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Schedule

- 8-10am Breakfast Ministry – Cap College
9:15am Council meeting – Sacred Heart Room
10:00am Candidate Session (2018&2019) – Sacred Heart Room downstairs
11:15am Franciscan Crown Rosary in St. Bonaventure Room
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 – St. Bonaventure Room
3:00pm Council meeting (continued)

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening prayer
- News and housekeeping
- JPIC Survey
- Presentation on San Damiano Cross
- Discussion of Article 8 – Prayer
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the book “Shorter Christian Prayer”, 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: CALLED TO HOLINESS ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.” (*1 Pt 1:13-16*)



Prayer of the Month

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love only what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me so, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy. Amen.¹



¹ Prayer for Holiness, source *Catholic Online*, accessed Oct 11, 2019, URL <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=1367>

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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

17. On the humble servant of God ²

“Blessed (is) that servant” (*Mt 24:46*), who does not exalt himself more because of the good, which the Lord says and works through him, than that which He says and works through another. A man sins, who wants rather to receive from his neighbor, what he does not want to give of himself to the Lord God.

Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$486 in donations and disbursed \$77.92 in expenses. This does not include undeposited checks.

² *The Writings of St. Francis of Assisi*, tr. by Paschal Robinson (1905), accessed September 9, 2017, URL <http://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/wosf/wosf03.htm>.



The Rule

Chapter Two, Article 8 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

As Jesus was the true worshipper of the Father, so let prayer and contemplation be the soul of all they are and do.

Let them participate in the sacramental life of the Church, above all the Eucharist. Let them join in liturgical prayer in one of the forms proposed by the Church, reliving the mysteries of the life of Christ.

The Information Corner – Pope Quote



“The true face of love is mercy. Practicing it, we become a disciple of Jesus and the heart of the Father shows itself.” “Through our small steps of love, God does great things. He accomplishes the salvation of the world. Let us entrust to St. Therese of the Child Jesus, our faithful friend, the Extraordinary Missionary Month that begins today.”³

Papal Intention for the Month

Prayer Intention – A Missionary “Spring” in the Church. That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary “spring” in the church.⁴

JPIC Survey

The St. Margaret Region is conducting a survey on ways in which OFS members would like to participate in activities of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation. Please complete the enclosed survey, and either turn it in at the meeting or mail it to Vice Minister Michele Dunne at 5236 Nebraska Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20015.

³ Sep 27 and Oct 1. URL <http://twitter.com/pontifex>

⁴ Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network. Accessed Sep 18, 2019, URL <http://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/>

The Information Corner

On October 13 Pope Francis canonized five new saints: **John Henry Newman, Sr. Mariam Thresia, Sr. Giuseppina Vannin, Sr. Dulce Lopes Pontes, and Marguerite Bays.**⁵



The most well-known of these is **John Henry Newman** (1801-1890), the 19th-century's most important English-speaking Roman Catholic theologian, who spent the

first half of his life as an Anglican and the second half as a Roman Catholic. He was a priest, popular preacher, writer, and eminent theologian in both Churches.



Sr. Mariam Thresia (1876-1926), born into a poor family in India, early in life had an intense desire to love God, and she would fast four times a week and pray the Rosary several times daily.

She longed for a life of contemplation, prayer, and penance in solitude, but instead turned to a life of service. She founded the Congregation of the Holy Family (officially accepted in 1914) and continued to care for and educate children, the poor, and orphans, while living a life of prayer and penance.



Sr. Giuseppina Vannini (1859-1911) was born as Giuditta in Rome, was orphaned at age seven when her parents died. Giuditta was cared for by the Vincentian sisters.

Originally interested in becoming a kindergarten teacher, Giuditta eventually decided on religious life, and entered the Daughters of Saint Camillus community as a tertiary, becoming Mother Superior and taking the name Giuseppina. The community spread,

started houses in France, Argentina, and Belgium, and finally gained official approval in 1909. Giuseppina died shortly thereafter.

