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Schedule

- 9:30am Council meeting – Sacred Heart Room
- 11:00am Candidate 2019: rehearsal of profession – Sacred Heart Room
- 11:15am Franciscan Crown Rosary in St. Bonaventure Room
- 12:00pm Mass of Profession 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

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Reception honoring newly professed members **Bennett Solberg, Joseph Gigliotti, and Mary Gigliotti**
- Opening prayer
- Minister and Formation Director's address to newly professed
- Renewal of Commitment
- Presentation of certificates
- Discussion of the Rule – Article 10
- Closing Evening prayer. We will use the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

DON'T FORGET YOUR BINDERS!

◆ Theme: **DUTY** ◆

Bible Quote of the Month



I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with knowledge and competent to instruct one another. Yet I have written you quite boldly on some points to remind you of them again, because of the grace God gave me to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles. He gave me the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. (*Rom 15:14-16*)

Prayer of the Month

Father, you have called us to follow Jesus Christ, whom You with the Holy Spirit have established as priest, prophet, and king. As followers of Him, we are also called to fulfill these offices in our lives. We pray that we may receive the grace to incline us to serve You, the insight to discern Your will, and the wisdom to act in a prudent and effective manner so as to be faithful witnesses of Your love in the world. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

JESUS



PROPHET.



PRIEST.



KING.

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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

18. On compassion for one's neighbor ¹

Blessed (is) the man, who supports his neighbor during his frailty to the extent that he would want to be supported by him, if he falls into an exactly similar situation. Blessed (is) the servant who renders all his goods to the Lord God, because he who has retained anything for himself "conceals" within himself "the money of his Lord" God (Mt 25:18) and "what" he thought he "had, shall be born away from" him (Lk 8:18).

¹ *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 10 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

United themselves to the redemptive obedience of Jesus, who placed his will into the Father's hands, let them faithfully fulfill the duties proper to their various circumstances of life. Let them also follow the poor and crucified Christ, witness to him even in difficulties and persecutions.

The Information Corner – Pope Quote



"The Gospel of the day (Lk 19:1-10) shows us that the merciful gaze of the Lord reaches us before we even realize that we need it to be saved." "Christian hope,

nourished by the light of Christ, makes the resurrection and life shine even in the world's darkest nights."²

Papal Intention for the Month

Prayer Intention – Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East. That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.³

Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$172 in donations and disbursed \$960.91 in expenses, which includes back rent for our rooms.

Update Your Directory

Justina Essiet's telephone number is incorrect in our directory; it should be 301-335-3322.

² Nov 3 and 7, 2017. URL <http://twitter.com/pontifex>

³ Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. Accessed Nov 3, 2019, URL <http://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/>

The Information Corner

Nov 25th – Feastday of Bl. Elizabeth of Reute.⁴

Elizabeth was born November 25, 1386, at Waldsee in Swabia, a part of modern day Bavaria. From her earliest days she showed a rare piety, and under the direction of her confessor, she made extraordinary progress towards perfection.



When fourteen she received the habit of the Third Order of St. Francis. She continued to live at home for a time, but after finding it uncongenial, she moved to and remained at the house of a pious tertiary, where the two worked at weaving. The remuneration was small and they frequently suffered from hunger and other privations. After three years her confessor established a house for tertiaries at Reuter and Elizabeth entered it together with some others.

Here Elizabeth worked in the kitchen and began her wonderful life of seclusion, fasting, and prayer. There was no cloister at the convent, yet she led so retired a life that she was called “the Recluse.” She spent many hours in a little garden, kneeling on a stone or prostrate on the ground in contemplation. She suffered greatly from attacks of the evil spirit, suspicions of her sisters in religion, leprosy, and other sicknesses.

In all her trials she showed a heavenly patience, which she learned from the Passion of Christ, the continual subject of her meditation, the object of her love, and the rule of her life. She bore the marks of the Passion on her body; her head often showed the marks of the Thorns, and her body those of the Scourging.
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⁴ Mershman, F. (1909). Blessed Elizabeth of Reute. In The Catholic Encyclopedia. New York: Robert Appleton Company. Retrieved November 8, 2019 from New Advent: <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/05391b.htm>

Congratulations to Those Celebrating Their Anniversaries

Please extend heartfelt congratulations to our members who this year celebrate a special anniversary of their profession to the Secular Franciscan Order:

60 Years: Francis Kane

40 Years: Maria Louisa
Correra

20 Years: Justina Essiet

10 Years: Efigenia Cortes-Zalama



Save the Date for Advent Retreat

The Franciscan Sisters of Washington will host an Advent Retreat on Sat., Dec 14, 9am-4pm, at the Franciscan Monastery. The speaker will be Fr. Greg Friedman OFM.



