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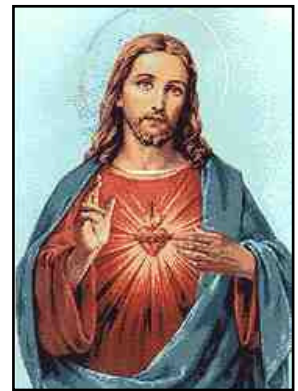
Schedule

- 9:30am Inquiry Session – Sacred Heart Room
– downstairs in the Friary
- 9:30am Candidate Session – large parlor in
upstairs Friary
- 10:30am Franciscan Crown Rosary in Blessed
Sacrament Chapel
- 11:15am Mass in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 12:00pm Fraternity Social Gathering – St.
Francis Room – downstairs in the
Friary. Refreshments will be
provided.
- 12:45pm Fraternity Meeting – St. Francis Room

DON'T FORGET YOUR BINDERS!

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Franciscan
Consecration to the
Sacred Heart
- Handout on the
Sacred Heart
- Fr. Kevin will give
a talk on
“Rebuilding the
Church”
- Closing Evening
prayer. If you have
the “Shorter Christian” Prayer Book, please
bring it with you.



◆ Theme: **FATHERHOOD** ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (*Romans 8:35, 37-39*)

Prayer of the Month

Father, we rejoice in the gifts of love we have received from the heart of Jesus your Son. Open our hearts to share his life and continue to bless us with his love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.



Contacting Council

Below is contact information for Council members; please call before 9pm.



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The Rule

Chapter Two, Rule 12 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Witnessing to the good yet to come and obliged to acquire purity of heart because of the vocation they have embraced, they should set themselves free to love God and their brothers and sisters.

ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

6. On the imitation of the Lord ¹

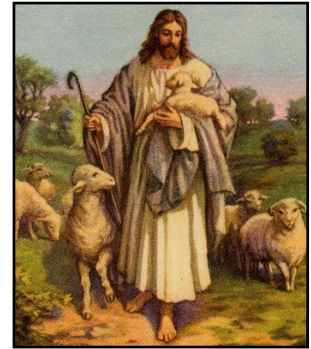
Let us be attentive to the Good Shepherd, who to save His own sheep endured the Passion of the Cross. The sheep of the Lord have followed Him in tribulation and persecution, shame and hunger, in infirmity and temptation and all other things; and because of these they have received from the Lord everlasting life. Therefore, it is a great shame to us, servants of God, that while the saints did the works, we wish to receive glory and honor by merely recounting their deeds.

REFLECTION by *Our Minister*: To better understand the correlation between sheep and people, I did a little research on sheep.... Did you know that... For sheep, the primary defense mechanism is simply to flee from danger when

¹ St. Francis of Assisi, *The Words of Admonition*, translated from the Critical Latin Edition, edited by Fr. Kajetan Esser, O.F.M., courtesy of Five Franciscan Martyrs Region, accessed April 19, 2010, URL <http://www.franciscan-sfo.org/ap/Admonitions.html>

their flight zone is crossed? Does this sound familiar? How many times have we fled in the face of crisis? I know, regarding myself, that I have done this many, many times! But the important question is, who do we run to? As one Minister put it, "Do we run to the phone or to the throne?!"

Sheep can become stressed when separated from their flock members. Hmmm, we all know how hard it is to be separated from family and friends. We can become anxious and stressed! It is difficult to be alone. We depend on the support of others. Did you also know that sheep can recognize individual human and ovine faces, and remember them for years? In Matthew 10:27, Jesus says: "*My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.*" Are we following Jesus? Truly following Jesus? St. Francis says that the sheep of the Lord follow Him in tribulation and persecution, shame and hunger, in infirmity and temptation and all other things. To do that requires a close personal relationship with our Shepherd. That relationship comes through prayer, fasting, penance, scriptural reading, charity, and the sacraments.



Sheep are frequently thought of as extremely unintelligent animals. A sheep's herd mentality and quickness to flee and panic in the face of stress often make shepherding a difficult endeavor for the uninitiated. If worked with patiently, sheep may learn their names, and many sheep are trained to be led by halter for showing and other purposes. Is it no wonder that the Lord would refer to us as sheep? Jesus said that He calls each of us by name, but like sheep, we must listen, be patient, and wait on the Lord, in order to follow Him and gain eternal life. Let us pray to St. Francis then that we may be worthy one day to be called saints, and so, glorify God!

News From Our Seminarian

Dear Mount St Sepulcher Fraternity,

I just wanted to let you know that I got your beautiful card and gift for my ordination. That was so generous of you and I am constantly humbled by how good the Lord is to me through you. I love it when I run into individual members of the fraternity from time to time and what a great day it will be when I can say Mass for you in a little over a year. You have been with me since I first started out as a freshman in minor seminary seven years ago. Thank you for your perseverance and your love of the priesthood.

May Our Lady fill you with the graces needed to grow in intimacy with her Son, and may St Francis always remain an inspiration and advocate helping you to live your promises!



Know you are in my daily prayers.