Maria Rita de Souza Brito Lopes Pontes (1914-1992) was born in Brazil. Her father's and her aunt's dedication to the poor inspired the young Maria to begin caring for the poor



and the sick in her own home. After teaching high school for a while, she entered the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate

Conception of the Mother of God (SMIC), took the name Dulce, and returned to Salvador, where she taught in her congregation's school, served the poor, and, among many significant accomplishments, founded the Charitable Works Foundation of Sister Dulce to provide health care for her country. She was recognized for her work with the Nobel Peace Prize in 1988.



Marguerite Bays (1815-1879) was born in Switzerland of a simple farming family, worked as a dressmaker, spent her life in her neighborhood, and was best known for being a

simple, devout, and cheerful woman who didn't draw attention to herself. She strove to maintain a simple and austere life in order to better serve the sick and poor around her. It was her love of service that led to a strong identification with the charism of St. Francis of Assisi. She felt freer to serve God if she was not a member of a religious congregation and instead joined the lay branch of the Franciscan family, the **Secular Franciscan Order**.

November Birthdays

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

⁵ Most of these descriptions were extracted from Salt and Light Media, URL <https://saltandlighttv.org/>.

Los Tres Companeros Donation

Last month we announced a donation drive for Los Tres Companeros Regional Fraternity to assist legal immigrants, to be matched by funds approved by your fraternity Council. You responded with donations and pledges totaling \$50, to which Council added another \$61 to purchase and ship supplies to assist our fellow Franciscans. Thank you to all who donated.

KMSS Raffle

The Knights of Mt St. Sepulchre thanks all fraternity members who participated in its raffle ticket fundraising and picnic. The funds raised will help further their ministry to the Monastery.

A Stitch in Chimes

Here's a look at our fraternity 20 years ago:

In October of 1999 the fraternity discussed article 11 of our Rule, the Chimes had an excerpt from the book "Way of Life", we received letters from members Marie Cole and Helen Walls, Fr. Kevin wrote a reflection on the Eucharist, and Alan Blevins gave a presentation on ecology and conservation.



Please Pray For Our Sick

Connie Ramseth's husband, Robert; Gerda Biglin; Amy Bilyeau; Vilma Camposano; Mary Anne Corr and her niece, Patricia Corr; Maria Louisa Correa; Lourdes Corso and her family; John Hewitt; Polly Howard; Nancy McCleary; Margaret Murphy and her husband Jim; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Carol Petro; Helen Walls; Deneen Whipple and her family; and Donna Wilkes and her family. Donna asks for special prayers for her brother, Hollis, and her father, Roland.

Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers the following friar, whose feast day is this month: Oct 25 – Thomas Courtney.

October Reflection

By Larry Bleau, OFS

"Be holy, as I am holy," St. Peter exhorts us in his letter, as he recalls for us God's instructions from the Book of Leviticus. Holiness, though, does not require one to be a "bishop, a priest or a religious⁶"; rather, it is something to which everyone is called – especially the laity. Saints are those who, after leaving their earthly life, are in the presence of God. Since God wants all of us to join Him in heaven – after all, He did send Jesus to die for us and redeem us! – it is He who calls all of us to be saints!



We, as members of the laity, and as the Holy Father put it so well, are called to be the "saint next door"⁷: to inspire others to answer their personal call to holiness; to live out the Beatitudes in our life; to practice the virtues – patience, perseverance, meekness, and others – and do so with joy; to be faithful to the Church and to Our Lord; and, of course, to pray.

It was with joy, then, that we learn that this month that of the newly recognized saints, one of them, Marguerite Bays, is a layperson, and a member of our own Order. May we all come to see in our lives ways to answer the calling we all have: to live the Gospel, in the manner of St. Francis, each bringing – and being – Christ to those in the world, especially those next door.

Pray For Our Deceased Joan Kane, who we just learned passed in 2015. Joan was professed in 1960 and transferred into our fraternity in 2012. She is survived by her husband, Francis, who is also a fraternity member. 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.

⁶ *Gaudete et Exsultate* 14, URL

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html

⁷ *Ibid.* 6