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## **Schedule**

- 9:30a Orientation Session – St. Bona-venture Room downstairs  
9:30a Candidate Session (2017) – St. Clare Room – upstairs in the Friary  
9:30a Candidate Session (2016) – Sacred Heart Room  
11:00a Franciscan Crown Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
12:00p Mass in Monastery church  
1:00p Fraternity Social Gathering – St. Bonaventure Room. Bring your own lunch, water will be provided.  
1:30p Fraternity Meeting – St. Bonaventure Room.

## **Fraternity Meeting Agenda**

- Opening prayer
- Announcements
- Fraternity survey
- Handouts
- Committees Meet
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the “Shorter Christian” Prayer Book, please bring it with you.

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## **Bible Quote of the Month**

Presbyters who preside well deserve double honor, especially those who toil in preaching and teaching. For the scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it is threshing,” and, “A worker deserves his pay.” Do not accept an accusation against a presbyter unless it is supported by two or three witnesses. Reprimand publicly those who do sin, so that the rest also will be afraid. I charge you before God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels to keep these rules without prejudice, doing nothing out of favoritism. Do not lay hands too readily on anyone, and do not share in another’s sins. Keep yourself pure. Stop drinking only water, but have a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent illnesses. Some people’s sins are public, preceding them to judgment; but other people are followed by their sins. Similarly, good works are also public; and even those that are not cannot remain hidden. (1 Tim 5: 17-25)

## **Prayer of the Month**

### **“Teach Us To Love”**

Lord, we thank Thee for all the love that has been given to us, for the love of family and friends, and above all for Your love poured out upon us every moment of our lives in steadfast glory.

Forgive our unworthiness. Forgive the many times we have disappointed those who love us, have failed them, wearied them, saddened them.

Failing them we have failed You, and hurting them we have wounded our Saviour who for love's sake died for us. Lord, have mercy on us, and forgive.

You do not fail those who love you. You do not change nor vary. Teach us Your own constancy in love. Your humility, selflessness and generosity.

Look in pity on our small and tarnished loving, protect, foster and strengthen it, that it may be less unworthy to be offered to You and to Your children.

O Light of the world, teach us how to love. Amen.

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### **ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS**

#### **13. On patience<sup>1</sup>**

“Blessed (are) the peacemakers, since they shall be called sons of God” (*Mt* 5:9). The servant of God cannot know how much patience and humility he has in himself, while he is satisfied. However when the time has come, that those who ought to satisfy him, do the contrary to him, as much patience and humility (is) there, that much he has and not more.

#### **Fraternity Finances**

**\$** For May-July we received \$956 in donations and disbursed \$2077.83 in expenses, does not include undeposited checks.

<sup>1</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 23 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Requests for admission to the Secular Franciscan Order must be presented to the local fraternity, whose council decides upon the acceptance of new brothers and sisters.

Admission into the Order is gradually attained through a time of initiation, a period of formation of at least one year, and profession of the rule. The entire community is engaged in this process of growth by its own manner of living. The age for profession and the distinctive Franciscan sign are regulated by the statutes.

Profession by its nature is a permanent commitment.

Members who find themselves in particular difficulties should discuss their problems with the council in fraternal dialogue.

Withdrawal or permanent dismissal from the Order, if necessary, is an act of the fraternity council according to the norm of the constitutions.

### **Papal Intentions for the Month**

**Universal Intention – Sports.** That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.

**Evangelization Intention – Living the Gospel.** That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty, and love of neighbor.<sup>2</sup>

### **The Information Corner – Pope Quote**



“Jesus is calling you to leave your mark on life: one that transforms your own life and the lives of others.”<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Apostleship of Prayer (2015). Accessed August 1, 2016, URL <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>

<sup>3</sup> Twitter post of July 30, 2016, URL <https://twitter.com/pontifex>, accessed August 12, 2016.

## The Information Corner – The Pardon of Assisi

Eight hundred years ago Pope Honorius III granted a most extraordinary request by our founder, St. Francis: a plenary indulgence for those who visit the Portiuncula Chapel. In July 1216 St. Francis had a vision in which both Jesus and Mary appeared to him and Jesus allowed St. Francis to make a request for the salvation of the souls of the faithful. St. Francis made the request in response, which Jesus granted, provided Francis made the request of His Vicar on earth. St. Francis immediately put his request before the Pope. Such a broad indulgence was almost unheard of, but after much persuasion by St. Francis, Innocent III granted the request.

The full **Letter of the General Ministers for the VIIIth Centenary of the Pardon of Assisi** [can be found online](#). Also, see our web site for [a handout about this indulgence](#).

### 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 on September 18. Contact Larry Bleau (301-474-1338) for tickets; he will also sell them before and after the fraternity meeting.

