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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.

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## ◆ Theme: AN INVITATION TO GRACE ◆

### Prayer of the Month

#### **Prayer for Protection of Conscience Rights <sup>1</sup>**

Father, we praise you and thank you for your most precious gifts of human life and human freedom. Touch the hearts of our lawmakers with the wisdom and courage to uphold conscience rights and religious liberty for all.

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<sup>1</sup> United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (2012), *Suggested USCCB Prayer Resources for Conscience Rights and Religious Freedom*, accessed September 4, 2015, URL [http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/upload/USCCB\\_Religious\\_Freedom\\_Prayer\\_Campaign\\_ENG.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/upload/USCCB_Religious_Freedom_Prayer_Campaign_ENG.pdf)

Protect all people from being forced to violate their moral and religious convictions. In your goodness, guard our freedom to live out our faith and to follow you in all that we do. Give us strength to be bold and joyful witnesses. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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### Bible Quote of the Month

“...if then my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14)

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## **ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS**

### **2. The Wickedness of Self Will <sup>2</sup>**

The Lord said to Adam: From “every tree eat, however, from the tree of good and evil you may not eat” (cf. Gen 2:16.17). From every tree of paradise he could eat, because while he did not go against obedience, he did not sin. For one eats of the tree of the knowledge of good, who appropriates his own will to himself and exalts himself because of the good things, which the Lord says and works in him; and so through the suggestion of the devil and the transgression of the mandate it has become the fruit of the knowledge of evil. Whence it is proper, that he endure punishment.

<sup>2</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 12 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Witnessing to the good yet to come and obliged to acquire purity of heart because of the vocation they have embraced, they should set themselves free to love God and their brothers and sisters.

## **The Information Corner**

There are lots of resources to help us “Walk with Francis” here in the Archdiocese of Washington at [www.adw.org](http://www.adw.org). And check your parish for the Cardinal’s new study guide for reflection, *On Being Catholic Today: Catholic Identity in an Age of Challenge*.

## **Papal Intentions for the Month**

**Universal Intention – Opportunities for the Young.** That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.

**Evangelization Intention – Catechists.** That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim. <sup>3</sup>

## **Accessing Meeting Room**

Sadly, there have been security breaches at the Monastery. We want to respect the friars’ needs; this is their home and we are guests. After the Mass please exit the church and access the meeting room through the outside entrance near the gift shop. Those with physical challenges will be escorted by a member of Council.

## **Fraternity Finances**

**\$** Last month we received \$508 in donations and disbursed \$814.44 in expenses. This does not include undeposited checks. In addition, the Fair Share dues paid to the Region was \$1166, and donations from members towards Fair Share dues was \$720.50.

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

## **News From Our Seminarian**

Ryan Pineda writes:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Pax et Bonum! I'm finally back in Theological College seminary to begin my last year of theological studies. Today is actually the first day of classes and I just finished my Eschatology class at Catholic University. This is an interesting class. We will be discussing the last things (heaven, hell and purgatory). Aside from Eschatology, I am also taking Art of Pastoral Leadership class and I am auditing a class on the Prophets of Israel. Since Christian Anthropology is not offered at the Catholic University this semester, I am taking a similar class, Creation and the Human Person, at the Dominican House of Studies. Finally, before I earn my degree, I have to take and pass my comprehensive exam. It's still 2 months away but it will be challenging to review four years of theological studies while still in formation. Please pray for me.

This is one of the difficulties of still studying even after being ordained as deacon and assisting at the Church as a deacon this summer. Although I still continue my parish ministry on weekends, it is quite a challenge to balance devoting time to studies and to ministry.

Indeed, now that I am back in the seminary, I will not be able to attend the daily Mass at the parish which I did this past summer. My summer assignment has really been helpful to me. I was able to exercise my diaconate ministry by assisting at the daily and weekend Masses. I preached on the third Sunday of the month and on Mondays and Fridays. Then, if I am not the assigned deacon, I still attend the Mass to help distribute communion and to greet the parishioners. While at St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill, I also led a communion service at the hospital/rehab/long-term care facility that is within the parish boundary.