In the Immaculate, Mike

Don't Take It Personally

We can all think of times when something happens that offends us. This happens in ordinary life, and in fraternity life as well. Perhaps a birthday was incorrect or omitted, a name not mentioned in a prayer list, a criticism of a statement made, or a name misspelled. Sometimes things happen without there being any intent to offend, or even knowledge an offense was taken. In situations like this, don't take it personally; it was never meant that way. Instead, contact the person responsible for the omission and explain it; you will likely find a receptive individual all too willing to rectify the oversight.

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Genie Dutton** says "hello" to all members of our fraternity.

Prayer List

If you want your name included in the Prayer List for a given month, make sure that you inform our telephone Infirmarian, Sarah Faizi (phone 301-589-5482, call after 6pm), before the end of the preceding month. She usually contacts members the week after the Fraternity meeting. She may not be aware of your special needs, though, so call her or contact someone on Council. Let her know, if you wish to remain on the Prayer List for an extended period, as names do not automatically carry over between months.

Unable to Make a Meeting?

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.

July Birthdays

July 6 – Gwen Mason, 8 – Brenda Nutt, 16 – Justina Essiet, 22 – Sarah Faizi, 23 – Marion Stuffle, 24 – John Monti, and 27 – Nancy McCleary.

Items for Our Military

Below are some ideas to choose from for items to send to Sgt. Petosky and unit. In addition, more items are listed, in case you would like to contribute extra or know someone who would. For last names beginning with:

- A - B – Sunscreen
- C – Sanitizing wipes
- D - G – Toothbrush, toothpaste
- H - K – Gatorade or Propel Packets
- L - N – Coffee bags, tea bags, hot cocoa packets
- O - R – Deodorant, shampoo (small bottles)
- S - U – Gum, snacks, granola bars, micro-wave popcorn
- T - Z – Ink pens and paper, playing cards

Extra items for thought: Microwaveable plates, cups, plastic forks and spoons, coffee filters, sardines, Pringles, magazines, DVDs, CDs, MMs, salt & pepper, anything non-perishable.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Pat Allnutt; Mary Bridges; Maria Louisa Corraera's and her sister, Maria Franco; Pat Ferguson and her daughter, Patty Wyman; Roy Foster; Sarah Hurd; Marianne Hughes and her sister; Henry Mullens; Joe Rende's relatives Adriene and Kiana; Polly Sergi and her son, Frank; Eugene Sides; Julie Stratchko; David Weir's wife, Imelda (surgery); Donna Wilkes; and Theresa Wilson.

Adele Spellerberg asks that you not telephone her; visitors and cards are welcome, however. Mary Bridges (her first name is Buleh) welcomes visitors after 11am.

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

July 1 – Blessed Junipera Serra, priest of I Order (optional memorial); 8 – Blessed Gregory Grassi, bishop, and companions, martyrs of I and III Order (optional memorial); 9 – Saint Nicholas Pieck, priest, and companions, martyrs of I Order (memorial); 10 – Saint Veronica Giuliani, virgin of II Order (memorial, feast for II and III Order nuns); 12 – Saints John Jones and John Wall, priests and martyrs of the I Order (optional memorial); 13 – Blessed Angeline of Marciano, religious of the III Order (memorial for II Order nuns); 14 – Saint Francis Solano, priest of I Order Optional (memorial); 15 – Saint Bonaventure, bishop and doctor of I Order (feast); 15 – Holy Sepulchre; 21 – Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and doctor of I Order (feast); 23 – Blessed Cunegundes, religious of II Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns); 23 – Saint Bridget, widow of III Order, founder. Optional (memorial); 24 – Blessed Louise of Savoy, religious of II Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns); 27 – Bl. Mary Magdalene of Martinegro, virgin of II Order. Opt. Mem. for II and III Order nuns.

Pray For Our Deceased

John Stratchko, age 21, grandson of member Julie Stratchko, died in an accident front of his house on Broomes Island on May 3. Julie asks that we pray for her and her family. His funeral was held on May 8. May the souls of the faithful depart, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

June Reflection

Divine Compassion – Sacred Heart of Jesus
A reading from 'The Remembrance of the Desire of a Soul', by Thomas Celano



Perhaps it would be useful and worthwhile to touch briefly on the special devotions of Saint Francis. Although this man was devout in all things, since he enjoyed the anointing of the Spirit, there were special things that moved him with special affection.

Among other expressions used in common speech, he could not hear the words 'the love of God' without a change in himself. As soon as he heard the words 'the love of God' he was excited, moved, and on fire, as if these words from the outside were a prick strumming the strings of his heart on the inside.

He use to say that it was a noble extravagance to offer such a treasure for alms, and that those who considered it less valuable than money were complete fools. As for himself, he kept until his death the resolution he made while still entangled in the things of this world: he would never refuse any poor person who asked something 'for the love of God'.

Once, a poor man begged something of him 'for the love of God', and since he had nothing, he secretly picked up scissors and hurried to cut his small tunic in two. And he would have done just that, except that he was caught by the brothers, and they had the poor man supplied with a different compensation.

He said, "The love of him who loved us greatly is greatly to be loved!"