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Schedule

- 9:30am Orientation Session – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs
9:30am Candidate Session (2017) – St. Clare Room – upstairs in the Friary
9:30am Candidate Session (2016) – Sacred Heart Room downstairs
11:00am Franciscan Crown Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
12:00pm Mass in main church
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
3:00pm Council meeting

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening prayer
- Housekeeping
- Presentation – Duties of Council
- 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: NEW YEAR, NEW LIFE ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them [as their God]. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, [for] the old order has passed away.” The one who sat on the

throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” Then he said, “Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true.” (*Rev 21:1-5*)

Prayer of the Month

Sub Tuum

We fly to thy patronage,
O holy Mother of God;
despise not our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen. ¹

¹ 3rd Century; Oldest Known Prayer to Mary, URL www.churchyear.net, accessed January 6, 2016.

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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

6. On cleanliness of heart²

“Blessed (are) the clean of heart, since they themselves shall see God” (Mt 5:8). Truly are they clean in heart who despise earthly things, seek heavenly ones and do not ever withdraw from adoring and beholding Our Lord, living and true, with a clean heart and soul.

Congratulations to a New Knight

Nicholas Losekamp will be knighted as a new member of the Knights of Mount St. Sepulchre on January 17 at the 10am Mass. Please say a prayer for Nick as he embarks on a life of service to the Monastery.

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>.



The Rule

Chapter Two, Article 16 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.

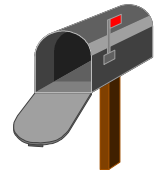
Papal Intentions for the Month

Universal Intention – **Interreligious Dialogue.** That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Evangelization Intention – **Christian Unity.** That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.³

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Theresa Wilson**, who was incorrectly listed as deceased last month, writes, “I have found Perfect Joy! In spite of my fraternity listing me as deceased, I still give praise to the Lord!” Theresa has moved, her new address is 714 Monroe St. NE #429, Washington, DC 20017, phone 202-525-2054. She has had several surgeries recently, is in pain regularly, and, if cleared by her doctor, is waiting for shoulder replacement. She prays for our fraternity members daily and says she loves all our members.



³ Apostleship of Prayer (2016). Accessed January 6, 2016, URL <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>

Please Pray For Our Sick

Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau's father, Raymond Bleau; Ernest Braddock; Maria Louisa Correa and her sister, Maria Franco; Mary Anne Corr (wrist fracture) and her niece, Patricia Corr; Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi's mother; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; John Hewitt; Marianne Hughes and her family; Nancy McCleary; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Mary Okuma's family; Joe Rende; Julia Stratchko; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Dineen Whipple; Theresa Wilson; Mildred Wray.

Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month no donations or expenses.

February Birthdays

February 1 – Ronald McMahan and Cecelia Thieman; 4 – Alan Blevins and Mary Gamez; 8 – Polly Howard, James (Jay) Lynagh III and Donna Wilkes; 21 – Joseph Rende; and 26 – Joan Adundo and Nita Mullins.

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

February 1 – St. Veridiana, virgin, III Order, Bl. Andrew of Segni, religious, I Order; 4 – St. Joseph of Leonessa, priest, I Order; 6 – Sts. Peter Baptist, priest, Paul Miki and companions, martyrs (Martin of the Ascension, Francis Blanco, priests; Philip of Jesus, cleric; Francis of St. Michael, Gonsalvo Garcia, religious; seventeen tertiaries), I and III Order; 7 – St. Colette of Corbie, virgin, II Order; 8 – St. Giles Mary of St. Joseph, religious, I Order; 15 – Transfer of the Body of St. Anthony of Padua; 17 – Bl. Luke Belludi, religious, I Order; 19 – St. Conrad of Piacenza, hermit, III Order; 27 – Bl. Sebastian of Aparicio, religious, I Order.

January Reflection

By Corky Hart, OFS

The start of a new year has become a focal point in our culture for self-improvement, setting goals, and starting new projects. That's good, but there's more to it for us Catholics. The new year falls on the Octave of Christmas, once known as the Feast of the Circumcision, and since 1969 observed in the Latin Rite as the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

The Circumcision of the Lord, still observed in the Eastern churches, reminds us that He who is the Incarnate Word, Whose Holy Name was so sacred as to never be spoken, entered history as a wordless infant, and received the Name above all others, Jesus, as His first blood was shed. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God celebrates Our Lady, whose Fiat brought salvation to the world. The Council of Ephesus in 431 AD formally declared what had been known and preached from the earliest days in the Church: Mary bore Jesus, fully God and fully Man and is thus rightly called Theotokos, Mother of God. What a beautiful thing this is to contemplate! Mary, our Mother and our Queen, links heaven and earth in a new way; she is the Mother of God and our Mother too!

How can we do otherwise that respond with humility, hope, and love? With the untold graces God has poured out on us, we can make a real resolution: to answer the call to holiness in this new year - the Year of Mercy! Resolve to seek him in the silence and in the market-place; resolve to call to Him in every circumstance, to ask for the grace to see His face in those you meet - the poor, the outcast, the unpleasant or difficult people.

Behold! He makes all things new!