However, my most favorite moment was the baptism that I presided. It was indeed a privilege to welcome two babies. Preparing the couples and godparents, blessing the water, discussing the rite of baptism and doing the actual baptism are things that I will never forget. I know that I will preside at other baptisms but my first baptism will always be special.

There were challenges as well but these gave an opportunity to discover how to deal with pastoral issues.

I will keep you posted on what's going on in my formation. Also, please let me know if you want me to give a talk or reflection. I would love to do that as long as my schedule allows.

Thank you again for all your support and prayers. Please remember of my prayers for your community.

Peace, Deacon Ryan

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### **Pasta Dinner – Sep 18**

Mark your calendar! The Monastery will hold its twice-yearly pasta dinner on Friday, September 18, at St. Francis Hall. Doors open at 6pm.

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### **October Birthdays**

October 2 – Eugene Sides, 6 – Margaret Murphy, 17 – Cornelia Hart, and 22 – Gerda Biglin.

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### **Feastdays of Franciscan Friars**

Keep in your prayers the following friars, whose feast days are this coming month: October 4 – St. Francis and 25 – Thomas Courtney.

### **Please Pray For Our Sick**

Pat Allnut; Tom Bello; Larry Bleau's father, Raymond Bleau; Ernest Braddock; Maria Cassidy's daughter-in-law, Cathy; Maria Louisa Correa and her family; Mary Anne Corr's niece, Patricia Corr; Lourdes Corso; Michele Dunne's parents, Lou and Diane Dunne; Sarah Faizi's mom; Jean Fleurival; John Hewitt; Marianne Hughes and her family; Nancy McCleary; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Mary Okumu's family; George Ramey's friend, John Guay; Joe Rende; Julia Stratchko; Cecilia Thieman's family; Dineen Whipple; Donna Wilkes and her brother, Hollis; Theresa Wilson; Mildred Wray.

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### **Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials**

October 4 – Our Holy Father Francis, deacon, founder of Three Franciscan Orders (solemnity); 6 – Saint Mary Frances of the Five Wounds, virgin of III Order (optional memorial for the III Order); 10 – Saints Daniel, priest, and companions, martyrs of I Order (optional memorial); 12 – Saint Seraphin of Montegrano, religious of I Order (optional memorial); 20 – Blessed James of Strepar, bishop of I Order (optional memorial), and Blessed Contardo Ferrini, member of III Order (optional memorial for III Order); 21 – Blessed Josephine Leroux, virgin and martyr of II Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns); 22 – Saint Peter of Alcantara, priest of I Order (memorial); 23 – Saint John of Capistrano, priest of I Order (memorial); 26 – Blessed Bonaventure of Potenza, priest of I Order (optional memorial); and 30 – Anniversary of Dedication in Consecrated Franciscan Churches (solemnity).



### **September Reflection**

*By Corky Hart, OFS*

There is a lot going on this month. In neighboring Philadelphia the World Meeting of Families will be graced by the presence of the Holy Father. Here in the District he will preside at a rather low-key Papal Mass (if anything to do with a pope's visit can be called low-key!) and visit to Capitol Hill and the White House.

Very few people address a joint session of Congress. The President delivers his State of the Union Address in obedience to the Constitution, and a few foreign dignitaries have been invited, but never before has a Pope been invited to address the Congress of United States in joint session. He is also scheduled to visit the President at the White House on September 23, Padre Pio's Feast Day. Let us pray and invite all the Saints and Angels to pray that all of us who hear Pope Francis – the faithful, the lost, those who report on his visit, and those who govern our nation – are given the grace of repentance and conversion.

Pope Francis sets us an example of how to live the Gospel to Life, Life to Gospel. As the culture around us changes, let us persevere, never weary of doing what is right and continue in the power of the Holy Spirit and in peace.

