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There will not be any meeting this month due to Father's Day. Formation classes will still be held; contact your instructor for schedule. The July meeting will be held on its normal date and schedule.



◆ Theme: **THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS, THE HEART OF THE FATHER** ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

...Jesus stood up and exclaimed, "Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as scripture says: 'Rivers of living water will flow from within him.'" (John 7:37, 38)

The Idea Corner

Can't get away for that retreat? Try *Consoling the Heart of Jesus: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat* by Michael E. Gaitley, MIC. Inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, it's available at Catholic book stores and [online](#).

And during the month of June sometimes we have more time to read and reflect. While you're watching your Franciscan garden grow in its window box or pot (remember last month?) see what you can find out about the New Evangelism. Maybe we can share some ideas at next month's meeting.

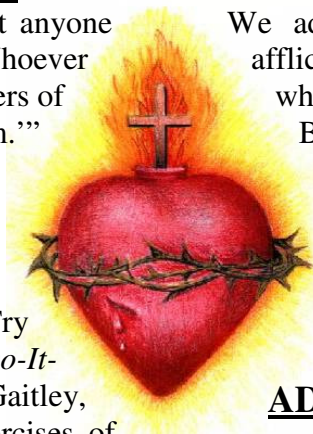
Prayer of the Month

We adore Thee, O Jesus, who hast been afflicted in the Garden of Gethsemane and who still in our time art outraged in the Blessed Sacrament by the impious conduct of men. O most amiable Savior, we recognize that Thou alone art Holy, Thou alone art Lord, Thou alone art Most High.

ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

13. On patience

"Blessed (are) the peacemakers, since they shall be called sons of God" (Mt 5:9). The servant of God cannot know how much patience and humility he has in himself, while he is satisfied. However when the time has come, that those who ought to satisfy him, do the contrary to him, as much patience and humility (is) there, that much he has and not more.



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From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Apollonia Sergi**, who broke her hip, has been moved to a rehab facility, and can be reached at 703-330-7738
- **Dineen Whipple** has been out of chemo for a year now but still tires easily; please keep her in your prayers.

Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$589 in donations and disbursed \$259 in expenses.

July Birthdays

July 8 – Brenda Nutt, 16 – Justina Essiet, 22 – Sarah Faizi, 24 – John Monti, and 27 – Nancy McCleary.



The Rule

Chapter One, 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.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau's aunt, Dorothy Bleau (stroke); Rita Braddock; Maria Louisa Correa and her sister, Maria Franco; Sarah Faizi and her family; Jean Fleurival; Marianne Hughes and her family; Jay Lynagh (recovering from surgery); Nancy McCleary and her family; George Ramsey and his mother, Margareta Ramsey; Apollonia Sergi; Gene Sides and his family; Vicky Spalding's mother, Delores Lynch; Julia Stratchko and her husband, Eugene; Cecilia Thieman, her grandson, Andrew, and her son, Michael; Dineen Whipple (continued recovery); and Theresa Wilson.



Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers the following friars, whose birthdays are this coming month: July 20 – Ed Flanagan.

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

July 1 – Blessed Junipera Serra, priest of I Order (optional memorial); 8 – Blessed Gregory Grassi, bishop, and companions, martyrs of I and III Order (optional memorial); 9 – Saint Nicholas Pieck, priest, and companions, martyrs of I Order (memorial); 10 – Saint Veronica Giuliani, virgin of II Order (memorial, feast for II and III Order nuns); 12 – Saints John Jones and John Wall, priests and martyrs of the I Order (optional memorial); 13 – Blessed Angeline of Marciano, religious of the III Order (memorial for II Order nuns); 14 – Saint Francis Solano, priest of I Order (optional memorial); 15 – Saint Bonaventure, bishop and doctor of I Order (feast); 21 – Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and doctor of I Order (feast); 23 – Blessed Cunegundes, religious of II Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns), and Saint Bridget, widow of III Order, founder (optional memorial); 24 – Blessed Louise of Savoy, religious of II Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns); and 27 – Bl. Mary Magdalene of Martinegro, virgin of II Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns).

June Reflection

By Corky Hart, OFS

Happy Fathers' Day! Happy Feast of St. Anthony! Happy Month of the Sacred Heart! These three joys all occur in June, but what else could they have in common?

Firstly, let's think for a minute about fatherhood. St. Paul, rejoicing at the work of God in the Church of Ephesus, wrote, "For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named..." (*Eph.3:14&15*). It is from God Himself that fatherhood comes, as a reflection of His own nature, engendering life from love.



Secondly, a word about St. Anthony of Padua, whose feast we celebrate this month. He comes into our reflection on fatherhood by virtue of his holy priesthood. Fatherhood is not confined to the joyful, inexpressible beauty of its biological reality, but goes far beyond it, into a deep, ineffable spiritual reality of which the

engendering of children is a lovely icon. Those devoted men whom we call "Father," who absolve our sins, and whose hands, anointed by the successors of the Apostles, baptize, bless, and give us the Holy Eucharist, are indeed our fathers because they engender life in our souls and bring us to birth in God's Kingdom. (One response to the world's question of why the Church doesn't ordain women to the priesthood is simply that She can't; the spiritual fatherhood of the priest is every bit as bound to gender as is the simple fact that fathers are men, not women.)



Thirdly, the Sacred Heart of Jesus reveals the Father's Heart. My dear brothers, as God makes you a man, He calls you to fatherhood. Whether married or not, a dad or not, He calls you. Scripture tells us that the Lord desires to draw the hearts of the fathers toward the children (*Malachi 4:3*). In the Heart of Jesus we see the Heart of the Father perfectly, one with the Son, the "burning furnace of Charity" and "abyss of all Virtue" referred to in this month's Litany. United to Christ, your task becomes clear: to open your heart to provide for, protect, and lead those souls God gives you into union with God the Father through Jesus Christ. The joy and responsibility are great, and real, and fraught with eternal consequence.



Now back to St. Anthony. That lovely story of his being observed in ecstatic prayer holding the Holy Child in his arms is an image of a heavenly reality. In Christ, every soul is an icon of Jesus the Incarnate Word because He "became flesh and dwelt among us" (*John 1:14*). And you, in the manly vocation of fatherhood, are called to embrace in charity and carry in prayer those souls you encounter with the love and devotion you would show to the Infant Christ.



Happy June, dear brothers and fathers! May you be joyful and fruitful in your vocation, may you bear the Love of Christ in your fidelity, and may the Sacred Heart of Jesus be your refuge and your strength.