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Schedule

- 9:30am Inquiry Session – Sacred Heart Room – downstairs in the Friary
- 9:30am Candidate Session – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs
- 10:30am Franciscan Crown Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 11:15am Mass in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 12:00pm Fraternity Social Gathering – St. Francis Room – downstairs in the Friary. Refreshments will be provided.
- 12:45pm Fraternity Meeting – St. Francis Room
- 2:30pm Council Meeting – St. Francis Room

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening prayer
- 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: **Shonne Farrell, Ouida Morrison, Mary Okumu, George Ramsey, and Mildred Wray.**
- Talk: Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit in the life of Mary
- Lesson on Breviary
- Closing Evening prayer using Breviary.

◆ Theme: **MARY, SPOUSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

His mother said to the servers, “Do whatever he tells you.” (*John 2:5*)



Prayer of the Month

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within your wounds conceal me. Do not permit me to be parted from you. From the evil foe protect me. At the hour of my death call me. And bid me come to you, to praise you with all your saints for ever and ever. Amen.



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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

12. On recognizing the spirit of God ¹

Thus can the servant of God be known, if he has the spirit of the Lord: when the Lord works through him anything good, if his flesh for that reason would not exalt itself, because it is always contrary to every good, but if he rather would hold himself up before (his own) eyes as more vile and esteem himself less than all other men.



¹ St. Francis of Assisi, *The Words of Admonition*, translated from the Critical Latin Edition, edited by Fr. Kajetan Esser, O.F.M, courtesy of Five Franciscan Martyrs Region, accessed April 19, 2010, URL <http://www.franciscan-sfo.org/ap/Admonitions.html>



The Rule

Chapter One, 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

Spring and summer are wonderful seasons to observe a little nature, even if you live in the city. There are a couple of resources for discovering what to look for, and see some terrific pictures of nature as you learn, but one of my favorites is the National Wildlife Federation. If you have access to the web, go to www.nwf.org for wonderful tips on how you can create habitat for native wildlife of all sorts, whether you have several acres, or just a balcony or window box. There are other resources too for learning more about our natural surroundings, like the Audubon Society or even your public library. And of course, you can just ask your Guardian Angel to show you something in your surroundings that will speak of God's goodness. Adding a little observation of nature to our prayer life helps us to slow down and be grateful, and can really deepen our experience of God's presence in His beautiful creation.

Help the Missionaries of Charity

Remember to bring non-perishable items to the meeting for the Missionaries of Charity.



Spiritual Assistant Training Program

The OFS [Region of Margaret of Cortona](#) will begin its “Spiritual Assistant Training Program this September. This is a two year program which will be held on Saturdays four times a year (8 sessions total).

Through a joint discernment between the Holy Spirit, the candidate and the training staff and after a successful completion of their Mentorship (after the first 6 months), the candidate would begin their Spiritual Assistant relationship with a fraternity.

To be eligible for this training you need to be a professed member of the OFS for more than 5 years. You will not be able to be the Spiritual Assistant for the fraternity that you belong. If you are interested in being a Spiritual Assistant please contact Br. Kip Ledger before June 30th at: friarkip@juno.com or 443-257-7611.

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials



June 12 – Blessed Jolenta, Religious of the III Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns); 13 – Saint Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor of I Order (feast); 22 – Saint Thomas More, martyr of the III Order, with Saint John Fisher (optional memorial); and 30 – Blessed Raymond Lull, martyr of III Order (optional memorial for III Order).

Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers the following friars, whose feast days are this coming month: June 3 – Kevin Treston, 19 – Romuald Green, and 29 – Simon McKay.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau’s aunt, Dorothy Bleau (stroke); Rita Braddock and her family; Maria Louisa Correa and her sister, Maria Franco; Sarah Faizi and her friend, Ron Harner; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; Marianne Hughes and her family; Jay Lynagh (recent surgery); Nancy McCleary and her family; George Ramsey and his mother, Margareta Ramsey; Joe Rende and his niece, Kim (she is expecting); Gene Sides and his wife, Annagret; Vicky Spalding’s mother, Delores Lynch; Apollonia Sergi (broken hip, is at Health and Rehabilitation Center, 703-425-9765); Julia Stratchko and her husband, Eugene; Cacilia Thieman and her grandson, Andrew; Donna Wilkes; and Theresa Wilson.



June Birthdays

June 3 – Philip Melore, 5 – Sheila Kelly and Anna Zaczynski, 9 – Mary Catherine Kohut and Carol Petro, 12 – Lee Ann Petta, 19 – Helen Walls, and 22 – William Hayes Brown, III and Joan Kane.

Hospitality Volunteers Needed

At this point no one has signed up for contributions for the refreshment tables. We will offer coffee and donuts. Please bring your own lunch if you would like something more substantial.

Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$436 in donations and disbursed \$945 in expenses, which includes \$583 for one-half of the Fair Share dues payment.

May Reflection

By Corky Hart, OFS

Mary is our model of faith and fruitfulness. In her we see the Holy Spirit's seven-fold gifts and nine fruits perfectly lived in a life of holy obedience. Mary's docility to the Holy Spirit is seen perfectly in her "fiat," her response to the Angel's invitation

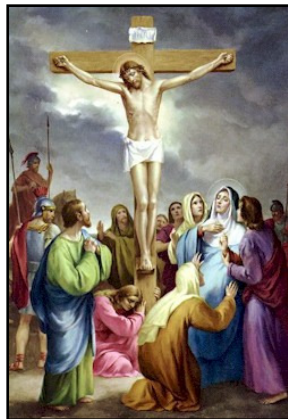


which allows "the Word [to be] made flesh and [dwell] among us." (Jn 1:14) We see it in her perfect obedience to the Holy Spirit's prompting as she goes "in haste" on an arduous journey into the hill country to her cousin Elizabeth, bringing Christ to those who seek Him. (Lk 1:39) Her intercession at Cana and her instruction to those who came to



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This year the month of May, dedicated to Mary, also enjoys the feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost. This happy coincidence invites us to meditate on the saving work of Christ and seek the aid of the Holy Spirit as we contemplate Mary's discipleship. May leads us to June, the month of the Sacred Heart and the great Solemnity of Corpus Christi.



And just as May leads to June, Mary will lead us closer to Jesus. Let us ask her intercession that we might draw closer to Christ in devotion to the Eucharist, a deeper and more fervent prayer life, and sensitivity to the movements of the Holy Spirit.



May Mary's obedience in all its sweetness infect our hearts with love, the greatest of Spiritual Fruits, and may we each, filled with the Holy Spirit, joyfully cry out with her, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and Holy is His Name."

