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Schedule

- 9:30am Inquiry 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
- 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: **HOPE** ◆

Bible Quote of the Month



For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory, “This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. Moreover, we possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. (1 Peter 2:17-19)

Prayer of the Month

Ave Regina Caelorum!	Greetings, O Queen of Heaven!
Ave Domina Angelorum!	Greetings, O Lady of the Angels!
Salve radix, salve porta,	Hail, thou root; Hail, thou gate
Ex qua mundo lux et orta:	From whom to the world a light has arisen.
Gaudé, Virgo gloriosa,	Rejoice, O glorious Virgin,
Super omnes speciosa:	Lovely beyond all others!
Valé, o valde decora,	Farewell, O most beautiful maiden,
Et pro nobis Christum exora.	And pray for us to Christ..

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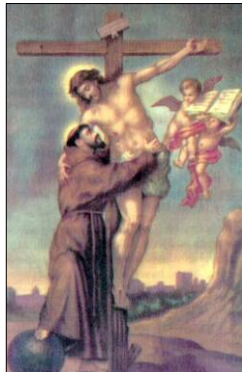
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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

24. On true love ¹

Blessed (is) the servant, who would love (dilectio) his own brother as much, when he is infirm to the point that he cannot repay him, as when he is a healthy (brother), who can repay him.

Blessed (is) the servant, who would so love and fear his own brother, when he is far from him, as when for example he is with him, and would not say anything behind him, which he cannot, with charity, say before him.



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 Two, Article 6 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

They have been made living members of the Church by being buried and raised with Christ in baptism; they have been united more intimately with the Church by profession. Therefore, they should go forth as witnesses and instruments of her mission among all people, proclaiming Christ by their life and words.

Called like Saint Francis to rebuild the Church and inspired by his example, let them devote themselves energetically to living in full communion with the pope, bishops, and priests, fostering an open and trusting dialogue of apostolic effectiveness and creativity.

Papal Intentions for the Month

Universal Intention – **Scientists**. That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

Evangelization Intention – **Contribution of Women**. That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always. ²

The Information Corner

Please step up your prayers for the Holy Father. As you may know, he has been the target of threats by the so called “Islamic State.” An email reached my desk this week requesting that we all say at least one Hail Mary every day for Pope Francis’ protection. Let’s join in this effort, and remember to pray for the Holy Father with each day’s Rosary. Remember how Our Lady of Fatima protected Saint John Paul II when he was shot - and his attacker was eventually converted and received Baptism!

² Apostleship of Prayer (2015). Accessed March 8, 2015, URL <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/reflectionsmohtml>

March Reflection

By Corky Hart, OFS

By the time you read this it will have stopped snowing, and the temperature will have risen enough to convince us all that Spring will come after all. There are days (like the one on which I write this) when our harsh winter so dominated the landscape that it almost blotted out the memories of green grass in the sunshine or daffodils or summer temperatures.

The journey of Lent can be a little like that harsh winter. We may experience the desert of God's silence, or the chill of our blindness to His presence. We may be inundated by an avalanche of failure as we struggle to make our Lenten practices and repeatedly fall short. Yet we recall that it is God whose grace at work in us causes us to desire Him above all else. The tiny snowdrop, silently germinating in the darkness, buried under the winter's snow, has the "grace" to respond to the sun; we, in spite of the weight of our failures, have the Grace to respond to the love with which He draws us toward Himself.

The remaining weeks of Lent are an opportunity – especially through the Sacrament of Penance – to draw close to the one who leads us out of darkness into his wonderful light. In the midst of our darkness, the dawn is near. In the midst of suffering, Christ is there. Easter is coming. All shall be well.

Pray For Our Deceased **Annegret Sides**, wife of member **Gene Sides**, who died on February 24, 2015. 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.

Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$99.75 in donations and disbursed \$53.84 in expenses. This does not include undeposited checks.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau's father, Raymond; Ernest Braddock; Dorothy Clayton; Mary Anne Corr's niece, Patricia Corr; Maria Louisa Corra and her sister, Maria Franco; Lourdes Corso and her children; Sarah Faizi's mother; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; John Hewitt; Marianne Hughes and her family; Nancy McCleary; Fritz Nicholas and his family; 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; Helen Walls; Dineen Whipple; Donna Wilkes; Theresa Wilson; and Mildred Wray.

April Birthdays

April 5 – Dorothy Clayton, 6 – Bill Richardson, 9 – Virginia Lyons, and 28 – Saturnino Camposano.

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

April 3 – Saint Benedict the Black, religious of I Order (memorial); 16 – Saint Bernadette Soubirous, cord-bearer of Saint Francis; 17 – Saint Benedict Joseph Labre, cord-bearer of Saint Francis; 21 – Saint Conrad of Parzham, religious of I Order (memorial); 23 – Blessed Giles of Assisi, religious of I Order (optional memorial); 24 – Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest and martyr of I Order. (feast); and 28 – Blessed Luchesius, layman of III Order (optional memorial of III Order).

Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers the following friars, whose birthdays are this coming month: April 4 – David Wathen.

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Dorothy Clayton's** address is P.O. Box 142, Shady Side, MD 20764-0142, phone number 410-867-4712. She would appreciate calls.