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Schedule

- 9:00am Inquiry Session – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs
9:00am Candidate Session (2018) – Sacred Heart Room downstairs
10:00am **Open House – Sacred Heart Room**
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
- Presentation of certificates
- Short Teaching – History of the Tau
- Closing Evening prayer, from the book “Shorter Christian Prayer”, please bring it with you. See pp48-54, 539.

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: **PROTECT OUR CHURCH FROM EVIL** ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.”
(Matt 18:10)



Prayer of the Month

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



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The Information Corner – Pope Quote



“The presence of our Guardian Angel in our life is not just to assist us along the journey, but to show us where we need to go.” “We ask for the grace to listen to one

another, in order to discern together what the Lord is asking of His Church”¹

Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$291 in donations and disbursed \$463.85 in expenses. This included an extra \$100 donation to the family we support in India through the Franciscan Family Apostolate. See article on p4.



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.

Admonition of St. Francis

22. On correction²

Blessed (is) the servant who would endure discipline, accusation and rebuke as patiently from another as from his very self. Blessed (is) the servant, who having been rebuked, acquiesces kindly, submits meekly, confesses humbly and makes satisfaction freely. Blessed (is) the servant, who is not quick to excuse himself and humbly endures shame and rebuke because of a sin, even though he has not committed (any) fault.

Papal Intention for the Month

Prayer Intention – Evangelization: The Mission of Religious. That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.³

² *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> .

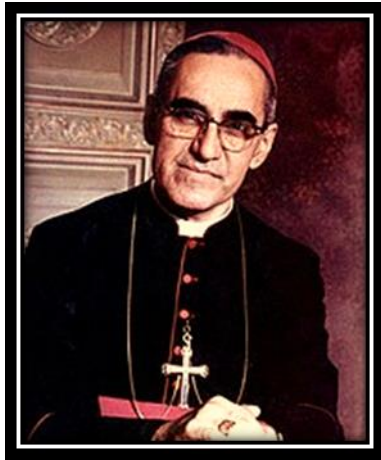
³ Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network. Accessed February 7, 2018, URL <http://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/>

¹ Oct 2 and 3, 2018. URL <http://twitter.com/pontifex>

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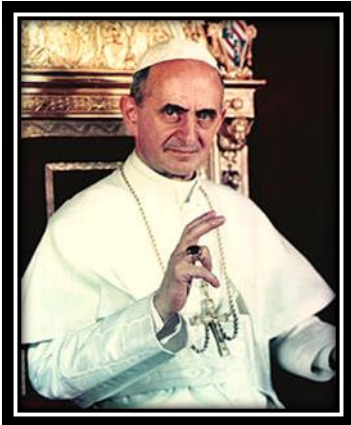
Oct 14th – Let us welcome new saints into the Church and rejoice with her!

Oscar Arnulfo Romero was Archbishop of El Salvador. It is said he didn't just love the poor, which is "relatively easy", but he also defended the poor with "apostolic



courage" and became a model for bishops, priests and all Christians. In his three years as archbishop, he had become an outspoken voice for the poorest people of his country, caught up in a conflict between the military government and guerilla groups that claimed tens of thousands of civilian lives. Romero was shot dead on March 24, 1980, as he celebrated Mass in the cancer hospital in El Salvador. He is widely acclaimed as a saint and martyr across the Christian world and beyond.

Pope Paul VI, who among other things had the task of closing the Second Vatican Council in 1965, explained that "holiness is within everyone's reach" and that we only need two elements



in order to become saints: "the grace of God and good will". Paul VI was born in 1897 and died on August 6, 1978, after being pope for 15 years. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the his Encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, in defense of life, especially the unborn.

Nunzio Sulprizio was born in 1817. He lost both of his parents while still a child and was brought up by an uncle. His uncle exploited him, did not allow him to go to school, and forced him to work in his blacksmith shop, in both



extreme cold and intense heat. He found refuge before the Tabernacle where he would keep Jesus company. After contracting gangrene in one of his legs, he was sent to a hospital, and suffered tremendous pain. He said, among other things, "Jesus suffered a lot for me. Why should I not suffer for Him?" Once better, he dedicated himself to helping other patients. His health took a sudden turn for the worse, and he died from bone cancer in 1836 at age 19.

Pope Francis will also canonise Blessed **Francesco Spinelli**, diocesan priest and Founder of the Institute of the Sister Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament; Blessed **Vincenzo Romano**, a diocesan priest; Blessed **Maria Caterina Kasper**, Foundress of the Institute of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ; and Blessed **Nazaria Ignazia March Mesa**, Foundress of the Congregation of the Misioneras Cruzadas de la Iglesia Sisters.⁴



⁴ Summaries taken from several articles on Vatican News, URL <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/>.

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Ouida Morrison** has moved, her new address is 1090 Milestone Dr. #409, Silver Spring, MD 20904; no change in phone number or email.
- Congrats to **Joseph and Mary Gigliotti** on the birth of their first grandson, Leonado Armand Gigliotti-Almon.
- 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 their June letter. Please keep them in your prayers.



Dear friend,



Hope this letter will find you in the pink of health and in the joy of sharing love. I acknowledge the timely help which you sent for us. We spent the money for our daily needs. We are ever

grateful to you for the same.

Here we are experiencing our monsoon season. Now the sea is very furious and fishermen can't go for fishing. So both of us have no work. Layamol attended her entrance exam. She wishes to get the admission in AFMC (Armed Forces Medical College). Lidhiya is waiting for her 12th grade examination result. Samuel is promoted to 10th grade. Now by the grace of God my husband Antony has been cured from thyroid. Doctors advised him to stop the medicine for three months.

How are you and your dear ones? We always remember you in our daily prayers. May Jesus grant your intentions be fulfilled as the reward for your generosity.

