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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
10:30am Council Meeting
11:00am Franciscan Crown Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
12:00pm Mass in Monastery 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 and Fraternal Visitation – St. Bonaventure Room

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening prayer
- Short talk from Father Jim Gardiner, SA
- Discussion on Survey Results
- Handouts
- Short Teaching
- Committees Meet
- 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.

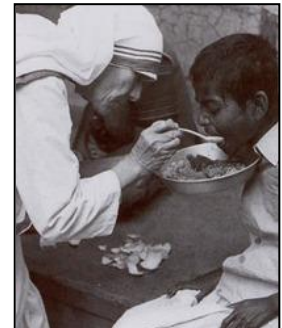
◆ Theme: **MERCY** ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

“What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.” (*James 2:14-18 ESV*)

Prayer of the Month

“You and I, we are the Church, no? We have to share with our people. Suffering today is because people are hoarding, not giving, not sharing. Jesus made it very clear. Whatever you do to the least of my brethren, you do it to me. Give a glass of water, you give it to me. Receive a little child, you receive me.” (Saint Teresa of Calcutta)



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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

14. On poverty of spirit ¹

“Blessed (are) the poor in spirit, since theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven” (Mt 5:3). There are many, who persisting in prayers and (liturgical) offices practice many abstinences and afflict their own bodies, but because of a single word, which seems to be injurious to their bodies or because of anything, which is brought against them, being scandalized, they are continually disturbed. These are not poor in spirit; since he who is truly poor in spirit, hates his very self and loves those who beat him in the face (cf. Mt 5:39).

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 24 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

To foster communion among members, the council should organize regular and frequent meetings of the community as well as meeting with other Franciscan groups, especially with youth groups. It should adopt appropriate means for growth in Franciscan and ecclesial life and encourage everyone to a life of fraternity. This communion continues with deceased brothers and sisters through prayer for them.

The Information Corner – Pope Quote



“Let us carry Mother Teresa’s smile in our hearts and give it to those whom we meet along our journey.” “Let us imitate Mother Teresa who made works of mercy the guide of her life and the path towards holiness.”²

Papal Intentions for the Month

Universal Intention – **Centrality of the Human Person.** That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center.

Evangelization Intention – **Mission to Evangelize.** That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.³



² Pope Francis’ Twitter posts on 9/4/16 and 9/3/16, respectively. Accessed September 7, 2016, URL <http://www.news.va/en> .

³ Apostleship of Prayer (2015). Accessed September 7, 2016, URL <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>

The Information Corner



Pope Francis, in a special canonization Mass held before huge crowds in St. Peter's Square, formally declared Blessed Teresa of Calcutta to be a Saint of the Catholic Church.

Born in 1910 in Albania, Mother Teresa was called to become a nun at the age of 18 and joined the Sisters of Loreto in Ireland. She devoted her life to missionary work. In 1946 she was inspired to bring the love of Christ to the neglected poor. After two years of discernment she was given permission to found the Missionaries of Charity. Thousands were called to join her in this work, and the Order she founded grew to international fame. She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 and donated all the funds to the poor of India.

After years of declining health, Mother Teresa passed in 1997. She was given the honor of a state funeral by the Government of India. Her tomb quickly became a place of pilgrimage and prayer for people of all faiths. In 1999 Pope John Paul II began the Cause of Canonization. In 2003, after a thorough examination of her life and virtue and after a miracle attributed to her was confirmed, Mother Teresa was declared Blessed. A second miracle soon followed.

Pope Francis delivered a homily⁴ in which he praised Mother Teresa as an “emblematic figure of womanhood and of consecrated life” for her charitable work. “Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defense of human life, those unborn and those abandoned and discarded.”⁵

⁴ The full homily can be found at <http://www.news.va/en/news/homily-for-the-canonization-of-mother-teresa-full> .

