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Schedule

- 9:00am Council meeting
9:30am Inquiry Session – Sacred Heart Room downstairs
9:30am Candidate Session (2019) – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs
11:15am Franciscan Crown Chaplet 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
2:45pm Council meeting (continued)

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening prayer
- Housekeeping
- Chapter of Mats report
- Description of Council positions
- Praying the Psalter
- Questions from those in formation
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the book “Shorter Christian Prayer”, please bring it with you. Use pp197, p518.

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: **THE FATHER'S WILL** ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

“Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it [on] the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him [on] the last day.” (Jn 6:37-40)

Prayer of the Month

It was Your will, O Lord, to choose us as your people, and give to us your beloved Son as our redeemer. Through Him, with the intercession of the Holy Spirit, may we come to know Your holy and true will in our lives, and with the help of Your Church and the sacraments may we be strengthened so as to follow Your will in this life and be with You in the next. Amen.



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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

19. On the humble servant of God ¹

Blessed (is) the servant, who does not consider himself better, when he is magnified and exalted by men, as when for example he is considered to be vile, simple, and despised, because as much as a man is before God, that much he is and nothing more. Woe to that religious, who has been placed on high by others and does not wish to descend by means of his own will. And “blessed (is) that servant” (Mt 24:46), who is placed on high not by means of his own will and desires always to be beneath the feet of others.

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 10 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

United themselves to the redemptive obedience of Jesus, who placed his will into the Father's hands, let them faithfully fulfill the duties proper to their various circumstances of life. Let them also follow the poor and crucified Christ, witness to him even in difficulties and persecutions.

The Information Corner – Pope Quote



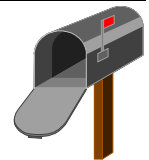
“Do we know how to silence our hearts and listen to the voice of God?” “We receive God’s graces to share them with others.”²

Papal Intention for the Month

Prayer Intention – Evangelization: Priests and their Pastoral Ministry. That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests. ³

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Mark Pirritano**’s new address is 7700 Tremayne Pl. #304, McLean, VA 22102, phone 202-415-1119, email mark.pirritano@gmail.com
- **Robert Lantz** has transferred to our fraternity from Sts. Louis and Elizabeth fraternity in Steubenville, OH. Please give him a warm welcome. Also, add him to your directory: 22680 Cedar Lane Ct. #1209, Leonardtown, MD 20650, 240-561-2764, email rlfssf@gmail.com, birthday July 19. Happy birthday, Robert!



² Jul 3 and 4, 2018. URL <http://twitter.com/pontifex>

³ Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network. Accessed July 5, 2018, URL <http://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/>

The Information Corner

July 16th – Feastday of Saint Mary Magdalen Postel (Nov 28, 1756 – Jul 16, 1846)⁴

Julie Frances Catharine Postel was born at Barfleur in Normandy. As a young girl she received training from the Benedictine nuns at Volognes, and decided to devote her entire life to the service of God and her neighbor, privately taking the vow of chastity.



Five years after she opened a school for girls in La Bretonne, the French Revolution broke out. During the persecution Saint Mary Magdalen Postel helped the priests who were in hiding or in prison and strengthened the faith of the loyal Catholics of Barfleur.

After the storm had passed, Saint Mary Magdalen Postel helped to restore the Faith by catechizing young and old, and taught school once more. With approval, she and two other women established a religious community in 1805; two years later they and another who had joined them pronounced their vows. They called themselves the Poor Daughters of Mercy and observed the rule of the Third Order of St Francis.

During the first thirty years, the new Franciscan sisterhood encountered many bitter disappointments and trials, but they persevered courageously. In 1832 the congregation's motherhouse was transferred from Cherbourg to Courtaunce; and in 1837 the Vicar General Delamare substituted, in place of the Third Order rule, that of St John Baptist de la Salle, the founder of the Christian Brothers. Henceforth the members of the community were called Sisters of Mercy of the Christian Schools. *(continued in next column)*

⁴ Extracted from web site Roman Catholic Saints, accessed July 6, 2018, URL <https://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/saint-mary-magdalen-postel.html>. This page's material from *The Franciscan Book of Saints*, Marion A. Habig, OFM (1979 rev.).

September Elections

Due to the recent resignation of our Minister, J. Patrick Enderson (see June *Chimes*), Larry Bleau now serves as Acting Minister. Council has decided to hold early elections at our **September 16** meeting.

