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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) – 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 SAINTS ON (OUR) VACATION ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

Behold, the guardian of Israel never slumbers nor sleeps. The LORD is your guardian; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. (*Ps 121:4-5*)

Prayer of the Month

All you Holy Saints of God, pray for us!

- The Litany of the Saints



Papal Intentions for the Month

Universal Intention – **Volunteers.** That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.

Evangelization Intention – **Outreach to the Marginalized.** That setting aside our very selves we may learn to be neighbors to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society. ¹



¹ Apostleship of Prayer (2015). Accessed August 1, 2015, URL <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>

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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

1. The Body of the Lord ²

Whence: "Sons of men, how long with a heavy heart?" (Ps 4:3) Why is it that do you not know the truth and believe "in the Son of God?" (cf. Jn 9:35) Behold, every day He humbles Himself (cf. Phil 2:8), just as when "from royal thrones" (Wis 18:15) He came into the womb of the Virgin; every day He comes to us Himself humbly appearing; everyday He descends from the bosom of the Father upon the altar in the hands of the priest. And just as to the holy Apostles in true flesh, so even now He shows Himself to us in the Sacred Bread. And just as when they gazed at His very own (See Admonition, next column)

² *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>. This first admonition is continued from last month.



The Rule

Chapter Two, Article 11 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Trusting in the Father, Christ chose for himself and his mother a poor and humble life, even though he valued created things attentively and lovingly. Let the Secular Franciscans seek a proper spirit of detachment from temporal goods by simplifying their own material needs. Let them be mindful that according to the gospel they are stewards of the goods received for the benefit of God's children.

Thus, in the spirit of the Beatitudes, and as pilgrims and strangers on their way to the home of the Father, they should strive to purify their hearts from every tendency and yearning for possession and power.

The Information Corner

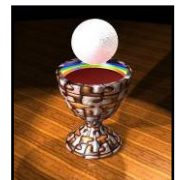
Enjoy an excellent and inspirational read: Msgr. Charles Pope, a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC, writes on matters of faith and life in his blog, *Community in Mission*, at <http://blog.adw.org/monsignor-charles-pope> and in the National Catholic Register.

Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$489 in donations and disbursed \$315.79 in expenses. This does not include undeposited checks.

Admonition (cont.)

flesh they saw only His flesh, but contemplating with spiritual eyes believed Him to be God, so we too seeing bread and wine with bodily eyes, are to see and firmly believe, that they are His Most Holy Body and Blood, living and true. And in such a manner the Lord is always with His faithful, just as He Himself says: "Behold I am with you even to the consummation of the age" (cf. Mt 28:20).



From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Roy Foster**'s sister, Deria Moore, writes: "Roy enjoys receiving the Chimes. He seems happy and content. The staff at the Veterans Medical Center is so good to him and have nicknamed him 'POP,' which he loves. He prays that God continues to bless you all."
- **Dineen Whipple** writes, "Thank you for your continuing prayers. I'm recovering slowly from the stem cell transplant I had in April. God bless you all."



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.



Dear friends,
 Hope you are in good health and cheer.
 Sincere thanks for the first quarter money for 2015, which renders help to my poor family.

We are somewhat okay. My husband goes fishing, but the catch is less than usual. Our daughters were promoted to upper grades. They and I take regular medicine for allergic problems.

Thank you again wholeheartedly.

Yours affectionately, Mary Sebastian

Support the Knights



The Knights of Mount St. Sepulchre is having its annual raffle ticket fundraiser. Tickets are \$5 for a book of six, or \$1 each. Drawing will be during the pasta dinner on September 18. Contact Larry Bleau (301-474-1338) for tickets; he will also sell them before and after the August fraternity meeting.

Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers Fra. James Gardiner, whose birthday is September 21.

September Birthdays

September 1 – Kathleen White, 4 – Maria Corraera, 9 – Salvacion Pagado, 18 – Marilyn Taylor and Theresa Wilson, 19 – Catherine Horvath, 23 – Jean Fleurival, and 27 – Mary Okumu.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau's father, Raymond Bleau; Ernest Braddock; Maria Louisa Correa and her family; Mary Ann Corr's niece, Patricia Corr; Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi and her mother; Jean Fleurival; John Hewitt; Marianne Hughes and her family; Nancy McCleary; Ouida Morrison's cousin, Fay Simpson (recently deceased); Fritz Nicholas and his family; Mary Okumu's family; Joe Rende; Eugene Sides; Julia Stratchko; Cecilia Thieman's family; Helen Walls; Dineen Whipple; Donna Wilkes and her brother, Hollis; Theresa Wilson; and Mildred Wray.



Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

September 1 – St. Beatrice of Silva, virgin, II Order, founder; 2 – Bls. Apollinaris of Posat, John Francis Burté, Severin Girault, priests, and companions, martyrs, I and III Order; 3 – Bl. Claudio Granzotto, religious, I Order; 4 – St. Rose of Viterbo, virgin, III Order; 17 – Stigmata of our Holy Father Francis; 18 – St. Joseph of Cupertino, priest, I Order; 20 – St. Francis Mary of Camporossa, religious, I Order; 22 – St. Ignatius of Santhia, priest, I Order; 23 – St. Pio of Pietrelcina, priest, I Order; 24 – St. Pacifico of San Severino, priest, I Order; 25 – Finding of the Body of St. Clare; 26 – Bl. Aurelio of Vinalesa, priest, and companions, martyrs of Valencia [Ambrose of Benaguacil, Pedro of Benisa, Joachim of Albocácer, Modesto of Albocácer, Germaine of Cargagente, Bonaventure of Puzol, Santiago of Rafelbunol, Henry of Almazora, Fidel of Puzol, Berard Lugar Nuevo de Fenollet, Pacifico of Valencia], I Order; St. Elzear of Sabran and Bl. Delphina of Glandenes, husband & wife, III Order; 28 – Bl. Innocent of Berzo, priest, I Order.

August Reflection

By Corky Hart, OFS

The Saints on (Our) Vacation

When I think of the month of August, I often think of the lazy, late summer feel of the landscape. It seems as though almost the whole world goes on vacation. Even at the Vatican they seem to be in vacation mode as most of Italy's working population takes the entire month of August off. So it's interesting to note that August is a month most chock-full of Saints' memorials and feasts. Starting off with St. Alphonsus Liguori on the first day, and finishing up with the Passion of St. John the Baptist on the 29th. In between there are St. John Vianney, our own St. Clare, St. Dominic (always mentioned with St. Francis in the Litany), St. Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein), St. Lawrence, St. Bartholomew, and St. Louis and more besides, not to mention the Solemnity of the Assumption, The Queenship of Mary, and/the Transfiguration!

Perhaps we can reflect on a couple of things during this extraordinary month: Our leisure time which is such a marvelous gift of God can be used to great advantage not only to recharge our physical bodies, but our souls as well through meditating on the lives of the Saints and the events in Salvation History we celebrate; This month we get a little glimpse of heaven filled with this great cloud of witnesses, joyfully beholding our Lord face to face.