Yours affectionately, Mary Sebastian

November Birthdays

November 4 – George Bond, Charlotte Markoe, Ouida Morrison; 6 – Mary Brown, Fred Scharf; 11 – Josephine Awich; 26 – Rosemary Bordley; and 29 – Deborah McNeilly-Williams.

Congratulations to Those Celebrating Their Anniversaries

Please extend heartfelt congratulations to our members who this year celebrate a special anniversary of their profession to the Secular Franciscan Order:

55 Years: Joseph Rende

50 Years: Roy S. Foster, Jr.

35 Years: Clotilda Crawley

30 Years: Lawrence R. Bleau, Patrick Nolan

25 Years: Rosemary Bordley, Carol A. Petro

20 Years: Josephine Awich, Virginia Lyons

15 Years: Joan O. Adundo, Charlotte E. Markoe

10 Years: Gerda Lynn Biglin, Jean-Paul V. Gauthier, Brenda S. Nutt, Lee Ann Petta

5 Years: J. Patrick Enderson, Oyoua M. Hoba, Kady Catherine Konan, Adele P. Lewis



Thank You to Stratchko Family

Recently the family of our deceased sister **Julia Stratchko** donated a generous sum to the fraternity. Julia passed away one year ago this month. Our grateful thanks go to the family for their prayers and support.



Apostolate Opportunity

Kuddos to nearby St. Francis fraternity, who feed the poor, the hungry, and the worker each week as part of their

fraternity's apostolate. They work in concert with the nearby Capuchin College. A great example of faith in action!





Meet Your New Council

At last month's meeting the fraternity held its Elective Chapter: elections for Council. Shown in the picture left to right are the newly elected Council members: Adele Lewis (Formation Director), Vilma Camposano (Treasurer), Bill Richardson (Secretary), Michele Dunne (Vice Minister), and Larry Bleau (Minister).

Thank you for everyone who served on the previous Council, and we are grateful for those who stepped forward to be your servant leaders for the next three years. Thanks also to our Region's Metro Area Councilor, Mary Cate Bobri, who conducted the elections, and to Fr. Kevin Treston, OFM, who witnessed it on behalf of the Order of Friars Minor.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Joe Gigliotti; Rosemary Bordley, her sister Trudy Walsh, and her brother Charles Walsh; Mary Anne Corr and her niece, Patricia Corr; Maria Louisa Correa; Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi's mother and her friend Ron Harper; Jean Fleurival; John Hewitt; Nancy McCleary; Margaret Murphy and her

husband Jim; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Carol Petro; Bill Richardson; Cecilia Thieman and her family; John and Dineen Whipple; Donna Wilkes and her family.

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

November 4 – Saint Charles Borromeo, bishop of III Order (memorial); 6 – Commemoration of all the Deceased of the Franciscan Orders (memorial); 7 – Saint Didacus of Alcala, religious of I Order (optional memorial); 13 – Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin of III Order, Founder (memorial in the U.S.); 14 – Saint Nicholas Tavelic, priest and companions, martyrs of I Order (memorial); 17 – Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, widow, member and patron of the III Order (feast); 18 – Blessed Salome, virgin of II Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns); 19 – Saint Agnes of Assisi, virgin of II Order (memorial for II and III Order nuns); 26 – Saint Leonard of Port Maurice, priest of the I Order (memorial); 27 – Blessed Francis Anthony Fasani, priest of I Order (optional memorial); 28 – Saint James of the March, priest of I Order (memorial); and 29 – All Saints of the Franciscan Orders (feast).

October Reflection

By Michele Dunne, OFS

As our Church struggles with scandals, I have asked myself what my role as a Secular Franciscan is. While it is easy to feel discouraged, depressed, and even angry about many aspects of what is happening to and in our Church, it helped me to remember that similar scandals were going on at the time of Sts. Francis and Clare. And I found there is specific guidance in our Rule:

Article 6: 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 dialog of apostolic effectiveness and creativity.

What I took from our ever-helpful Rule is this.

First, we must remember we are a lay order of the Church itself; the Church is not something separate from us but rather we as professed members are “united intimately” with it.

Second, we are called not to criticize or condemn others (remember how St. Francis avoided that) but to set an example of personal holiness within the Church just as St. Francis did, “proclaiming Christ” by our lives and words.

Third, we are called to an “open and trusting dialogue of apostolic effectiveness and creativity” with priests and bishops—the very partnership between lay people and clergy that is needed now to help heal this wound in our Church.

Of course we are also called on to pray—as our Rule says, “let prayer and contemplation be the soul of all they are and do” (*Rule*, Article 8). On Sep 29, the feast of St Michael, Pope Francis issued a call to all Catholics around the world to pray the rosary daily during the Marian month of October, asking the Mother of God and St. Michael the Archangel “to protect the church from the devil, that always aims to divide us from God and among ourselves.”⁵ He asked that we add to the usual rosary two additional prayers: “Under your protection” (Sub Tuum Praesidium, the most ancient known prayer to the Virgin Mary) and the well-known prayer to St. Michael.



Let us trust that the Lord will guide each one of us as Secular Franciscans to serve Him in the right way at this challenging time. We have just celebrated the Transitus of our father Francis this month, who left us with the words, “I have done what was mine to mine to do; may Christ teach you what is yours.”⁶

We fly to thy protection, O Holy Mother of God; do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen.



⁵ “Pope Francis: pray the rosary daily for Church’s protection from Satan,” Catholic News Agency, Sep 29, 2018, <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/pope-francis-pray-the-rosary-daily-for-churchs-protection-from-satan-54878-2>

⁶ Bonaventure’s Major Legend of St. Francis, *Francis of Assisi: Early Documents, Vol II The Founder*, p642.