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## Schedule

- 9:00am Council meeting  
9:30am Orientation Session – Sacred Heart Room downstairs  
9:30am Candidate Session (2019) – St. Clare Room – upstairs in the Friary  
9:30am Candidate Session (2018) – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs  
**11:15am** Franciscan Crown Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel **NOTE CHANGE!**  
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
- Welcome to Orientation group
- Short Teaching – Crown Rosary
- Committees to meet
- 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: PRUDENCE ◆

### Bible Quote of the Month

Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, “This man began to build, and was not able to finish.” (Lk 14:27-30)



### Prayer of the Month

Lord, give me temperance, which is love keeping itself entire and incorrupt for You; then grant me fortitude, which is love bearing everything readily for Your sake; bestow on me a spirit of justice, so I may, in love, serve You only, and therefore rule all else well; and lastly, impart to me prudence, so that in love I make a right distinction between what helps love towards You and what might hinder it.

– Adapted from St. Augustine



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## ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

### 13. On patience <sup>1</sup>



“Blessed (are) the peace-makers, since they shall be called sons of God” (*Mt* 5:9). The servant of God cannot know how much patience and humility he has in himself, while he is satisfied. However when the time has come, that those who ought to satisfy him, do the contrary to

him, as much patience and humility (is) there, that much he has and not more.

<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 13 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

As the Father sees in every person the features of his Son, the firstborn of many brothers and sisters, so the Secular Franciscans with a gentle and courteous spirit accept all people as a gift of the Lord and an image of Christ.

A sense of community will make them joyful and ready to place themselves on an equal basis with all people, especially with the lowly for whom they shall strive to create conditions of life worthy of people redeemed by Christ.

## The Information Corner – Pope Quote



“Like the Magi, believers are led by faith to seek God in the most hidden places, knowing that the Lord waits for them there.” “Faith becomes tangible when it finds its expression in love and, especially, in the service of our brothers and sisters in difficulty.”<sup>2</sup>

## Papal Intention for the Month

Prayer Intention for January – Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia. That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

Prayer Intention for December – The Elderly. That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations. <sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Jan 6, 2018, and Dec 4, 2017. URL

<http://twitter.com/pontifex>

<sup>3</sup> Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network (2017). Accessed November 28, 2017, and January 6, 2018, URL

<http://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/> .

## The Information Corner

**Jan 16th** – Feastday of Saints Berard and Companions.<sup>4</sup>



Sts. Berard, Peter, Accursius, Adjutus and Otto, first martyrs (the Protomartyrs) of the Franciscan Order, were all natives of Umbria, Italy. Sent by St. Francis in 1219 to preach to the Moors, their first mission to the Moors in Seville was unsuccessful, and they crossed to Morocco where they preached in the presence of King Mira-ma-Molin. The king had them expelled but the friars evaded the guard at Ceuta and returned to their mission. Infuriated by their insistence, the king had them put to death by the sword on Jan 16, 1220. Their remains were brought back to Europe and rested in the church of the Canons Regular of St. Augustine of the Holy Cross at Coimbra where St. Anthony of Padua – not yet a friar – was a member of the community. Berard and his companions were canonized in 1481 by Pope Sixtus IV.

### Fraternity Finances

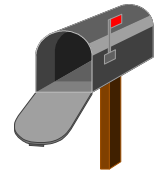
**\$** Last month we received \$966 in donations and disbursed \$357.24 in expenses.

During 2017 our fraternity made a total of \$830 in charitable contributions to the Franciscan Monastery, Franciscan Family Apostolate, Franciscan Mission Service, Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land, Catholic Charities, and So Others Might Eat.

<sup>4</sup> US Franciscans, accessed Jan 16, 2018, URL <https://usfranciscans.org/2016/01/03/15-important-days-of-the-year-for-franciscans/>

## From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Oyoua Hoba** has moved, his new address is 8010 Gramercy Blvd. #448, Rockville, MD 20855.
- **Frank Klem** moved to 358 McClellan Dr., Gettysburg, PA 17325. He transferred to St. Conrad fraternity. We wish you well in your new physical and spiritual homes, Frank!
- Deceased member Sarah Hurd's niece, **Eliza Yates**, died recently. Sarah's sister, Mabel Henson, said she loves the fraternity.
- **Mildred Wray** has returned home from the hospital and is recovering. She would love to hear from you: 301-384-8269.



