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## Schedule

- 9:00am Inquiry Session – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs
- 9:00am Candidate Session (2019) – Sacred Heart Room downstairs
- 11:15am Franciscan Crown Rosary in **Sacred Heart Room (note change!)**
- 12:00pm Mass and Profession 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

- Reception honoring newly professed member **Francoise Bidiki**
- Opening prayer
- Minister and Formation Director's address to newly professed
- Rite of Admission for new Candidate – We welcome into our family those who have completed Inquiry and feel called to further pursue their path towards profession in the Order. Please welcome and greet with joy our new Candidate, **Amy Bilyeau**.
- Short Teaching
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the book "Shorter Christian Prayer", please bring it with you.

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## ◆ Theme: FAMILY ◆

### Bible Quote of the Month

“For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.” (Eph 3:14-19)

### Prayer of the Month

We thank you, Father of all, for the human family you gave us when we were born; may we always cherish them and be a part of them and they a part of us. We thank you, too, O Lord Jesus, for Holy Mother Church, the family into which we were born through baptism, that we may always treasure her, protect her, and through her rejoice in You. We thank you, Holy Spirit, for the Franciscan family You inspired through your servant Francis and which you gave to us, that we who professed into it may love these brothers and sisters as our own and never be separated from them until we meet You in that final home to which we are all called.

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## ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

### 23. On humility <sup>1</sup>

Blessed (is) the servant, who is found to be as humble among his own subjects, as when for example he would be among his own lords.



Blessed (is) the servant, who always remains continually under the rod of correction. A faithful and prudent servant is he (cf. Mt 24:45), who in all (circumstances) does not delay to punish his own offenses interiorly by means of contrition and exteriorly by means of confession and works of satisfaction.

<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 14 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Secular Franciscans, together with all people of good will, are called to build a more fraternal and evangelical world so that the kingdom of God may be brought about more effectively. Mindful that anyone who follows Christ, the perfect man, becomes more of a man himself, let them exercise their responsibilities competently in Christian spirit of service.

## The Information Corner – Pope Quote



“Let us commit ourselves with prayer and action to distance our hearts, our words and our deeds from all violence in order to take care of our common home.” “Praying means knocking at the door of a friend. God is our friend.”<sup>2</sup>

## Papal Intention for the Month

Universal Intention – **In the Service of Peace.**

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.<sup>3</sup>

## Extra Christmas Donation

Each year Council decides how much to donate to various Franciscan charities for Christmas. Please consider an additional donation to the fraternity *this* month for this purpose. You may indicate this on your envelope.



## Fraternity Finances

💰 Last month we received \$265 in donations and disbursed \$417.33 in expenses; the latter includes three years for our web site.

<sup>2</sup> Nov 6 and 7, 2018. URL <http://twitter.com/pontifex>

<sup>3</sup> Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network. Accessed Nov 1, 2018, URL <http://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/>

## **The Information Corner**

**Nov 8th** – Feastday of Blessed John Duns Scotus



A humble man, John Duns Scotus has been one of the most influential Franciscans through the centuries. Born at Duns in the county of Berwick, Scotland, John was descended from a wealthy farming family. In later years, he was identified as John

Duns Scotus to indicate the land of his birth; Scotia is the Latin name for Scotland.

John received the habit of the Friars Minor at Dumfries, where his uncle Elias Duns was superior. After novitiate, John studied at Oxford and Paris and was ordained in 1291. More studies in Paris followed until 1297, when he returned to lecture at Oxford and Cambridge. Four years later, he returned to Paris to teach and complete the requirements for the doctorate.

In an age when many people adopted whole systems of thought without qualification, John pointed out the richness of the Augustinian-Franciscan tradition, appreciated the wisdom of Aquinas, Aristotle, and the Muslim philosophers—and still managed to be an independent thinker. That quality was proven in 1303, when King Philip the Fair tried to enlist the University of Paris on his side in a dispute with Pope Boniface VIII. John Duns Scotus dissented, and was given three days to leave France.

In Scotus's time, some philosophers held that people are basically determined by forces outside themselves. Free will is an illusion, they argued. An ever-practical man, Scotus said that if he started beating someone who denied free will, the person would immediately tell him to stop. But if Scotus didn't really

have a free will, how could he stop? John had a knack for finding illustrations his students could remember!

After a short stay in Oxford, Scotus returned to Paris, where he received the doctorate in 1305. He continued teaching there and in 1307 so ably defended the Immaculate Conception of Mary that the university officially adopted his position. That same year the minister general assigned him to the Franciscan school in Cologne where John died in 1308. He is buried in the Franciscan church near the famous Cologne cathedral.



Drawing on the work of John Duns Scotus, Pope Pius IX solemnly defined the Immaculate Conception of Mary in 1854. John Duns Scotus, the "Subtle Doctor," was beatified in 1993.<sup>4</sup>

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



Joe Gigliotti; Rosemary Bordley and her family; Mary Anne Corr and her niece, Patricia Corr; Maria Louisa Correa; Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi and her family; 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.

### **December Birthdays**

December 16 – Clotilda Crawley; 20 – Patrick Nolan, Mark Pirritano, Soledad Wong; 31 – Leonora Okomo.

<sup>4</sup> Source: Franciscan Media, accessed 1/9/18, URL <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/blessed-john-duns-scotus/>

### **Advent Day of Reflection**



Please mark your calendar for Saturday, December 15 for an Advent Retreat Day being held at the Franciscan Monastery, 9am-4pm (gathering at 8:30am). The speaker will be Sister Ilia Delio, OSF. Fee is \$40, registration deadline is Dec 10, flyer will be available at meeting or [on our web site](#).

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### **Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials**

December 2 – Bl. Maria Angela Astorch, virgin, II Order; Bl. Rafal Chylinski, priest, I Order; 8 – Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron & Queen of the Franciscan Order; 10 – Bl. Peter Tecelano, III Order; 13 – Finding the Body of St. Francis; 15 – Bl. Mary Frances Schervier, virgin, III Order.

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### **Feastdays of Franciscan Friars**

Keep in your prayers Friar Larry Dunham, whose birthday will be on December 11<sup>th</sup>.



### **November Reflection**

*By Larry Bleau, OFS*

Family was important to Francis, not just his earthly one but his spiritual one as well. In fact, it was as a result of the call from his heavenly Father that the dispute arose with his earthly father and Francis became a son of the Church.

Although initially solitary in his new vocation, this did not last long. Indeed, when others felt the pull of Francis' calling, he remarked that God had seen fit to give him brothers, not followers<sup>5</sup>.

Francis sought the approval of the Pope to form his new Order, and placed it under the care of Mother Church, keeping it safe within the new spiritual family.

When St. Clare also followed the Lord's call and joined Francis, she, St. Agnes, and others enlarged Francis' spiritual family, giving him sisters.

Francis, in responding to a need he perceived from laypersons of his day, founded the Order of Penitents, the original name for the Secular Franciscan Order. We too, then, are part of the Franciscan family.

In fact, Francis, and later the Holy Church, cared so much for us that our Order was placed under the pastoral and spiritual care of the First Order, so as to guarantee the fidelity of the OFS to the Franciscan charism<sup>6</sup>.

Let us this month be thankful for the gift of Françoise, the newest member of our family, and pray that she may be granted the grace to live out her profession in that same charism.

Let us also be thankful for our friar brothers, who watch over us spiritually, extend their hospitality, and offer many spiritual opportunities for us to grow and continually renew that special bond.

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<sup>5</sup> *Francis of Assisi, The Saint, Early Documents*, see *Testament 14*, p125.

<sup>6</sup> *General Constitutions*, Article 85.2.