturbs himself on another's behalf, lives rightly without anything of his own. And blessed is he, who does not let anything remain for himself, rendering those things "which are Caesar's to Caesar, and those which are God's to God." (Mt 22:21)

² *The Writings of St. Francis of Assisi*, tr. by Paschal Robinson (1905), accessed September 9, 2017, URL <http://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/wosf/wosf03.htm>.



The Rule

Chapter Two, Article 11 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Trusting in the Father, Christ chose for himself and his mother a poor and humble life, even though he valued created things attentively and lovingly. Let the Secular Franciscans seek a proper spirit of detachment from temporal goods by simplifying their own material needs. Let them be mindful that according to the gospel they are stewards of the goods received for the benefit of God's children.

Thus, in the spirit of the Beatitudes, and as pilgrims and strangers on their way to the home of the Father, they should strive to purify their hearts from every tendency and yearning for possession and power.

The Information Corner – Pope Quote



"Like Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, let us learn from the humility of God who became small for us."³

Papal Intention for the Month

Prayer Intention – **Parishes:** That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.⁴

Open House

This month we will hold our annual Open House in the morning, and will have guests with us for prayers, Mass, and the meeting. Please extend a warm welcome to them.

Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$482 in donations and disbursed \$416.30 in expenses.

³ Oct 1, 2017. URL <http://twitter.com/pontifex>

⁴ Apostleship of Prayer (2017). Accessed Sep 30, 2017, URL <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>

The Information Corner

Nov 16th – Feastday of Saint Agnes of Assisi.

Abbess and miracle worker, the younger sister of St. Clare of Assisi. Born in Assisi, Agnes was the youngest daughter of Count Favorino Scifi and Countess Hortulana (now Blessed). On March 18, 1212, Clare renounced her inheritance and family and founded the Poor Clares, the Franciscan cloistered Order. Agnes joined her sixteen days later at the Benedictine cloister of St. Angelo in Panso, where they received their initial training. Her father, Count Favorino, sent armed men to carry Agnes away. She was badly beaten but was not taken back to her father because of the miraculous efforts of Clare. Agnes was accepted by St. Francis and placed in St. Damian's. She and Clare were soon joined by other noblewomen of Assisi, and there Agnes achieved perfection as a religious at a young age. She was eventually named abbess, and in 1219, was sent by St. Francis to direct the Poor Clares at Monticelli, near Florence. Agnes wrote a letter to Clare, and this surviving document clearly demonstrates her love of poverty and her loyalty to Clare's ideals. Agnes also established Poor Clares in Mantua, Padua, and Venice. In 1253, she was summoned to Clare's deathbed and assisted at her funeral. Agnes followed quickly as Clare had predicted, dying three months later, on November 16 of the same year. Her mother, Hortulana, and a younger sister, Beatrice, had already died, and Agnes was buried near them in the Church of St. Clare of Assisi.⁵



⁵ Catholic Online, accessed Sep 26, 2017, URL http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=1179

Congratulations to Those Celebrating Their Anniversaries

Please extend heartfelt congratulations to our members who this year celebrate a special anniversary of their profession to the Secular Franciscan Order:

- 70 years:** Margaret F. Murphy
65 years: Jean Xavier Fleurival
60 years: Ronald McMahan
55 years: Fritz Nicolas
45 years: Donna Natalie Wilkes
40 years: Mary W. Brown, William Hayes Brown, III, Sheila M. Kelly, Julia Ann Stratchko (d)
35 years: Sarah S. Faizi
20 years: Rita Aughenbaugh, Alan Blevins, Mary Catherine Kohut
15 years: Patricia A. Allnutt, Nancy McCleary, Anna C. Zaczynski
10 years: Joseph A. Clemente, Salvacion E. Pagado, Mark A. Pirritano, William Richardson, Soledad Wong

Professions

On Sunday, October 28, the fraternity of [Saint Mary of the Angels](#) will celebrate the Rite of Profession for three of their Candidates at the 10am Mass at the Monastery. Come and show fraternal support to our brothers and sisters.

