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## ***NOTICE: There will be no meeting next month***

### **Schedule**

- 9:00am Council meeting
- 11:00am Franciscan Crown Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 12:00pm Mass and Profession ceremony
- 1:00pm Profession reception Fraternity Social Gathering – St. Bonaventure Room. Refreshments to be provided.
- 1:30pm Fraternity Meeting – St. Bonaventure Room

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

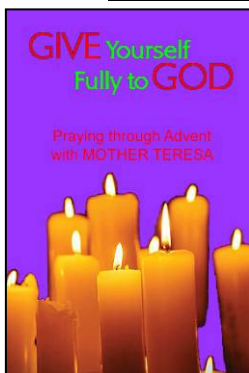
Reminder: If you are unable to attend the fraternity meetings for more than one month, please notify one of the Council members. The criteria for Active-excused and Lapsed member status is explained in the Fraternity guidelines. Thank you.

### **Fraternity Meeting Agenda**

- Reception honoring newly professed member **Susan Zell**.
- Opening prayer
- Minister and Formation Director's address to newly professed
- Rite of Admission for new Candidates – We welcome into our family those who have completed Inquiry and feel called to further pursue their path towards profession in the Order. Please welcome and greet with joy our new Candidates: **Joseph Gigliotti, Mary Gigliotti, and Bennet Solberg**.
- Housekeeping
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the book *Shorter Christian Prayer*, please bring it, or see Michele to obtain one.

## ◆ Theme: FORTITUDE ◆

### **Bible Quote of the Month**



Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

### **Prayer of the Month**

If Jesus could be beaten for me, I can be beaten for Him. I do what He has told me to do, and I must not disobey him.  
–St. Rose of Viterbo  
(Third Order Franciscan, d. 1252)



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**ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS**

**12. On recognizing the spirit of God <sup>1</sup>**

Thus can the servant of God be known, if he has the spirit of the Lord: when the Lord works through him anything good, if his flesh for that reason would not exalt itself, because it is always contrary to every good, but if he rather would hold himself up before (his own) eyes as more vile and esteem himself less than all other men.

**Get Chimes By Postal Mail?**

We spend about \$50 each month to print and mail out the *Chimes*. If you can receive it by email, please consider doing so to reduce our expenses. Contact Larry at 301-474-1338 to make the change.

<sup>1</sup> *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 12 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Witnessing to the good yet to come and obliged to acquire purity of heart because of the vocation they have embraced, they should set themselves free to love God and their brothers and sisters.

**The Information Corner – Pope Quote**



“Dear friends, the world needs saints and we are all called to holiness without exception. Don’t be afraid!” “The Church needs faithful people who proclaim the Gospel with enthusiasm and wisdom, instilling hope and faith.”<sup>2</sup>

**Papal Intention for the Month**

**Prayer Intention – Christians in Asia:** That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions. <sup>3</sup>

**Fraternity Finances**

**\$** Last month we received \$311 in donations and disbursed \$245.02 in expenses. This does not include undeposited checks.

**Extra Christmas Donation**

Each year Council decides how much to donate to various Franciscan charities for Christmas. Please consider an additional donation to the fraternity this month for this purpose. You may indicate this on your envelope.



<sup>2</sup> Nov 1 and 4, 2017. URL <http://twitter.com/pontifex>

<sup>3</sup> Apostleship of Prayer (2017). Accessed November 4, 2017, URL <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>

## From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Sarah Faizi** has a new address: 4535 30th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008, phone 202-363-1459.
- **Nancy McCleary** also has a new address: 115 Allnutt Ct. #612, Prince Frederick, MD, 20678-3177, phone 301-848-1126. Nancy sends her well wishes to Susan on the occasion of her profession. Nancy also thanks members for their prayers, and writes, "I'm a lot better than I was after I had my accident. Although, sometimes it is a real challenge to breath without gasping for breath." You are still in our prayers, Nancy!
- **Mildred Wray** was in the ICU but has now been moved to a rehabilitation center. She still needs our prayers.
- **Ouida Morrison's** new email address is [oidamorrison@aol.com](mailto:oidamorrison@aol.com).
- Recently we received a handwritten letter from the family in India whom the Fraternity supports through the Franciscan Family Apostolate program. Here is their letter. Please keep them in your prayers.



Dear friend,

Wish [sic] you a Happy and Blessed Feast of our Patron - St. Francis of Assisi.

I am in receipt of your timely assistance. It really reduce [sic] our struggles to pull daily life. Thanking you from the bottom of my heart for it.

How are you and your dear ones? Hope you are all keeping in good health and cheer.

