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Schedule

- 9:30am Inquiry Session – St. Clare Room – upstairs in the Friary
- 9:30am Candidate Session – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs
- 9:30am Open House – Sacred Heart 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. Bring your own lunch, light refreshments will be provided.
- 12:45pm Fraternity Meeting – St. Bonaventure Room

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening prayer
- Housekeeping
- Handouts
- Short Teaching
- 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: **THE ROSARY** ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

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

Prayer of the Month

Hail Mary, full of Grace! The Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



The Information Corner

Did You Know?

The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary was put on the calendar after the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571, when a coalition of European states defeated invading Ottoman Empire against insurmountable odds. Pope Pius V attributed the victory to the intervention of Mary through the Rosary.



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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

19. On the humble servant of God ¹

Blessed (is) the servant, who does not consider himself better, when he is magnified and exalted by men, as when for example he is considered to be vile, simple, and despised, because as much as a man is before God, that much he is and nothing more. Woe to that religious, who has been placed on high by others and does not wish to descend by means of his own will. And "blessed (is) that servant" (*Mt 24:46*), who is placed on high not by means of his own will and desires always to be beneath the feet of others.

Fraternity Finances

\$ For September we received \$828.50 in donation and spent \$838.11.

¹ *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>.



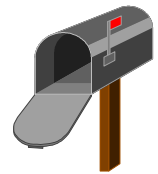
The Rule

Chapter One, Article 1 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

The Franciscan family, as one among many spiritual families raised up by the Holy Spirit in the Church, unites all members of the people of God – laity, religious, and priests – who recognize that they are called to follow Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi. In various ways and forms but in life-giving union with each other, they intend to make present the charism of their common Seraphic Father in the life and mission of the Church.

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

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 the letter. Please keep them in your prayers.



Hope you are keeping well by the grace of God. We received your aid and thank you very much for it.

My children are promoted to upper grades (10th, 9th and 6th) and are good in their studies. My son, Samuel, received his First Communion in May.

Monsoon season has started and we will be flooded causing diseases to spread. Please pray for us. Thank you again.

With love, Mary Sebastian

Advent Retreat

Sister Iliia Delos, OSF, will be directing an Advent Retreat on Saturday, December 20, 2014, at the Franciscan



Monastery. Attendees will gather at 8:30am, the retreat begins at 9am, and will end around 3:30pm with Mass. More details next month.

Please Pray For Our Sick



Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau's father, Raymond (recent fall); Ernest Braddock; Mary Ann Corr's niece, Patricia Corr; Maria Louisa Correa and her family; Lourdes Corso and her two daughters; Sarah Faizi's mother, Hilda; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; Jean-Paul Gauthier; Marianne Hughes, her sister, Ellen Hughes, and her friend Jacob Lopez; Nancy McCleary; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Mary Okama's Family; George Ramsey and his mother; Joe Rende; Eugene Sides and his family; Julia Stratchko and her family; Cecilia Thieman's family; Dineen Whipple; Mildred Wray; and Theresa Wilson.

November Birthdays

November 4 – George Bond, 4 – Charlotte Markoe, 6 – Mary Brown and Fred Scharf, 11 – Josephine Awich, 26 – Rosemary Bordley, 28 – Vera Mendoza, and 29 – Deborah McNeilly-Williams.

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).

Pray For Our Deceased Eugene Stratchko,



husband of member Julia Stratchko, passed away on September 1, 2014. He and Julia had been married 60 years. His funeral Mass was on September 5 at St. Hugh of Grenoble Church. May the souls of the faithful departed, especially those of our members and their families, rest in eternal peace in the presence of our Lord.

October Reflection

By Corky Hart, OFS

Our Lady has asked that the Rosary be prayed to defeat sin in the world and in the lives of individuals. Saint Francis' courtly love of Mary brought to us in the tradition of the Crown Rosary, which commemorates the Seven Joys of Our Lady. This uniquely Franciscan prayer is a great joy for those who pray it, as it draws us into the sweet company of the Queen of the Angels as we meditate on her life with Jesus. The traditional form of the Rosary also draws us into the company of Jesus and Mary. Mary acts as our guide and model as we meditate on the life, ministry, Passion, death and resurrection of Christ.

Padre Pio called it his "weapon." Both Franciscans and Dominican Friars wear a rosary on the left side of their habits, where soldiers traditionally wore their swords. We as "soldiers" of Christ must wield this weapon of Grace for the sake of those in peril, physical and spiritual. So many injustices, so many violations of human dignity, so many sins against peace impel us to pray. What better way than the Rosary? In it we follow Jesus, stand with Mary at the foot of the Cross, and recall Christ raised from the dead. The practice of this mighty prayer helps us to walk out the call to holiness in our day-to-day lives.

