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NOTE CHANGES TO SCHEDULE!

Schedule

- 9:30am Inquiry and Both Candidate Sessions
– St. Bonaventure Room downstairs
- 11:00am Opening Prayers for May Monthly Meeting – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs**
- 11:15am Franciscan Crown Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 12:00pm Mass in Monastery church
- 1:00pm Annual Spring Luncheon with the Holy Land Friars in the Cloister Garden**
- TBD Closing Prayer

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- There is no meeting agenda this month to allow all to take part in the Franciscan Monastery's Annual Spring Luncheon, which will begin immediately after noon mass in the Cloister Garden.



◆ Theme: FIAT ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

And Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no husband?" And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and



the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son Of God. And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age

has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her." (Luke 1:34-38)

Prayer of the Month

"Hail, Holy Lady, most Holy Queen, Mary, Mother of God, ever Virgin. You were chosen by the Most High Father in heaven, consecrated by Him, with His most Holy Beloved Son and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

On you descended and still remains all the fullness of grace and every good. Hail, His Palace. Hail His Tabernacle. Hail His Robe. Hail His Handmaid. Hail, His Mother, and Hail, all holy Virtues, who, by grace and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, are poured into the hearts of the faithful so that from their faithless state, they may be made faithful servants of God through you.

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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

10. On the chastisement of the body ¹

There are many, who while they sin or receive injury, often blame their enemy or neighbor. But it is in error because each one has in his own power (his) enemy, namely the body, through which he sins. Whence “blessed is that servant” (Mt 24:46), who having surrendered such an enemy into his own power, has held it always captive and wisely guarded himself from it; because, as long as he has does this, no other enemy, visible or invisible, will be able to harm him.

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 20 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.

The Information Corner – Pope Quote



“The Virgin Mary teaches us what it means to live in the Holy Spirit and what it means to welcome the newness of God in our life. She conceived Jesus by the work of the Spirit, and every Christian, each one of us, is called to welcome the Word of God, to welcome Jesus in ourselves and then bring him to everyone. Mary invoked the Spirit with the Apostles in the upper room: every time that we come together in prayer, we are supported by the spiritual presence of the Mother of Jesus, to receive the gift of the Spirit and to have the ability to bear witness to the risen Jesus.” ²

Papal Intentions for the Month

Universal Intention – Respect for Women. That in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.

Evangelization Intention – Holy Rosary. That families, communities, and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelization and peace. ³

² Pope Francis' Angelus Address, April 28, 2013.

³ Apostleship of Prayer (2015). Accessed May 2, 2015, URL <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>

News From Our Seminarian

On April 24 Deacon Ryan Pineda wrote:

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Pax et Bonum!

This is just a quick thank you note for the check that you sent. I will be forever grateful for your support financially and spiritually as I journey into priesthood. Thank you for walking with me as I discern my vocation.

Last week, I got my official call to orders from the Cardinal. The letter states that he will ordain me to the priesthood on June 25, 2016 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 10:00 in the morning. Now, I can start sending invitations because without this call to orders, it is improper to send invitations.

I will send the invitations in a few days. Right now, I'm still finishing my classes. The next two weeks will be the busiest because the seminarians have to finish all the requirements, take and pass final exams, and start packing because we have to empty our rooms.

I will graduate on May 14 with a dual degree of Masters of Divinity – Sacred Theology.

Then, I have a "mini" assignment a week after that. I will be staying at Our Lady Queen of the Americas for three weeks to learn more Spanish.

The ordination class of the Archdiocese will then have our 5-day Canonical Retreat at the Franciscan Monastery.

Thank you again for everything. I intend to keep in touch and celebrate my first Mass with the community (if you'll allow me) in the fall. I still don't know where I will be assigned so I cannot make any plans yet.

Peace, Deacon Ryan

Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation

Adele Lewis will soon start a regular column in the Chimes on the **Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation** (JPIC) aspect of being a Secular Franciscan. Look for it here!

The Information Corner

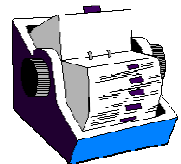
May 16th – Feastday of **St. Margaret of Cortona – The Second Magdalene** (1247 - 1297).

In the year 1277, as she was praying in the church of the Franciscan Friars, that she seemed to hear these words: "What is thy wish, *poverella*?" and she replied: "I neither seek nor wish for aught but Thee, my Lord Jesus." From this time forth she lived in intimate communing with Christ. At first He always addressed her as "*poverella*", and only after a time of probation and purification did He call her "My child."



Update Your Directory

- **Gerda Biglin's** new phone number is 860-558-6476.
- **Donna Wilkes'** new phone number is 202- 239-9683.
- **Sarah Faizi's** new phone number is 202-363-1459.



Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$301 in donations and disbursed \$260.30 in expenses. This does not include undeposited checks.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau's father, Raymond (now in assisted living); Ernest Braddock; Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi's mother, who is in a nursing home; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; John Hewitt; Marianne Hughes; Nancy McCleary; Mary Okuma's family; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Joe Rende; Julia Stratchko; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Helen Walls; Dineen Whipple; Theresa Wilson; Mildred Wray; Fra. Romuald Green, OFM.



Mary Ann Corr thanks members for their prayers for her and her niece, Patricia Corr; they are both doing much better.

June Birthdays

June 3 – Philip Melore, 5 – Sheila Kelly and Anna Zaczynski, 9 – Mary Catherine Kohut and Carol Petro, 12 – Lee Ann Petta, 19 – Helen Walls, and 22 – William Hayes Brown III and Joan Kane.

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

June 12 – Blessed Jolenta, Religious of the III Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns); 13 – Saint Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor of I Order (feast); 22 – Saint Thomas More, martyr of the III Order, with Saint John Fisher (optional memorial); and 30 – Blessed Raymond Lull, martyr of III Order (optional memorial for III Order).

Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers the following friars, whose feast days are this coming month: June 3 – Kevin Treston, 19 – Romuald Green, and 29 – Simon McKay.

May Reflection

By Chris Cropper, OFS

We all have a story on how we came to know God in a personal way. When I was in my 20's I had been married, and then divorced five years later. My life seemed out of control. I sought my peace in alcohol, drugs, and relationships. When my life had become so out of control I turned to God and the Scriptures. I found purpose and direction, but I didn't return to my childhood faith of Catholicism, I turned to the Protestant Church. After ten years in Protestantism I started searching for the correct Church and through a series of God ordained events I found my way back to the One, True, Catholic Church. While many people were instrumental in my conversion I attribute it all to God and in particular the Holy Spirit who we celebrate this month with the feast of Pentecost.

We also celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary this month she also had a great role in my conversion. After I returned to the Catholic Church I had an instant love for the Virgin Mary that seemed to come from nowhere. So as we search for peace and meaning in our lives we can turn to the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary with great confidence!

