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ALERT! There will be no June meeting. Formation classes will meet, however; see your instructor.

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
- 12:45pm Fraternity Meeting – St. Bonaventure Room

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Welcoming Ceremony for new Inquirers – We welcome into our family those who have completed Orientation and feel called to further pursue their path towards profession in the Order. Please welcome and greet with joy our new Inquirer, **Susan Zell**.
- Opening prayer
- Housekeeping
- Short Teaching
- Closing Evening prayer. Please bring your “Shorter Christian” Prayer Book.

◆ Theme: MARY OUR QUEEN ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, “Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped

for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.” (*Luke 1:42-45*)



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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

26. On the virtue of fleeing vice ¹

Where there is charity and wisdom, there (is) neither fear nor ignorance. Where there is patience and humility, there (is) neither wrath nor disturbance. Where there is poverty with gladness, there (is) neither cupidity nor avarice. Where there is quiet and meditation, there (is) neither solicitousness nor wandering about. Where there is fear of the Lord to guard the entrance hall (cf. Lk 11:21), there the enemy can have no place to enter. Where there is mercy and discretion, there (is) neither superfluity nor hardness.

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 8 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

As Jesus was the true worshipper of the Father, so let prayer and contemplation be the soul of all they are and do.

Let them participate in the sacramental life of the Church, above all the Eucharist. Let them join in liturgical prayer in one of the forms proposed by the Church, reliving the mysteries of the life of Christ.

Prayer of the Month

Prayer to Mary, Undoer of Knots ²

Virgin Mary, Mother of fair love, Mother who never refuses to come to the aid of a child in need, Mother whose hands never cease to serve your beloved children because they are moved by the divine love and immense mercy that exists in your heart, cast your compassionate eyes upon me and see the snarl of knots that exist in my life.....

Powerful Mother, by your grace and intercessory power with Your Son and My Liberator, Jesus, take into your hands today this knot...I beg you to undo it for the glory of God, once for all, You are my hope.



O my Lady, you are the only consolation God gives me, the fortification of my feeble strength, the enrichment of my destitution and with Christ the freedom from my chains.

Hear my plea. Keep me, guide me, protect me, o safe refuge! Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me.

² Closing prayer of Novena Prayer to Mary, Undoer of Knots, URL <http://www.theholynosary.org/maryundoerknots>

News From Our Seminarian

June 13 – Ryan Islo Pineda will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacon through the Imposition of Hands and the Invocation of the Holy Spirit by His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, on Saturday, June 13, 2015, at 10:00am at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle,



1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036. All are invited to attend.

He will preach at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, June 14, 2015, at Saint Joseph on Capitol Hill, 313 Second Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002; light reception to follow in the Parish Center.

Editor's note: Since we won't have a June meeting and Mass, it would be nice surprise for Dcn. Ryan for us to hear his first homily.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau's father, Raymond, and his sister, Marie O'Neal; Ernest Braddock; Dorothy Clayton and her daughter Kathy McCoy; Mary Anne Corr's niece, Patricia Corr; Maria Louisa Correa and her family; Lourdes Corso; Sarah Faizi's mother; John Hewitt; Helene Hogan; Marianne Hughes and her family; Nancy McCleary; Joe Rende and his family; Apollina Sergi and her family; Gene Sides; Julia Stratchko; Cecilia Thiemans and her family; Vicky Spalding's mother-in-law, Teresa Spalding; Dineen Whipple; Theresa Wilson Mildred Wray.



Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we disbursed \$819.61 in expenses and received \$283.50 in donations, not including undeposited checks.

The Information Corner – Pope Quote



“The Rosary is a prayer that always accompanies me; it is also the prayer of the ordinary people and the saints ... it a prayer from my heart.”³

The Ascension – A Franciscan View

St. Bonaventure, on the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Ascension (May 25, 1267), preached⁴:

“The Lord says to him [St. Francis]: *Go up* with my help, for I am the ladder on which you can ascend. This is signified by the ladder which Jacob saw: *set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven*. What is this ladder other than the Lord Jesus himself, the Son of God who through his humanity is set up on earth on earth and by his divinity transcends the heavens?”

June Birthdays

June 3 – Philip Melore, 5 – Sheila Kelly and Anna Zaczynski, 9 – Mary Catherine Kohut and Carol Petro, 12 – Lee Ann Petta, 19 – Helen Walls, and 22 – William Hayes Brown III and Joan Kane

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

June 12 – Blessed Jolenta, Religious of the III Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns); 13 – Saint Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor of I Order (feast); 22 – Saint Thomas More, martyr of the III Order, with Saint John Fisher (optional memorial); and 30 – Blessed Raymond Lull, martyr of III Order (optional memorial for III Order).

Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers these friars, whose feast days are this coming month: June 3 – Kevin Treston, 19 – Romuald Green, and 29 – Simon McKay.

³ Pope Francis' preface to *Il Rosario. Preghiera del cuore* (“The Rosary. A prayer from the heart”, Shalom Editions, pp. 210), by the Coptic Catholic priest Yoannis Lahzi Gaid who works in the Pope's personal secretariat.

⁴ Armstrong, Hellman, and Short (2000), *Francis of Assisi – Early Documents, Vol II: The Founder*, p744.

May Reflection

By *Corky Hart, OFS*

Some of the world's troubles became our own last week when the streets of Baltimore were witness to violence and unrest. We watched with some anxiety as businesses and property were damaged, and were deeply moved by the actions of community leaders, priests, pastors, rabbis, and ministers of all sorts who strode into the unrest with prayer and words of peace. At the height of the crisis, Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore asked that we pray the Rosary for peace and justice in Baltimore.

By now most of us have heard of the Nigerian bishop who had a vision of Christ while praying that the dreaded Boko Haram stop persecuting his people; Jesus handed him a sword that, as the bishop reached for it, became a Rosary. From this



the bishop understood that we must pray the Rosary to put a stop to violence and persecution. This calls to mind that our own beloved St. Pio of Pietrelcina referred to his Rosary as his "weapon."

The headlines are yet more evidence that the cure for the world's persistent, open, ugly wound will be found in the healing of the human heart. Life-giving and life-changing personal conversion, our own and that of the Church's self-proclaimed enemies, can only be accomplished by the Holy Spirit, fruit of the persistent prayer of the saints here and in Heaven. Through the powerful prayer of the Rosary, we unite ourselves to the constant prayer of our human race's solitary boast, Mary, Mother of Jesus, Mother of God, Our Mother, and Our Queen.