While your Council prepares for elections, you can assist by discerning how you can serve the fraternity in a leadership role. If you are a professed, active member, consult this month's handout for a short description of Council positions and reflect on how you can step up and serve your fraternity. If you are inclined to do so, please let a member of Council know.

Bear in mind that God does not call the qualified; He qualifies the called.

Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$142 in donations and disbursed \$270 in expenses.

August Birthdays

August 4 – Susan Zell, 8 – David Weir, 11 – Francoise Bidiki and Wendy Enderson, 12 – Ronald McElligott, 13 – Alberto Gamez, 16 – Lewis Remlin, and 29 – Christopher Cropper.

Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers Friar Maximilian Wojciechowski, whose feast day is this coming month, on August 14.

Information Corner *(continued)*

During the last few years of her life, Mother Mary Magdalen saw her sisterhood expand and achieve great things. It was at her instigation also that the Vicar General Delamare in 1843 founded the School Brothers of Mercy at Montebourg.

Mother Mary Magdalen was almost 90 when she died on July 16, 1846. Her sisterhood continued to grow and spread also to other countries. The original French sisterhood received papal approbation in 1901. Mother Mary Magdalen was canonized in 1925 by Pope Pius XI.

July Reflection

By Larry Bleau, OFS

What is the will of the Father, and how do we know it? By discernment, prayer, and reading of the scriptures, through which God speaks to us. Often this insight does not come for a long time and requires much reflection and the support of our spiritual family.

Once we determine His will, what do we do? In short: Obey it! “Obey” is a word that is harsh to modern ears, but is certainly appropriate. God is the Creator of all things, who Himself was not created. Indeed, He is the reason the universe even exists. By this fact we owe our life, our very existence, to Him, and therefore certainly our obedience.

There is also ample basis in scripture. Mary heard the Lord, and although she did not completely understand the full implications, she acted out of faith and trust in the Almighty, obeyed, and gave birth to our Savior. Jesus sought and obeyed His Father’s will at Gethsemane, and on Mt. Calvary gave His life for us. In later times, St. Francis sought the Father’s will in his life when he prayed in the Church of San Damiano; he, too, obeyed, and by this action and many others started a movement which became not only an Order, but several Orders, including our own.

To obey, though, is more than just to follow the instructions of another, which comes from outside ourselves; it is to know our duties and responsibilities and to do them. Duties and responsibilities, while often described externally – the Latin root of “obey” is “listen or hear” – are things we internalize and recognize as that which we *ought* to do, rather than that which we must do. They can also originate totally from within ourselves, as we learn what is needed of us in our lives, what we are called to do by our faith, what we believe we ought to do with our talents, and what road we should choose for our life’s journey. All of this is part of doing His Will. Indeed, we are called by our Rule (see p2) to recognize and fulfill our responsibilities in the various aspects of our life.

Why do we fulfill our responsibilities? Not out of a mandate from the law, although the law may be involved; not out of commands or instructions given to us, although there may be commands and instructions; not out of social pressure or custom, although these elements are present in many of life’s situations. Rather, we do these things because we wish to follow and imitate Jesus. We know well of His actions when it came time for Him to fulfill His Earthly and heavenly responsibilities. That is, in part, why we pray, and St. Francis taught his brothers to pray, “Thy will be done.” May we always receive the grace of Our Lord to help us discern properly what we are being called to do, and to do it with Franciscan joy.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Mark Pirritano and his father, Mario Pirritano; Ouida Morrison; Mildred Wray; Pat Allnutt; Mary Anne Corr and her niece, Patricia Corr; Maria Louisa Correra; Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi’s mother; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; John Hewitt; Sheila Kelly; Nancy McCleary; Ron McElligot and his wife, Mary; Margaret Murphy and her husband, Jim Murphy; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Brenda Nutt; Carol Petro; Joe Rende; Fred Scharf’s father; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Helen Walls; Dineen Whipple; Donna Wilkes and her family.

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

August 2 – Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula (feast); 4 – Saint John Vianney, priest of III Order. (memorial); 7 – Blesseds Agathangelus and Cassian, priests and martyrs of I Order (optional memorial); 8 – Holy Father Dominic, priest founder of the Order of Preachers (feast); 11 – Saint Clare of Assisi, virgin of II Order (feast, solemnity for II and III Order nuns); 14 – Saint Maximilian Kolbe, priest of I Order (memorial); 17 – Saint Roch, member of III Order; 19 – Saint Louis of Toulouse, bishop of I Order (memorial); 21 – Saint Pius X, pope, member of III Order (memorial); and 25 – Saint Louis IX, king, member and patron of III Order (memorial).