Shorter Christian Prayer Books



The fraternity has ordered several copies of *Shorter Christian Prayer*. If you want one, see Michele at the meeting. Suggested offering: \$20.

November Birthdays

November 4 – George Bond, 4 – Charlotte Markoe, 4 – Ouida Morrison, 6 – Mary Brown, 6 – Fred Scharf, 11 – Josephine Awich, 26 – Rosemary Bordley, 29 – Deborah McNeilly-Williams.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Julie Stratchko's family; Nita Mullins; Frank Klem's wife Dona; Fred Scharf's father; Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau's father, Raymond Bleau; Mary Anne Corr and her niece, Patricia Corr; Maria Louisia Correa and her sister; Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi's mother and her friend Ron Harner; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; John Hewitt; Marianne Hughes; Nancy McCleary; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Mary Okuma's family; Joe Rende; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Helen Walls; Dineen Whipple; Donna Wilkes and her brother; and Mildred Wray.

Pray For Our Deceased Julia Ann Stratchko,

who died on September 26, 2017. Her funeral Mass was on October 2 at St. Hugh's Church. Julia was professed 40 years ago (Oct 1, 1977), and was an active member in spite of her long illness. She was much loved by our members.

Her husband, Gene, passed in 2014. She leaves five sons and many grandchildren. 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

November 4 – Saint Charles Borromeo, bishop of III Order (memorial); 6 – Commemoration of all the Deceased of the Franciscan Orders (memorial); 7 – Saint Didacus of Alcala, religious of I Order (optional memorial); 13 – Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin of III Order, Founder (memorial in the U.S.); 14 – Saint Nicholas Tavelic, priest and companions, martyrs of I Order (memorial); 17 – Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, widow, member and patron of the III Order (feast); 18 – Blessed Salome, virgin of II Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns); 19 – Saint Agnes of Assisi, virgin of II Order (memorial for II and III Order nuns); 26 – Saint Leonard of Port Maurice, priest of the I Order (memorial); 27 – Blessed Francis Anthony Fasani, priest of I Order (optional memorial); 28 – Saint James of the March, priest of I Order (memorial); and 29 – All Saints of the Franciscan Orders (feast).

October Reflection

By Larry Bleau, OFS

Temperance has many meanings, and in American history even referred to a political movement. In discussion as a cardinal virtue, however, moderation is a term to which we can better relate. In fact, the *Catechism* defines temperance as “the moral virtue that *moderates* [emphasis added] the attraction of pleasures and provides balance in the use of created goods. It ensures the will's mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable.” (CCC 1809) St. Paul reflects this when writes we ought “to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world.” (*Titus 2:12*)

Temperance, then, is about proper control over our behavior. When I ponder this, I realize that, while the examples given seem to address moderating the gratification of the senses, temperance can be applied in many aspects of our lives. Here the *Catechism* guides us once more to a practice temperance: in economic matters, to respect human dignity and to moderate attachment to this world's goods; in the pursuit of justice, to preserve our neighbor's rights; and in that of solidarity, in accordance with the golden rule and in keeping with the generosity of the Lord, “who became poor so that by his poverty, you might become rich.” (CCC 2407, 2 *Cor 8:9*).

St. Paul's use of the phrase “in this world” also speaks to Secular Franciscans, in that we are called, by our profession, to live “in this world” but not be of it, thereby giving witness to the world. Indeed, our Rule speaks to temperance in Article 11, quoted this month, when it counsels detachment from temporal goods, stewardship of goods, and purification of our hearts from yearnings for possessions and power.

We are called, then, through the *Catechism*, scripture, and our own Rule, given to us by St. Francis himself, to practice temperance in our lives, to take affirmative steps to properly order our emotions, likes and desires and so to better imitate Jesus.

