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Schedule

- 9:30am Inquiry 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
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
- History of the Rule video and handout
- Fraternity survey
- Council candidates' statements
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have "Shorter Christian Prayer", please bring it with you; see Week IV, pp267 and p524.

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: OUR RULE ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the first



and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” (Matt 22:37-40)

Prayer of the Month

“Oh holy Father, protect them with your name whom you gave me out of the world. I entrusted to them the message you entrusted to me and they received it. They have known that in truth I came from you, they have believed that it was you who sent me. For these I pray, not for the world. Bless and consecrate them, and I consecrate myself for their sakes.” (Prologue: Exhortation of St. Francis to the Brothers and Sisters of Penance)



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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

20. On the good and the vain religious ¹

Blessed (is) he religious, who has not cheer and gladness except in the Lord's most holy discourses and works, and with these leads men forth to the love of God with joy and gladness (cf. Ps. 50:10). Woe to him religious, who delights himself in idle and frivolous words and with these leads men to laugh.

Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers Friar Jim Gardiner, SA, whose birthday is next month on September 21.

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 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



“More than anything else, the life of a Christian is a grateful response to a generous Father.” “The Eucharist is our ‘reservation’ for Heaven: Jesus leads us on our journey towards eternal life.”²

Papal Intention for the Month

Prayer Intention – **The treasure of Families.**

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.³

Fraternity Finances

💰 Last month we received \$297 in donations and disbursed \$120.90 in expenses. This does not include undeposited checks.

² Aug 3 and 5, 2018. URL <http://twitter.com/pontifex>

³ Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. Accessed Aug 4, 2018, URL <http://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/>

The Information Corner

Aug 16th – Feastday of St. Louis IX⁴

Born in 1215 and crowned king of France at age 12, Louis IX bound himself by oath to behave as God's anointed. While other kings had done the same, Louis was different in that he actually interpreted his kingly duties in the light of faith. After the violence of two previous reigns, he brought peace and justice.



Louis is credited for extending justice in civil administration, and his regulations for royal officials became the first of a series of reforms. He replaced trial by battle with a form of examination of witnesses and encouraged the use of written records in court.

Louis was devoted to his people: he founded hospitals, visited the sick, and like St. Francis, cared even for people with leprosy. He is a patron of the Secular Franciscan Order. Louis united all people of France and maintained peace for many years.

Every day, Louis had 13 special guests from among the poor to eat with him, and a large number of poor were served meals near his palace. During Advent and Lent, all who asked were given a meal, and Louis often served them in person. He regularly assisted needy people in every province of his dominion.

Louis "took the cross" for a Crusade twice. The first time, when when he was 30, his army was weakened by dysentery and was surrounded and captured; Louis obtained their release by giving up a captured city and paying a ransom. The second time, in 1267, his army was decimated by disease within a month, and Louis himself died on foreign soil in 1270 at the age of 56. He was canonized 27 years later in 1297.

⁴ Extracted from Franciscan Media article, accessed 8/10/2018, URL <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-louis-of-france/>

September Elections

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

Please attend the September meeting; we will have to have a **quorum of one-half** of our active members to have a **valid** election.

This month we will have time set aside for each member who wishes to serve the fraternity on Council to tell members about themselves and why they wish to serve.

For your part, please discern how you can serve the fraternity in a leadership role. If you are a professed, active member, and wish to serve your fraternity, please let a member of Council know so we can reserve time for you.

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

Meeting Attendance

A major component of Franciscan spirituality is community. We are a family, and Franciscans are a social people. Our members look forward to our meetings so as to grow and maintain the bonds to their brothers and sisters, as well as grow as a fraternity. If for any reason you are unable to attend a meeting, please let us know.

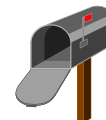


« Fraternity Survey »

Council has decided to conduct a survey (enclosed) of members to assist the next Council in planning what direction it should take the fraternity. Please set aside some time to give thoughtful responses. You may mail it in or bring it with you to the meeting.

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Carol Petro's** new address is 3910 Carriage La. SW, Conyers, GA 30094, phone 770-648-8771.



Pray For Our Deceased Mildred Wray,

who died on July 11, 2018. Her funeral Mass was on July 23 at St. John the Baptist Church. Mildred was professed in 2015, was dedicated to our fraternity and to prayer, and was loved by all who knew her. 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

September 1 – St. Beatrice of Silva, virgin, II Order, founder; 2 – Bls. Apollinaris of Posat, John Francis Burté, Severin Girault, priests, and companions, martyrs, I and III Order; 3 – Bl. Claudio Granzotto, religious, I Order; 4 – St. Rose of Viterbo, virgin, III Order; 17 – Stigmata of our Holy Father Francis; 18 – St. Joseph of Cupertino, priest, I Order; 20 – St. Francis Mary of Camporossa, religious, I Order; 22 – St. Ignatius of Santhia, priest, I Order; 23 – St. Pio of Pietrelcina, priest, I Order; 24 – St. Pacifico of San Severino, priest, I Order; 25 – Finding of the Body of St. Clare; 26 – Bl. Aurelio of Vinales, priest, and companions, martyrs of Valencia [Ambrose of Benaguacil, Pedro of Benisa, Joachim of Albocácer, Modesto of Albocácer, Germaine of Cargagente, Bonaventure of Puzol, Santiago of Rafelbunol, Henry of Almazora, Fidel of Puzol, Berard Lugar Nuevo de Fenollet, Pacifico of Valencia], I Order; St. Elzear of Sabran and Bl. Delphina of Glandenes, husband & wife, III Order; 28 – Bl. Innocent of Berzo, priest, I Order.

September Birthdays

September 1 – Kathleen White; 4 – Maria Correra; 9 – Salvacion Pagado; 18 – Marilyn Taylor; 19 – Catherine Horvath; 23 – Jean Fleurival; and 27 – Mary Okumu.

August Reflection

By Larry Bleau, OFS

The number 40 has many Biblical, quite significant, meanings: The Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years. Jesus fasted for 40 days. Moses was on Mount Saini for 40 days. And 40 years ago Pope Paul VI promulgated the current Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order: *our* Rule.

Our Rule is such a gift to us from St. Francis. While still alive, he perceived a need for some form of rule for laypersons, and created one especially for us. We have a saint's guide on how we, too, can live the Gospel way of life. Acting wisely, the Church has revised the Rule several times to meet the needs of various ages.

This may be a good time for us to reflect on our Rule. We will have a short video this month about the history of our Rule, which we'll follow with a discussion. Please take some time to reflect on what the Rule means to you, how you follow it, and what you like (or not) about it.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Bill Richardson; Mark Pirritano and his father, Mario Pirritano; Ouida Morrison; Pat Allnutt; Mary Anne Corr and her niece, Patricia Corr; Maria Louisa Correra; Lourdes Corso and her family; Justina Essiet; Sarah Faizi and her family; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; John Hewitt; Sheila Kelly; Nancy McCleary; Ron McElligot and his wife, Mary; Margaret Murphy and her family; 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.

