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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

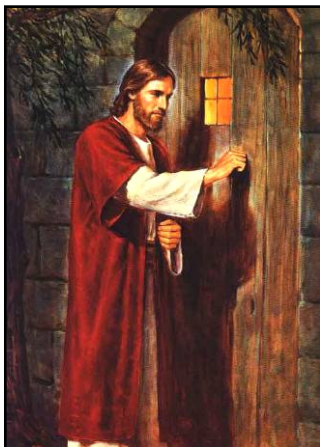
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## Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening Prayers
- Update on Sick Members
- Handout of Scripture Verses
- Minister's talk – "Servanthood", followed by group discussion
- Short break
- Vice Minister's talk – "Bible Apologetics"
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the "Shorter Christian" Prayer Book, please bring it with you.

## ◆ Theme: SPIRIT AND LIFE ◆

### Bible Quote of the Month



I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and sit down to supper with him, and he with me.

(*Revelation 3:20*)

### Prayer of the Month

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast appointed Thy only-begotten Son to be the Redeemer of the world and hast been pleased to be reconciled unto us by His Blood, grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate with solemn worship the price of our salvation, that the power thereof may here on earth keep us from all things hurtful and the fruit of the same may gladden us forever hereafter in heaven. Through the same Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

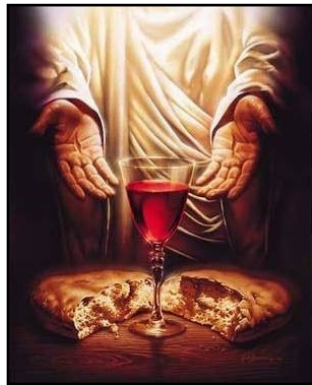
## **The Information Corner**<sup>1</sup>

### **PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS**

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. In July, it is the Precious Blood of Jesus<sup>2</sup>. The Precious Blood, like the Sacred Heart of Jesus, has long been venerated for its role in our redemption.

The month of July is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of the Redeemer. Supreme homage is given to the Sacred Blood. As we adore the Sacred Heart, because it is the Heart of Jesus, who is God, so we adore the Most Precious Blood.

The Blood of Jesus is the fountain of salvation. Each drop that flowed from the wounds of the Saviour is a pledge of man's eternal salvation. All races of the earth have been ransomed, and all individuals, who



will allow the saving power of the Sacred Blood to be applied to their soul, are heirs of heaven. St. John Chrysostom calls the Precious Blood “the saviour of souls”; St. Thomas Aquinas, “the key to heaven’s treasures”; St. Ambrose, “pure gold of ineffable worth”; St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, “a magnet of souls and pledge of eternal life”. The sins of mankind, in their number, in their offense to the Supreme Being, in the effects on transgressors, are immense; yet, the Precious Blood of Jesus is not frightened by numbers, it has in Itself the power to appease an angered God and to heal wounded creatures.

<sup>1</sup> Precious Blood of Jesus, accessed June 27, 2010, URL <http://www.magnificat.ca/cal/engl/07-01.htm>; original source: *Heavenly Friends*, by Rosalie Marie Levy (St. Paul Editions: Boston, 1984)

<sup>2</sup> The Feast of the Precious Blood, established by Pope Pius IX in 1849, is celebrated each year on the first Sunday of July.

The Precious Blood is a cleansing bath. Unlike all other blood, which stains, the Blood of Jesus washes clean and white. According to the words of St. John, in the Apocalypse, the Angels wonder, and the question is asked: “These that are clothed in white robes, who are they?” The Lord answers: “These are they that have washed their robes, and have made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.” For no other reason did the Precious Blood flow but to regain for the souls of men the beautiful dress of innocence, and once regained, to preserve it throughout life and into eternity..... Without It, they would have remained slaves of Satan and outcasts from the eternal mansions of God. Let us profess that we owe to the Sacred Blood of Jesus all that we have in this life, and that to It we shall owe all that we shall enjoy in a better and eternal life! Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us!

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### **Contacting Council**

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



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### **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.

## ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

### 7. Good Works should follow knowledge<sup>3</sup>

The Apostle says: “The letter kills, but the spirit gives life.” (2 Cor 3:6). Those have died by the letter who desire to know only the words, so as to be esteemed as wiser among others and be able to acquire great riches to be given to relatives and friends. And those religious have died by the letter, who do not want to follow the spirit of Divine, but rather desire only to know the words and to explain them to others. And those have been vivified by the Divine Letter, who do not attribute every letter, which they know and desire to know, to the body, but in word and example render them to the Most High Lord God, of whom every good belongs.