### September Birthdays

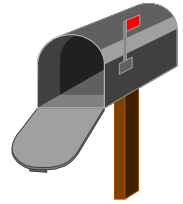
September 1 – Kathleen White, 4 – Maria Correra, 9 – Salvacion Pagado, 18 – Marilyn Taylor and Theresa Wilson, 19 – Catherine Horvath, 23 – Jean Fleurival, and 27 – Mary Okumu.

### Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers the following friar, whose birthday is this coming month: September 21 – James Gardiner.

## From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Sheila Kelly** has a new address: 3124 Gracefield Rd. #323, Silver Spring, MD 20904, phone 301-273-2368. No calls, please; however, she would like cards.
- **Mildred Wray's** correct street address is 13301 Dove St., Silver Spring, MD 20904.
- **Mary Ann Hughes** has a new address: Sacred Heart Home, 5805 Queens Chapel Rd. Rm 338, Hyattsville, MD 20782. She does not have a phone. She would appreciate cards or notes. She says she misses all the members of the Fraternity. (She had two heart attacks recently.)
- 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,

Received your timely aid which reduces the burdens of our daily life. Thank you from the bottom of our heart.

Our monsoon season has started. Due to the weather my husband cannot go fishing regularly. Our house is flooded because of the sea erosion and heavy rain.

Our children – Laiya is promoted to 12<sup>th</sup> grad, Samuel is promoted to 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Lidhita passed her examination with a mark of 78.

We always remember you in our daily prayers and ask God to keep you in good health and happiness.

Yours affectionately, Mary Sebastian

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

In case you missed the list for the last two months, below are names from June through August.



Pat Allnutt; Gerda Biglin's brother, Marty Elfving (cancer, now in hospice); Larry Bleau's father, Raymond (severe neck injury); Ernest Braddock; Dorothy

Clayton and her daughter Kathy McCoy; Mary Ann Corr's niece, Patricia Corr (fractured hip); Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi's mother, who is in a nursing home; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; John Hewitt, M.D.; Sheila Kelly; Marianne Hughes and her family; Nancy McCleary; Mary Okuma's family; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Joe Rende; Julia Stratchko; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Helen Walls; Dineen Whipple; Donna Wilkes and her brother Hollis; Theresa Wilson; Mildred Wray; Fra. Romuald Green, OFM.

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### **Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials**

September 1 – Blessed Beatrice of Silva, virgin of II Order, founder (optional memorial); 2 – Bl. John Francis Burte, Bl. Severin Girault, and Companions, martyrs of I and III Orders (optional memorial); 4 – Saint Rose of Viterbo, virgin of III Order (optional memorial for III Order); 17 – Stigmata of our holy Father Francis (feast); 18 – Saint Joseph of Cupertino, priest of I Order (feast); 20 – Saint Francis Mary of Camporosso, religious of I Order (memorial); 23 – Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, stigmatist and priest of I Order (feast), and Finding of the body of Saint Clare (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns); 26 – Saint Elzear of Sabran and Blessed Delphina of Glandenes, husband and wife of III Order (optional memorial for III Order).

### **August Reflection**

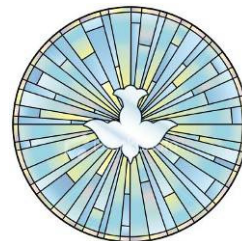
*By Larry Bleau, OFS*

Pope Francis speaks many times each day, and many of these are reported on Vatican Radio. On Sunday, July 24, in his Angelus address<sup>4</sup>, he focused on Jesus' teaching on prayer. After his reflection on the Our Father that is recorded in St. Luke's Gospel, he spoke further in a way that struck me as so appropriate to prayer life that I would like to share it with the Fraternity.

The two parables following the Lord's Prayer teach us "to have full confidence in God, who is Father." God does not need our prayer to discover what we need, or to be convinced to give it to us. Rather, Pope Francis said, we pray so that our faith and patience might be strengthened, so that we might "struggle" together with God for those things that are most important and necessary.

And that which is most important, but which, the Pope said, we almost never ask for, is the Holy Spirit. The gift of the Holy Spirit helps us to live well, to live with wisdom and love, doing the will of God. "What a beautiful prayer it would be," Pope Francis said, if in the coming week, "each one of us would ask of the Father, "Father, give me the Holy Spirit."

Indeed! Let us pray for the Spirit to come upon all members of our fraternity.




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<sup>4</sup> (2016) *Pope reflects on Lord's Prayer in Angelus address*, Vatican Radio, July 24, 2016, URL [http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2016/07/24/pope\\_reflects\\_on\\_lords\\_prayer\\_in\\_angelus\\_address/1246392](http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2016/07/24/pope_reflects_on_lords_prayer_in_angelus_address/1246392), accessed Aug 12, 2016.