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## Schedule

- 9:30am Orientation Session – St. Clare Room – upstairs in the Friary
- 9:30am Candidate Session (2015) – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs
- 9:30am Candidate Session (2016) – Assisi Room upstairs in the Friary
- 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

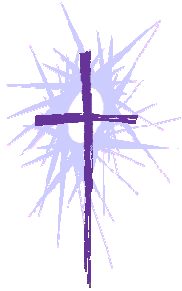
- Opening prayer
- Housekeeping
- Letters from members
- Handouts
- Short Teaching
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the “Shorter Christian” Prayer Book, please bring it with you.

### ***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: **PREPARATION FOR LENT** ◆

### Bible Quote of the Month



Blessed is he whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered. Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt, in whose spirit there is no guile. (*Ps 32:1-2*)

### Prayer of the Month

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; for by your Holy Cross you have set us free. (*Traditional from the Stations of the Cross*)



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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.

### Fraternity Finances

**\$** Last month we received \$704 in donations and disbursed \$290.44 in expenses. This does not include undeposited checks.

<sup>1</sup> *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 Two, Article 5 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Secular Franciscans, therefore, should seek to encounter the living and active person of Christ in their brothers and sisters, in Sacred Scripture, in the Church, and in liturgical activity. The faith of Saint Francis, who often said "I see nothing bodily of the Most High Son of God in this world except his most holy body and blood," should be the inspiration and pattern of their eucharistic life.

### Papal Quote



"...how greatly I desire that all those places where the Church is present, especially our parishes and our communities, may become islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference!"<sup>2</sup>

### Papal Intentions for the Month

Universal Intention – **Prisoners.** That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.

Evangelization Intention – **Separated Spouses.** That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.<sup>3</sup>

### From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Maria Louisa Correa** says she loves the members. Thank you, Maria, we love you, too!



<sup>2</sup> Pope Francis, Message for Lent 2015, URL

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/index.cfm>

<sup>3</sup> Apostleship of Prayer (2015). Accessed February 7, 2015, URL <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/reflectionsmonthly.html>

## **News From Our Seminarian**

Ryan Pineda writes:

Thank you again for the financial support and for your prayers. Second semester has started and I have interesting classes: Canon Law of Marriage, Preaching (part II), Ordained Ministry, Hispanic Ministry, and Art of Pastoral Leadership. I still continue to help at St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill as my parish assignment. I will serve at the Shrine for the Vigil Mass for Life and at the Verizon Center for the Youth Mass; then the March for Life follows. Thank you again and please know of my prayers.

*Editor's note: View Ryan's story at*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Dur9SXnrpE>

## **Please Pray For Our Sick**

Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau's father, Raymond; Ernest Braddock; Maria Louisa Correa and her family; Lourdes Corso; Sarah Faizi and her family; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; John Hewitt; Marianne Hughes and her family; Nancy McCleary; Fritz Nicholas and his daughter; Mary Okumu's family; Joe Rende; Eugene Sides and his wife, Annagret (cancer); Margaret Simoneau and her mother, Frances; Julia Stratchko; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Dineen Whipple; Donna Wilkes and her brother, Hollis; Theresa Wilson; and Mildred Wray.

## **March Birthdays**

March 4 – Francis Kane, 5 – Vilma Camposano, 9 – Patricia Allnutt, 11 – Ling Guiron and Fritz Nicolas, 16 – Helene Hogan and John Whipple, 24 – Kady Konan, 25 – Mary Anne Corr, 28 – Fr. Kevin Treston, O.F.M., and 30 – Rita Aughenbaugh.

## **Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials**

March 2 – Blessed Agnes of Prague, virgin of II Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns); 9 – Saint Frances of Rome, religious of III Order (optional memorial); and 24 – Blessed Didacus Joseph of Cadiz, priest of I Order (optional memorial).

## **February Reflection**

*By Corky Hart, OFS*

Holy Mother Church is a very attentive and careful Mother who teaches her children all the time. And like most good mothers, she does it almost casually, through the ordinary events of everyday life. We see this holy wisdom again and again in the Liturgical Year.

Some who remember the “old days” might recall that just as Christmas ended with the Feast of the Presentation we were encouraged by the calendar to begin interior preparation for Lent. Depending on when Easter fell in a particular year, right around the end of Christmas we found ourselves on a Sunday called “Septuagesima” (seventy days from Easter). There was a sort of poetry to that; Christmas had been a 40-Day celebration, Easter would be a 40-Day celebration; we would soon approach the 40-day fast of Lent. In the days between we might pause and reflect on what it means to live out our faith in Christ through these great cycles of Feast and Fast.

Even though our liturgical markers and labels have changed a little, we still have the gift of “Ordinary Time,” between Christmas and Lent when the Word of God invites us to contemplate the way in which Jesus interacted with fallen creation: healing, dispelling demons, raising the dead.

In these few days before the start of Lent this year, let's remove ourselves interiorly from the



world a little, and come away with Jesus to a desert place. Pause to remember that He has already accomplished all for us, and that in Him we have eternal life, victory over sin and death, and through

His infinite Grace, detachment from our own desires. Let's put out into the deep of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, trusting that Jesus will accomplish through us all those good things He has ordained for us to walk in. And be at peace because Jesus has walked the path before us.