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CHANGE IN TIMES AND ROOMS!

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
- 10:00am Open House – Sacred Heart Room downstairs
- 11:00am** Franciscan Crown Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 12:00pm** **Mass in Main Church**; sit on Holy Spirit side, *wear Tau cross*
- 1:00pm** Fraternity Social Gathering – St. Bonaventure Room – downstairs in the Friary. Bring your own lunch, light refreshments will be provided.
- 1:30pm** Fraternity Meeting – St. Bonaventure Room

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening prayer
- Fraternity Business
- Short Teaching – St. Clare’s Style of Prayer
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the “Shorter Christian” Prayer Book, please bring it with you.

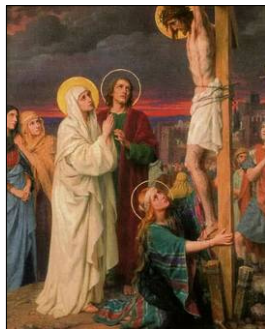
DON’T FORGET YOUR BINDERS!

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: **MARY, QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY** ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son. Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. (*Jn 19: 26-27*)



Prayer of the Month

Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!



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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

3. On Perfect Obedience¹

The Lord says in the Gospel: “He who does not renounce all that he possesses, cannot be my disciple” (Lk 14:33); and: “He who will have wanted to save his life, shall lose it” (Lk 9:24). That man abandons all that he possesses, and loses his own body, who offers himself whole to obedience in the hands of his prelate. And whatever he does and says, that he himself knows, which is not contrary to his will, as long as what he does is good, is true obedience. And if at any time the subject sees better and more useful things for his own soul than those which the prelate precepts him, let him sacrifice these willingly to God; but those which are the prelate’s. (See Admonition, next column)

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 13 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

As the Father sees in every person the features of his Son, the firstborn of many brothers and sisters, so the Secular Franciscans with a gentle and courteous spirit accept all people as a gift of the Lord and an image of Christ.

A sense of community will make them joyful and ready to place themselves on an equal basis with all people, especially with the lowly for whom they shall strive to create conditions of life worthy of people redeemed by Christ.

Papal Intentions for the Month

Universal Intention – **Human Trafficking.** That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated.

Evangelization Intention – **Mission in Asia.** That with a missionary spirit the Christian communities of Asia may announce the Gospel to those who are still awaiting it.²

Admonition (cont.)

If indeed the prelate precepts anything against his soul, though he is not to obey him, nevertheless let him not give him up. And if he has endured persecution by others for that reason, let him love (dilectio) them more for God’s sake. For he who will endure persecution rather than wanting to be separated from his brothers, in truth remains continually in perfect obedience, since he lays down “his own life” (cf. Jn 15:13) on behalf of his brothers. For there are many religious, who under the appearance of seeing better things than those which their prelates precept, look back (cf. Lk 9:62) and return “to the vomit” of their own will. (cf. Pr 26:11; 2 Pt 2:22); these are murderers and on account of their bad examples cause many souls to perish.

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

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Marianne Hughes** moved; her new address is 15301 Pine Orchard Dr. #1-F, Silver Spring, MD 20906; phone 301-277-9221.
- 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 loving friends,



We received your timely aid which we spend for our daily needs. We are keeping well. The children are taking their first quarter exam. Layamol is in 11th grade, Lidhiya is in 10th grade, and Samuel is in 7th grade.

St. Francis of Assisi's feast is approaching and we wish you a happy and blessed feastday. We remember you always in our daily prayers. May the good Lord bless you abundantly.

Yours affectionally, Mary Sebastian

Formation Instructor Opening

We have openings for formation instructors for 2016. If you are well grounded in your Franciscan vocation and wish to impart it to others discerning a vocation in the OFS, contact Formation Director Larry Bleau at 301-474-1338.

November Birthdays

November 4 – George Bond, Charlotte Markoe and Ouida Morrison, 6 – Mary Brown and Fred Scharf, 11 – Josephine Awich, 26 – Rosemary Bordley, and 29 – Deborah McNeilly-Williams.



Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$333.94 in donations and disbursed \$199.02 in expenses.

Thank You, Fr. Kevin!

Our heartfelt thanks go to Fr. Kevin, who has been our Spiritual Assistant for many years now. Due to other duties he now has, he will not be available on any Sunday, and thus will not be able to continue as Spiritual Assistant. While we request another friar, please keep Fr. Kevin and all the friars of the Holy Land in your prayers.



Call for Presenters

Do you feel moved by the Holy Spirit to give a presentation at a future fraternity meeting? There is a wide range of topics on which one can speak. If you would like to do so, please contact a Council member well in advance so we can schedule you.

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

November 4 – St. Charles Borromeo, bishop, III Order; 6 – Bl. Alfonso Lopez, priest, and companions, martyrs [Pedro Rivera, Modesto Vegas, Dionisio Vicente, priests; Francisco Remon, Miguel Remon, religious, I Order; 7 – St. Didacus of Alcala, religious, I Order also Blessed Helen of Arcella (Italy); 8 – Bl. John Duns Scotus, priest, I Order; 13 – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin, III Order, founder; 14 – St. Nicholas Tavelic, priest, and companions, martyrs, I Order; 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary, widow, III Order, Patron of the Secular Franciscan Order; 18 – Bl. Salome, virgin, II Order; 19 – St. Agnes of Assisi, virgin, II Order; 25 – Commemoration of all the Deceased of the Franciscan Family (I,II,III Order); Bl. Elizabeth of Reute, virgin, III Order; 26 – St. Leonard of Port Maurice, priest, I Order; 27 – St. Francis Anthony Fasani, priest, I Order; Bl. Umile de Bisignano, religious, I Order; 28 – St. James of the March, priest, I Order; 29 – All Saints of the Franciscan Order (I,II,III Order).

Pray For Our Deceased

Lou Dunne, father of Michele Dunne, who died on September 10, 2015.

Friar Roger Petras, OFM, who passed away on October 6, 2015. He had recently celebrated the 60th anniversary of him taking his solemn vow.



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.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Pat Allnutt; Tom Bello; Ernest Braddock; Mary Anne Corr’s niece, Patricia Corr; Larry Bleau’s father, Raymond Bleau; Maria Cassidy’s daughter in law, Cathy (illness); Maria Louisa Correa and her sisters; Lourdes Corso; Sarah Faizi’s mom; Jean Fleurival; John Hewitt; Marianne Hughes and her family; Nancy McCleary; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Mary Okumu’s family; Joe Rende; Julia Stratchko; Cecilia Thieman’s family; Dineen Whipple; Mildred Wray; Donna Wilkes and her brother, Hollis (heart problems); and Therses Wilson.

October Reflection

By Corky Hart, OFS

October is one of Mary’s months. On October 7, 1571, the defeat of the Turkish naval forces by the Holy League, a coalition of Christian maritime states, stopped the Ottoman Empire’s incursion into western Europe at the Battle of Lepanto. The Christian victory in the face of overwhelming odds was attributed to the recitation of the rosary by God’s faithful at the behest of Pope Pius V, who declared that day the feast of, now celebrated as Our Lady of the Rosary. In our own time, the Second Vatican Council was convened on October 11, 1962, by Pope St. John XXIII, on what was then the Feast of the Maternity of Mary. She is and always has been the Mother of the Church. Her intercession assists all those charged with the care and shepherding of Christ’s flock. It is the prayers of Mary our Mother and our Queen that gives victory to all of us her children in our daily struggle against the world, the flesh and the devil. It is she who will advocate for us who are her own as we prepare to face judgement at the end of our lives. It is she who is and always will be our Mother.

As Padre Pio so famously declared, the Rosary is our weapon in the battle of life. Let’s hold fast to this beautiful gift, pray it daily, and entrust ourselves and those we love to Mary’s Maternal care.