Registration forms will be emailed out soon. The cost will be roughly \$40 per person. If you would like to attend but would have difficulty covering the fee, please let Larry or Michele know.

The Information Corner (continued)

The stigmata appeared only now and then, but her pains never ceased.

She was shown the happiness of the blessed and the souls in the state of purgation; the secrets of hearts and of the future were unveiled to her; and she foretold the election of Martin V and the end of the Western Schism. Throughout she always preserved a great humility. After her death on November 25, 1420, she was buried in the church of Reute.

Her life was written by her confessor and sent to the Bishop of Constance, but it was only after 1623, when her tomb was opened, that her popular veneration spread in Swabia. After several miracles had been wrought through her intercession the Holy See was asked to ratify her cult, which was done June 19, 1766, by Clement XIII. Her feastday is November 25.

A Stitch in Chimes

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

In January of 1999 the fraternity discussed ways to prepare for the Jubilee Year 2000, Fr. Kevin concluded a series of presentations on Franciscan Spirituality, Andrew Przybiski (d.) transferred into our fraternity, Mary Anne Corr led a discussion on ways to prepare for Lent, we reported proudly that Donna Wilkes was honored at the 17th Annual Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities Awards Ceremony, and fraternity member John Mitton died.



Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

December 2 – Bl. Maria Angela Astorch, virgin, II Order; Bl. Rafal Chylinski, priest, I Order; 8 – Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron & Queen of the Franciscan Order; 10 – Bl. Peter Tecelano, III Order; 13 – Finding the Body of St. Francis; 15 – Bl. Mary Frances Schervier, virgin, III Order.

Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers friar Francisco Xavier Sihuay, whose feast day is December 3.

December Birthdays

December 16 – Clotilda Crawley; 20 – Patrick Nolan, Mark Pirritano, Soledad Wong; 31 – Leonora Okomo.



Pray For Our Deceased Donna Wilkes' father, **Roland Wilkes**, who died on Oct 26, 2019; his funeral was on Nov 8. 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.

November Reflection

By Larry Bleau, OFS

Duty is often thought of in a negative sense in our society, but it has a great and honorable heritage. A Founding Father of our country, George Washington, said that “[T]he consideration that human happiness and moral duty are inseparably connected, will always continue to prompt me to promote the progress of the former, by inculcating the practice of the latter.⁵” The Founder of our own Order, St. Francis himself, said of his duty, “I have done what is mine; may Christ teach you yours!⁶”

We have been given a duty to proclaim the Gospel – by deed, and, when necessary, by word – to the entire world. As Secular Franciscans, it is a gift and opportunity to be able to carry out this duty in our lives, bringing the Good News to everyone we meet. Such a duty is a joy, then, not a burden. With this thought in mind, then, let us fulfill our duty cheerfully, not reluctantly; for God loves the cheerful giver.⁷



Please Pray For Our Sick

Connie Ramseth's husband, Robert; Vilma Camposano; Rosemary Boardley and her family; Mary Anne Corr and her niece, Patricia Corr; Maria Louisa Correa; Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi's friend Ron Harner; Jean Fleurival; John Hewitt; Polly Howard; Nancy McCleary; Margaret Murphy and her husband Jim; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Carol Petro; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Helen Walls; Deneen Whipple and her family; and Donna Wilkes, her brother, Hollis, and her father, Roland Wilkes (d.).

⁵ From George Washington to the Protestant Episcopal Church, Wednesday, August 19, 1789. Source: Mt. Vernon digital archives, accessed Nov 10, 2019, URL <https://www.mountvernon.org/library/digitalhistory/quotes/>

⁶ Francis of Assisi - The Founder: Early Documents, vol 2, *The Remembrance of the Desire of a Soul*, p386.

⁷ 2 Cor 9:6-7