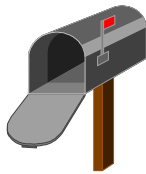
### The Rule

Chapter Two, Rule 13 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

As the Father sees in every person the features of his Son, the firstborn of many brothers and sisters, so the Secular Franciscans with a gentle and courteous spirit accept all people as a gift of the Lord and an image of Christ.

### From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Donna Wilkes** prays for all our members daily. Thank you and God bless you, Donna, we pray for you too!
- **Eugene Sides** writes: “Marie-Denyse was one of my very special friends and I know she now stands in the shadow of Our Blessed Lord and Mary Our Mother as their devoted child. She was very special and



<sup>3</sup> 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>

Our Blessed Lord has called her home. I am so glad she will be receiving a mass at the Franciscan Monastery ...I'll remember her in my prayers always. I read the Chimes each month with great anticipation now that I am almost homebound. Please give my love to everyone.”

- **Anna Zaczynski** has a new address: 16601 Batchellors Forest Road, Olney, MD 20832. [Update your directory!](#)
- **Mary Bridges** (her first name is Buleh) has a new address: c/o Stoddard Baptist Nursing Home, 1818 Newton St., NW, Washington, DC 20010. [Update your directory!](#)

### July Birthdays

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



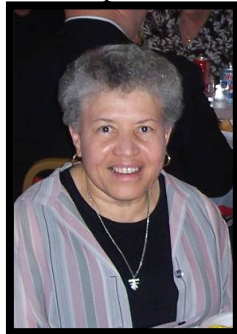
### Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

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), and Holy Sepulchre (feast); 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), and 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 (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns).

### Pray For Our Deceased

**Marie-Denyse Romain**, who died on June 16, 2010. Her funeral Mass was on June 30 at the Franciscan Monastery. Marie-Denyse was professed 25 years ago, on June 16, 1985. She was elected Minister on January 21, 2007, and served for nearly three years until her surgery in fall 2009, when she had to step aside. She played many other important roles in the Fraternity at various times: she played a critical role as a vibrant and enthusiastic member of the Formation Team, edited the *Chimes* newsletter, organized a retreat for members, wrote spiritual reflections that were published in the *Chimes*, and counseled many a member on their profession.

Her favorite saint is Padre Pio, to whom she had a great devotion. She led a pilgrimage to the shrine of Padre Pio in Barto, PA, in 2001; organized a first Mass in his honor in 2002; and started a Padre Pio prayer group within the Fraternity.



Sympathy cards can be sent to her sister, Lucienne Schirner, at 7651 Tremayne Place, #301, McLean, VA 22102-7653.

Pray for **Joseph Hromulak**, loving husband of Fraternity member **Margaret Hromulak**, who passed on June 13 at the age of 93. Joseph's funeral was held at St. Hugh's Catholic Church in Greenbelt, MD. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Margaret.

Pray for **Faye Nell Blevins**, mother of member **Alan Blevins**, who passed away on July 2 at the age of 79 at her home in Plano, TX. A memorial service for Faye was held on July 8. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as well, Alan.

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.

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### Please Pray For Our Sick

Pat Allnutt; Buleh Mary Bridges; Dorothy Clayton; Maria Louisa Correra's and her sister,

Maria Franco; Lourdes Corso; Sarah Faizi's mother, Hilda; Roy Foster; Pat Ferguson and her daughter, Pattie Wyman; Sarah Hurd; Marianne Hughes and her sister; Henry Mullens; Joe Rende's relatives Adriene and Kiana; Eugene Sides; Adele Spellerberg and her daughter, Ruthie; Julia Stratchko; David Weir's wife, Imelda (surgery); Donna Wilkes and her brother, Hollis; and Theresa Wilson.

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

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### July Reflection

*A Reading from 'The Earlier Rule' of St. Francis –  
A Sense of the Divine*

None of the brothers may be treasurers or overseers in any of those places where they are staying to serve or work among others. They may not be in charge in the houses in which they serve nor accept any office which would generate scandal or be harmful to their souls; let them, instead, be the lesser ones and be subject to all in the same house.

Let the brothers who know how to work do so and exercise that trade they have learned, provided it is not contrary to the good of their souls and can be performed honestly. For the prophet says, "You shall eat the fruit of your labours; you are blessed and it shall be well for you." The Apostle says, "Whoever does not wish to work shall not eat." And "Let everyone remain in that trade and office in which he has been called."

And for their work they can receive whatever is necessary excepting money. And when it is necessary, they may seek alms like other poor people. Let them not be ashamed. And it is lawful for them to have the tools and instruments suitable for their trades.

Let all the brothers always strive to exert themselves in doing good works, for it is written, "Always do something good that the devil may find you occupied." And again, "Idleness is an enemy of the soul." Servants of God, therefore, must always apply themselves to prayer or some good work.