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There will not be any meeting this month due to Father's Day. The 2015 Candidate class will still be held; the Candidate 2016 and Inquiry classes will double up sessions in July. The July meeting will be held on its normal date and schedule.



◆ Theme: CORPUS CHRISTI ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

“Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.” (*John 6:68-69*)

The Rule



Chapter Two, Article 9 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

The Virgin Mary, humble servant of the Lord, was open to his every word and call. She was embraced by Francis with indescribable love and declared the protectress and advocate of his family. The Secular Franciscans should express their ardent love for her by imitating her complete self-giving and by praying earnestly and confidently.

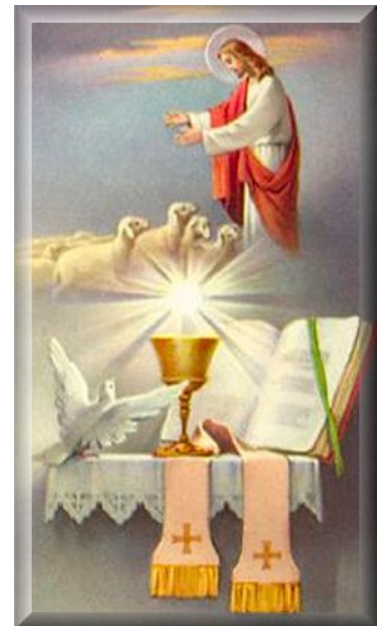


Prayer of the Month

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds conceal me.
Do not permit me to be parted from you.

From the evil foe protect me.
At the hour of my death call me.
And bid me come to you, to praise you with all your saints, for ever and ever. Amen.



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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

27. On concealing good lest it be lost ¹

Blessed (is) the servant, who stores up “in Heaven” (Mt 6:20) the good things, which the Lord hath revealed to him and does not desire to disclose them to men for profit or gain, for the Most High Himself will manifest his deeds to whomever He has pleased. Blessed (is) the servant, who keeps the secrets of the Lord “in his heart” (cf. Lk 2:19.51).

July Birthdays

July 8 – Brenda Nutt, 11 – Mildred Wray, 16 – Justina Essiet, 22 – Sarah Faizi, 24 – John Monti, 26 – George Ramsey, and 27 – Nancy McCleary.

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> .

Papal Intentions for the Month

Universal Intention – **Immigrants and refugees.** That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come.

Evangelization Intention – **Vocations.** That the personal encounter with Jesus may arouse in many young people the desire to offer their own lives in priesthood or consecrated life. ²

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Sarah Faizi** will be moving in July; her new address will be 4535 30th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008.
- **Ryan Pineda**, our seminarian, thanks members for their donations; he will write a longer note after his ordination.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau’s father, Raymond Bleau; Ernest Braddock; Mary Anne Corr’s niece, Patricia Corr; Maria Louisa Correa and her family; Lourdes Corso and her children; Sarah Faizi, her mother, and her friend Doris Pittman (upcoming cancer surgery); Jean Fleurival; John Hewitt; Marianne Hughes and her family; Nancy McCleary; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Mary Okumu and her family; Joe Rende; Julia Strachko; Cecilia Thieman’s family; Dineen Whipple; Donna Wilkes and her brother; Theresa Wilson; Mildred Wray.

Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$504 in donations and disbursed \$205.61 in expenses. This does not include undeposited checks.

Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers the following friar, whose birthday is this coming month: July 20 – Ed Flanagan.

² Apostleship of Prayer (2015). Accessed February 7, 2015, URL <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>

Pray For Our Deceased Apollonia Sergi,

known affectionately as Polly, passed to her eternal reward on June 11, 2015. Her funeral will be held in Massachusetts, where she will be buried beside her husband, Dominic, also a fraternity member (d. 2009). A Memorial Service will be held at the Monastery on Saturday, **June 27 at 11am.**³

Polly was born in 1919, married Dominic in 1942, was professed in 1952 and was an active member until the last few years when her health failed.

May the souls of the faithful departed, especially those of our members, rest in eternal peace in the presence of our Lord.

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

July 1 – Blessed Junipera Serra, priest of I Order (optional memorial); 8 – Blessed Gregory Grassi, bishop, and companions, martyrs of I and III Order (optional memorial); 9 – Saint Nicholas Pieck, priest, and companions, martyrs of I Order (memorial); 10 – Saint Veronica Giuliani, virgin of II Order (memorial, feast for II and III Order nuns); 12 – Saints John Jones and John Wall, priests and martyrs of the I Order (optional memorial); 13 – Blessed Angeline of Marciano, religious of the III Order (memorial for II Order nuns); 14 – Saint Francis Solano, priest of I Order (optional memorial); 15 – Saint Bonaventure, bishop and doctor of I Order (feast); 21 – Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and doctor of I Order (feast); 23 – Blessed Cunegundes, religious of II Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns), and Saint Bridget, widow of III Order, founder (optional memorial); 24 – Blessed Louise of Savoy, religious of II Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns); and 27 – Bl. Mary Magdalene of Martinegro, virgin of II Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns).

³ Obituary URL

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/washingtonpost/obituary.aspx?n=apollonia-m-sergi&pid=175075285>

June Reflection

By Corky Hart, OFS

I like to read good Catholic writers, and will often peruse the “blogosphere” to find them. This month I’d like to share some reflections on the Eucharist from two of the best.

Br. Dominic Mary Verner, O.P.⁴, reminded me that while Christ could have chosen to give us His Body and Blood in some other way, he chose to become food and drink firstly to remind us of our desperate need: without food in the natural sense, we die; without the Eucharist, we die spiritually. Secondly, it remind us of His power: even good food is deadly if one is allergic, or unfit to receive that food safely; thus we are enjoined not to eat and drink unworthily (1 Cor 11:27-29). Thirdly, the Eucharist reminds us of Christ’s love: parents feed their children for love; and just as food requires the death of some creature, so too Christ died in giving us himself as food.

Fr. Scalia⁵ encouraged consideration of the elements Christ used to institute the Eucharist as an aid to our devotion to Christ present in this great sacrament. Instead of the raw elements of grain and grape found in nature, the priest offers fruit of the earth/vine and work of human hands; our cooperation in prayer, repentance, and gratitude is necessary for the grace of God to be effective in us. And he pointed out that though bread satisfies hunger, wine does not quench thirst. Rather it is given to cheer our hearts (cf: Ps 104:15), and we drink it in celebration of a happy occasion. Fr. Scalia writes that our joy in the Eucharist “is a received joy, not one of our own manufacturing. [Jesus] gives us this joy in giving us Himself.” Let us therefore “detach ourselves from the false joys of the world and shape our lives according to the Eucharist.”

⁴ cf: *Compliments to the Chef* by Br. Dominic Mary Verner, O.P. , URL

<http://www.dominicanajournal.org/compliments-to-the-chef/>

⁵ cf: *The Symbol of the Eucharist, The Reality of the Symbol* by Rev. Paul Scalia, URL

<https://encourageandteach.wordpress.com/2015/06/09/the-symbol-of-the-eucharist-the-reality-of-the-symbol/>