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Schedule

- 9:30am Orientation Session – St. Clare Room – upstairs 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. Bonaventure Room – downstairs in the Friary. Refreshments will be provided.
- 12:45pm Fraternity Meeting – St. Bonaventure Room

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening prayer
- Housekeeping
- Handouts
- Short Teaching – How Icons Are Made
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the “Shorter Christian” Prayer Book, please bring it with you.

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: **ICONS** ◆

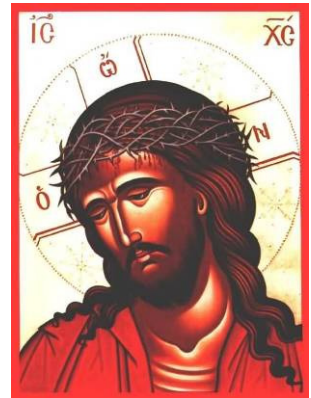
Bible Quote of the Month

“He who has seen me has seen the Father.” (Jn 14:9)



Prayer of the Month

O Blessed Face of my kind Savior, by the tender love and piercing sorrow of Our Lady as she beheld You in Your cruel Passion, grant us to share in this intense sorrow and love so as to fulfill the holy will of God to the utmost of our ability. Amen.¹



¹ EWTN, accessed February 7, URL www.EWTN.com/prayers/devotionals/shroud

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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

11. That no one should be corrupted by the wickedness of another²

No thing ought to displease the servant of God except sin. And in whatever manner another person would sin, even on account of this the servant of God, out of charity, would not be upset or grow angry, (as one who) hoards up fault for himself (cf. *Rm* 2:5). That servant of God, who does not grow angry nor disturbs himself on another's behalf, lives rightly without anything of his own. And blessed is he, who does not let anything remain for himself, rendering those things "which are Caesar's to Caesar, and those which are God's to God" (*Mt* 22:21).

² *The Writings of St. Francis of Assisi*, tr. by Paschal Robinson (1905), accessed September 9, 2013, URL <http://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/wosf/wosf03.htm> .



The Rule

Chapter One, Article 19 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Mindful that they are bearers of peace which must be built up unceasingly, they should seek out ways of unity and fraternal harmony through dialogue, trusting in the presence of the divine seed in everyone and in the transforming power of love and pardon.

Messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, they should strive to bring joy and hope to others.

Since they are immersed in the resurrection of Christ, which gives true meaning to Sister Death, let them serenely tend toward the ultimate encounter with the Father.

The Information Corner

Find out more about Icons and the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church. There are lots of resources out there. For web users, St. Thomas More College of the Liberal Arts hosts a good site, www.thewayofbeauty.org. To learn more about the various rites in Eastern Catholicism which acknowledge the primacy of the Pope and are in union with Rome, go to www.byzcath.org, the national site for the Byzantine Catholic Church.

Some interesting books on iconography are *Praying with Icons* by Jim Forest, *The Mystical Language of Icons* by Solrunn Ness, and *Icons and Saints of the Eastern Orthodox Church (A Guide to Imagery)* by Alfredo Tradigo. Or you can try your hand at the practice of Iconography with an instructional workbook series by Peter Pearson, *A Brush with God*, and *Another Brush with God*.



Please Pray For Our Sick

Lourdes Corso; Saturnino Camposano (recovery from knee surgery); Sarah Faizi and her family; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; Jean-Paul Gauthier



(recovering from severe injury); Marianne Hughes and her family; Nancy McCleary; George Ramsey and his mother, Margareta Ramsey (recent stroke); Apollonia Sergi; Fritz Nicolas and his family; Joe rende's friends Theresa Fay, John Fay, Nancy Butta, Elaine Kasaskeris, and John Zimmerman; Julia Stratchko and her family; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Helen Walls; Dineen Whipple; and Theresa Wilson.

Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$545 in donations and disbursed \$175.30 in expenses. This reflects actual amounts deposited and paid through the end of January.

March Birthdays

March 4 – Francis Kane, 9 – Patricia Allnutt and Rita Braddock, 11 – Ling Guiron and Fritz Nicolas, 16 – Helene Hogan and John Whipple, 24 – Kady Konan, 25 – Mary Anne Corr, 28 – Robert Mendoza and Fr. Kevin Treston, O.F.M., and 30 – Rita Aughenbaugh

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

March 2 – Bl. Agnes of Prague, virgin, II Order; 3 – Bls. Liberatus Weiss, Samuele Marzorati and Michele Pio Fasoli, priests and martyrs, I Order; 5 – St. John Joseph of the Cross, priest, I Order; 9 – St. Frances of Rome, religious, III Order; 12 – Bl. Angela Salawa, virgin, III Order; 18 – St. Salvator of Horta, religious I Order; 20 – Bl. John of Parma, priest, I Order; 22 – St. Benvenute of Osimo, priest, I Order; 23 – St. Catherine of Genoa, III Order; 24 – Bl. Ludovico of Casoria, priest, I Order; 30 – St. Peter Regaldo, priest, I Order

February Reflection

By Corky Hart, OFS

The Image and Likeness of God

The First Commandment contains an injunction against the worship of idols. In Exodus 20, the Lord says to Moses, “You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a graven image...” How then do we justify our use of images, Icons or statues portraying the face of Christ, the Angels or Saints? Of course, we all know that photos or portraits of our loved ones are not the loved ones themselves, but serve to remind us of them. We keep those images in an honored place as a reminder of how we treasure that relationship. We might even bestow a little kiss on the image from time to time, especially if the person represented is far away for a long time. So it is with images of the heavenly towards who we look with longing.

This month our sisters Helene and Brenda will teach us about Icons and how they are made. Iconography (in Greek, literally “Icon Writing”) presents us with a means of meditating upon heavenly realities through its own language of imagery. In the Incarnation “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (*Jn 1:14*) and is “the image of the invisible God.” (*Col 1:15*).

Let's ask the Holy Spirit to assist us to allow “God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness’ [shine] in our hearts to bring to light the knowledge of the glory of God on the face of [Jesus] Christ.” (*2 Cor 4:6*)