⁵ Sources for this article include: CNN, URL <http://www.cnn.com/2016/09/04/europe/mother-teresa->

News From Our (Former) Seminarian

Fr. Ryan Pineda, whom we assisted while he was in the seminary, writes to us from his new post as Parochial Vicar at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Kensington:

My brothers and sisters in Christ,
Pax et Bonum!

First of all, I want to say thank you again for all your support and prayers. Without them, my journey to the priesthood will be difficult, if not impossible. I really am thankful that you were there to journey with me from the beginning to the end. And thank you for your ordination gift.

Second, I want you to know that I have been praying for you and your intentions when I'm able.

This is a great thing about being a priest. My “full time job” is to lead people into prayer and to pray for people. Amidst the busy schedule, there are opportunities for me to pray. I'm fortunate that I am assigned to Holy Redeemer in Kensington, MD where I can celebrate the Mass daily, twice on weekends and visit the adoration chapel on weekdays. On days when the adoration chapel is not open to the public, if I wish to pray in the church, I can just unlock the doors.

I am still getting used to the routine here in the parish. There are days when I am running all around, from celebrating Mass in the morning to visiting sick and elderly parishioners either at their house or at the hospital and anointing them. There are also days when after the daily Mass, I only have to see one or two people and prepare for my Homily the rest of the day.

God has indeed blessed me with this gift of priesthood.

Thank you again and please remember of my prayers for each one of you.

Sincerely, Fr. Ryan Pineda

If you wish to write to Fr. Ryan, you can do so at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 9705 Summit Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895. His phone is 301-679-7117, and his email is FatherPineda@gmail.com .

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=5611.
canonization/; and Catholic Online, URL

September Reflection

By Patrick Enderson, OFS

Peace to all my Franciscan Brothers and Sisters. During this time of transition within our fraternity, I would ask for your continued prayers and guidance. Our Fraternity is moving ahead nicely and have heard the will of the Fraternity as per the survey conducted last month. It is our belief as a council that we are here to serve you as Fraternity members. It is our firm desire to become better and more humble servants to you and to empower you to go forth into the various communities and share the Gospel by your words and actions.

I would also ask that each one of you consider bringing someone to our open house in October as this is the best method for us as a fraternity to introduce ourselves and our vision to others who may have not realized that Saint Francis and The Holy Spirit is calling them to join our Franciscan Family.

Finally, I would ask that each of you continue to pray for our sick brothers and sisters and take the time to call them directly, visit them and let them know that they are loved and that they are not alone in their journey.

May God bless you all and may Saint Francis continue to guide our minds and hearts during this transition.

Prayers Requested

- Please continue to pray for **Julie Stratchko**, who is now in hospice care.
 - Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will lead a suitable Spiritual Assistant to us.
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Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$161 in donations and disbursed \$779.06 in expenses, of which \$615 was for Fair Share Dues. This does not include undeposited checks.

October Birthdays

October 6 – Margaret Murphy, 17 – Cornelia Hart, 18 – Constance Ramseth, and 22 – Gerda Biglin.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau's father, Raymond; Gerda Biglin's brother; Emy Cabigas (surgery); Lourdes Corso and her family; Mary Anne Corr's niece, Patricia; Maria Louisa Correa and her sister, Maria Franco; Dorothy Clayton and her daughter, Kathy McCoy; Sarah Faizi's mother (nursing home); Jean Fleurival; John Hewitt; Marianne Hughes and her family; Nancy McCleary; Ouida Morrison's baby grandson, Bailan Smith, who passed last month; Fritz Nicolas's mother, Odette Nicolas, who passed last week; Mary Okumu's family; Joe Rende; Julia Stratchko; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Dineen Whipple; Theresa Wilson; and Mildred Wray.

The funeral for Fritz's mother, **Odette Nicolas**, will be on Friday, Sep 16, at St. Camillus Church, 1600 St Camillus Dr, Silver Spring, MD 20903; viewing at 10am, funeral mass at 11am.

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).

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.