### Change in Chimes Mailing

To save money, starting in February we will no longer mail the Chimes to those who are on the dcsfochimes email list. If you need to receive a paper copy, contact Michele or Larry.

### Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers the following friars, whose feast days are this month: January 3 – Manuel Ybarra, and 20 – John-Sebastian.

### Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

February 1 – St. Veridiana, virgin, III Order; Bl. Andrew of Segni, religious, I Order; 4 – St. Joseph of Leonessa, priest, I Order; 6 – Sts. Peter Baptist, priest, Paul Miki and companions, martyrs (Martin of the Ascension, Francis Blanco, priests; Philip of Jesus, cleric; Francis of St. Michael, Gonsalvo Garcia, religious; seventeen tertiaries), I and III Order; 7 – St. Colette of Corbie, virgin, II Order; 8 – St. Giles Mary of St. Joseph, religious, I Order; 15 – Transfer of the Body of St. Anthony of Padua; 17 – Bl. Luke Belludi, religious, I Order; 19 – St. Conrad of Piacenza, hermit, III Order; 25 – Bl. Sebastian of Aparicio, religious, I Order.

## **January Reflection**

*By Larry Bleau, OFS*

Prudence, according to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC 1806), is “the virtue that disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it.”

In common usage, prudence is often used to mean caution, but this is not what is meant by the term. The Catechism goes on to elaborate on this point: “It is not to be confused with timidity or fear, nor with duplicity or dissimulation. It ... guides the other virtues by setting rule and measure. It is prudence that immediately guides the judgment of conscience.”

Prudence requires two steps. The first is to determine the moral truth at stake. This requires a well-formed conscience to evaluate a situation, which considers, among other things, the teachings of the Church. The second step is to use proper judgement to choose a moral, right, and practical course of action so as to achieve the moral goal previously determined, and thereby to achieve good and avoid evil.

St. Francis showed his use of prudence in many ways. St. Anthony was teaching theology to some of the brothers, and St. Francis was pleased, yet counselled, “provided that ... you ‘do not extinguish the spirit of prayer and devotion’ during this kind of study.”

When Pope Pius XII was presented with the evil of genocide of the Jews by the Nazis, he prudently avoided direct confrontation with Hitler, a path which when previously used caused the death of thousands. Rather, he acted decisively to save the lives of hundreds of thousands of persecuted Jews.



There are many examples in our own lives on which we can draw which would require the proper use of prudence in deciding how to achieve a moral good.

As Secular Franciscans who are engaged in the world, we are called to be Christ to our brothers and sisters. We must also employ prudence to consider how to help them.

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

Mildred Wray; Nita Mullins; Frank Klem’s wife Dona; Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau’s wife, Valerie Bleau, his father, Raymond Bleau (†12/5/17), and his friend, Fred Hoeck; Mary Anne Corr and her family; Maria Louisa Corriea and her family; Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi’s mother and her friend, Ron Harner; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; John Hewitt; Nancy McCleary; Margaret Murphy’s husband, Jim Murphy; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Brenda Nutt; Mary Okuma’s family; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Patricia Pflieger; Joe Rende; Fred Scharf’s father; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Dineen Whipple; Donna Wilkes and her family; Helen Walls; Dineen Whipple.

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### **January and February Birthdays**

January 4 – Victoria Spalding, 15 – Dineen Whipple, 17 – Adele Lewis, 29 – John Hewitt, M.D., 29 – Bennett Solberg, 30 – Anthony Mazzucco.

February 1 – Ronald McMahon, 1 – Cecelia Thieman, 4 – Alan Blevins, 4 – Mary Gamez, 8 – Polly Howard, 8 – James (Jay) Lynagh, III, 8 – Donna Wilkes, 21 – Joseph Rende, 26 – Joan Adundo, 26 – Nita Mullins.

