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Schedule

- 9:00am Council meeting – Sacred Heart Room
9:30am Orientation Session – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs
9:30am Candidate Session (2019) – St. Clare Room – upstairs in the Friary
9:30am Candidate Session (2018) – Sacred Heart Room downstairs
11:15am 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. **Please sit towards front of room.**
1:20pm 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: **Amy Bilyeau, Martha Dade, Herbert Hille, and Christine Hinds-Noel.**
- Opening prayer
- Housekeeping
- Movie *The Sultan and the Saint*
- Brief discussion of movie
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the book “Shorter Christian Prayer”, please bring it with you. We’ll use pp122, pp468.

◆ Theme: GO FORTH ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?” (Lk 24:29-32)



Prayer of the Month

O Lord Jesus, Savior of all, who has redeemed us by your death and given us Your Most Sacred Body and Blood, we implore you to give us also that same fervor and love for all humanity that you gave to your disciples, so that we may proclaim your word more fully and make known your love to all creation and bring them closer to you, Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.



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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

16. On cleanliness of heart ¹

“Blessed (are) the clean of heart, since they themselves shall see God” (Mt 5:8). Truly are they clean in heart who despise earthly things, seek heavenly ones and do not ever withdraw from adoring and beholding Our Lord, living and true, with a clean heart and soul.

Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$409 in donations and paid \$275.49 in expenses. Please contribute your Fair Share in April if possible (\$30; \$20 if excused).

¹ *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 6 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

They have been made living members of the Church by being buried and raised with Christ in baptism; they have been united more intimately with the Church by profession. Therefore, they should go forth as witnesses and instruments of her mission among all people, proclaiming Christ by their life and words.

Called like Saint Francis to rebuild the Church and inspired by his example, let them devote themselves energetically to living in full communion with the pope, bishops, and priests, fostering an open and trusting dialogue of apostolic effectiveness and creativity.

The Information Corner – Pope Quote



“Love is the only invincible weapon, because it has the power to disarm the forces of evil.” “Let us go forward with the joy of Jesus' Resurrection, knowing He is always by our side!”²

Papal Intention for the Month

Prayer Intention – Universal: For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters, that economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.³



² Apr 4 and 5, 2018. URL <http://twitter.com/pontifex>

³ Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. Accessed April 6, 2018, URL <http://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/>

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- Margaret Murphy** writes:
 “Sorry I missed my last meeting before moving to Omaha. My husband Jim had a mini stroke on Friday and was taken to ER at PG Hospital. Returned home on Monday. Please keep us both in your prayers as you are all in ours. I send my fondest farewell greetings to all the members. It has been 70 wonderful years. May St. Francis give you his peace always. God bless!” Margaret’s new address is 2811 Legacy Commons Plaza #112, Omaha, NE 68130.
- Helen Walls** has a new address: #2 St. Pius X, Elverson, PA 19520-9461, phone 610-470-4890. She writes that she participated in the March For Life, and that while she is physically remote she is spiritually with us, and misses the fraternity greatly.
- Nancy McCleary** writes: “I miss the meetings but I don’t drive anymore so I couldn’t come even I had the energy to make the trip. The monastery and our fraternity will always have a special place in my heart.”
- Recently we received a handwritten letter from the family in India whom the Fraternity supports through the Franciscan Family Apostolate program. Here is an extract from the letter. Please keep them in your prayers.



Dear friend,



May the Almighty God bless us abundantly during this Holy Season of Lent. I am happy to inform you that I have received your timely help which you sent for my family. I take this

opportunity to thank you very specially for all that you have been doing for my family. We utilized the money for our daily necessities.

My husband Sebastian is taking regular medicine for thyroid. He goes for fishing. Nowadays he is *(continued in column at right)*

The Information Corner

May 17th – Feastday of Saint Paschal Baylon.⁴



Born on the Feast of Pentacost on May 24, 1540, in Spain of poor and pious parents, he was christened Pascua in honor of that Feast. Between the ages of seven and 24 he worked as a shepherd and began a life of mortification. He was

able to pray on the job and was especially attentive to the church bell, which rang at the Elevation during Mass.

In 1564, Paschal joined the Friars Minor and gave himself wholeheartedly to a life of penance. Though urged to study for the priesthood, he chose to be a brother, and served at various times as porter, cook, gardener, and official beggar.

Paschal was careful to observe the vow of poverty. He would never waste any food or anything given for the use of the friars. When he was porter and took care of the poor coming to the door, he developed a reputation for great generosity.

Paschal spent his spare moments praying before the Blessed Sacrament. In time, many people sought his wise counsel. He passed on May 15, 1592, and immediately after his burial people flocked to his tomb; miracles were reported promptly. Paschal was canonized in 1690 and was named patron of eucharistic congresses and societies in 1897.

getting nothing from the sea. I am going for prawn peeling work. Our daughters Laya and Lidhiya are continuing their studies. Now Laya is preparing for her entrance examination. Please keep her in your prayers.

We wish you a very happy Easter with many blessings of peace, joy, and prosperity throughout your life. Please extend our Easter greetings to all your dear and near ones.

Yours affectionately, Mary Sebastian

⁴ Extracted from post on Franciscan Media by Fr. Don Miller, OFM, URL <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-paschal-baylon/>, accessed Apr 6, 2018.

April Reflection

By Larry Bleau, OFS

The story of Jesus' encounter with his disciples on the Road to Emmaus is replete with many meanings and lessons. There is seeing Jesus in the breaking of the bread (Eucharist), being blind to things around us, Biblical revelation, fulfillment of God's promises, and much more.



While thinking about this episode, though, what came to my mind is going forth, proclaiming the Word. The disciples had not yet received the Holy Spirit and were, indeed, at a loss as to what to do. They were energized by their encounter, though, and wanted to go forth and preach. It is this going forth of the Gospel we are called to do every time we attend Mass and hear the Word: from Gospel to Life, and life to the Gospel. It is later that Jesus gives this explicit command, but its roots are here along that road.

St. Francis did this so well during his life. In his own area of Italy, surrounding countries, and, through the Order he founded, around the globe, he proclaimed the love Jesus has for everyone and called all to be open to this wonderful gift. He definitely went beyond his comfort zone of Assisi to do this.

As Secular Franciscans, we, too, are called to proclaim by our actions the love of our Savior, using words only when necessary. We should also consider how we might move beyond our comfort zone and engage – in a loving, rather than challenging, way – with the world around us. May His love shine on others through us.

May Birthdays

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

Pray For Our Deceased Emerita (Emy)



Cabigas, who died on March 12, 2018. A service was held on March 24. Emy was professed in 2005 and was an active member until she was diagnosed with cancer. 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.

Burial Shroud



If you plan to be buried in the OFS Burial Shroud, be sure to order it from Franciscan Resources ahead of time to avoid expensive overnight shipping costs. See <http://franciscanresources.com/>, click on Store Page.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Mildred Wray; Pat Allnutt; Mary Anne Corr and her family; Maria Louisa Corriea and her sister Maria Franco; Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi's friend, Ron Horner, and her mother; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; John Hewitt; Nancy McCleary; Ron McElligot and his wife, Mary; Margaret Murphy's husband, Jim Murphy; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Brenda Nutt; Joe Rende; Fred Scharf's father; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Dineen Whipple and her family; Donna Wilkes and her brother Hollis; Helen Walls.

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

May 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.