We were shocked to hear about the hurricane "Irma" which caused many disaster in your country. We are praying for your protection from all types of natural calamities. Hope the affected area is very far from your dwelling place.

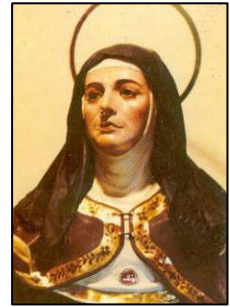
My husband Sebastian goes for fishing. Our children Lidhiya, Laya and Emmanuel are continuing their studies. They are sending their affectionate greetings to you.

Yours affectionately, Mary Sebastian

## The Information Corner

### **Dec 2 – Memorial of Blessed Maria Angela Astorch**

Maria Angela Astorch was born in Barcelona on Sep 1, 1592. In 1603, she entered the Capuchin Poor Clare monastery begun by Angela Serafina Prat. Because of her young age she waited five years as an aspirant before beginning the novitiate on Sep 7, 1608.



As novice master, she went to Zaragoza on May 9, 1614, to found a new monastery there. In 1624, she was vicar and three years later, abbess. On June 2, 1645, she went with four other sisters to found a new monastery at Murcia, under the title "The Exaltation of the Blessed Sacrament." The new monastery suffered frequent floods, especially in 1651 and 1653. Maria Angela remained abbess until 1661. She spent her spare time studying the sacred texts and the great Church writers, she came to a profound understanding of the Breviary, the schedule of prayers and hymns recited each day. Maria Angela Astorch died in 1665 at the age of 75. She was beatified by Pope St. John Paul II on May 23, 1982.<sup>4</sup>

### Please Pray For Our Sick

Mildred Wray; Nita Mullins; Frank Klem's wife Dona; Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau's father, Raymond Bleau, and aunt Mary Bleau (d.); Sheila Kelly; Mary Anne Corr and her family; Maria Louisa Corriea and her sister Maria Franco; Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi's mother and her family; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; Lhing Guiron; John Hewitt; Marianne Hughes; Nancy McCleary; Mary Okuma's family; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Joe Rende; Fred Scharf's father; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Dineen Whipple; Donna Wilkes and her family; Helen Walls; Dineen Whipple.

<sup>4</sup> Catholic Online and CatholicSaints.Info, both accessed Oct 31, 2017, URLs [http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=7419](http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=7419) and <https://catholicsaints.info/blessed-maria-angela-astorch/>

## **November Reflection**

*By Michele Dunne, OFS*

*Fortitude is the moral virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good. It strengthens the resolve to resist temptations and to overcome obstacles in the moral life. The virtue of fortitude enables one to conquer fear, even fear of death, and to face trials and persecutions. It disposes one even to renounce and sacrifice his life in defense of a just cause. "The Lord is my strength and my song." "In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (CCC 1808)*



Our Father Francis was careful to point out the balance between cultivating fortitude in order to overcome evil while also remembering that our strength comes from the Lord and not from ourselves. In his Admonitions, St. Francis taught: "Even if

you performed wonders such as driving out demons, all these things would be an obstacle to you and none of them would belong to you nor could you glory in any of these things. But in this we can glory: in our infirmities and in bearing daily the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."



May the Lord cultivate the virtue of fortitude in our sister Susan, who is making profession this month, as well as our brothers and sister who are advancing to candidacy. We thank Him for the blessing that they are to all of us, as they strengthen our fraternity in our walk together towards the Lord in the footsteps of Francis and Clare.

## **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.

## **Advent Day of Reflection**



Please mark your calendar for Saturday, December 16 for an Advent Retreat Day being held at the Franciscan Monastery, 9am-4pm (gathering at 8:30am). The speaker will be Sister Ilia Delio, OSF. Fee is \$40, registration deadline is Dec 11, flyer will be available at meeting or [on our web site](#).

## **December Birthdays**

December 16 – Clotilda Crawley, 20 – Patrick Nolan, 20 – Mark Pirritano, 20 – Soledad Wong, 31 – Leonora Okomo.

## **Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials**

December 2 – Bl. Maria Angela Astorch, virgin, II Order; Bl. Rafal Chylinski, priest, I Order; 8 – Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron & Queen of the Franciscan Order; 10 – Bl. Peter Tecelano, III Order; 13 – Finding the Body of St. Francis; 15 – Bl. Mary Frances Schervier, virgin, III Order.

## **Feastdays of Franciscan Friars**

Keep in your prayers the following friar, whose birthday is this coming month: December 11th Larry Dunham.

