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Schedule

- 9:30am Inquiry Session – Sacred Heart Room – downstairs in the Friary
- 9:30am Candidate Session – **St. Bonaventure Room** downstairs (former mail room)
- 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
- 2:15pm Council meeting

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- News and Update on Sick Members
- Talk by Chris Cropper: **Apologetics on Marian Doctrine**
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the “Shorter Christian” Prayer Book, please bring it with you.

***DON'T FORGET YOUR
BINDERS!***



◆ Theme: FRANCISCAN LIVING ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same?” (*Matthew 5:43-47*)

Prayer of the Month



Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Contacting Council

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

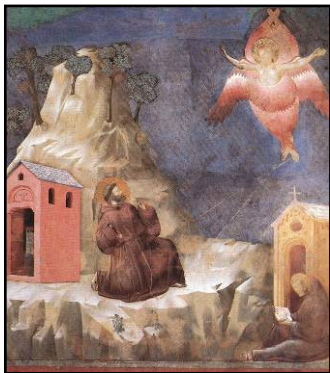


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► **Note:** For the immediate future, while Vicky Spalding is caring for her husband, Chris Cropper will assume the duties of Minister. Please direct your inquiries to him.

The Information Corner¹

Feast of the Stigmata - September 17



Two years before Francis, the faithful servant of Christ, gave his soul back to God, he was alone on the top of Mt. Alverna. There he had begun a fast of forty days in honor of the archangel Michael

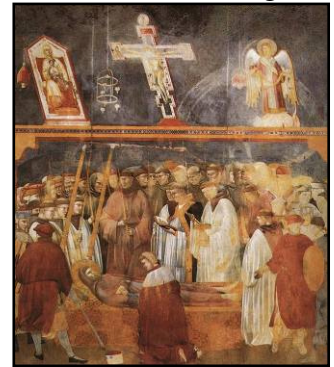
and was immersed more deeply than usual in the delights of heavenly contemplation. His soul became aglow with the ardor of fervent longing for heaven as he experienced within himself the operations of grace.

As he was drawn aloft through ardent longing for God one morning near the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, and was praying on the mountainside, he saw what appeared as a seraph with six bright wings gleaming like a fire descending from the heights of heaven. As this figure approached in swift flight and came near the man of God it appeared not only

winged but also crucified. The sight of it amazed Francis, and his soul experienced joy mingled with pain. He was delighted with the sight of Christ appearing to him so graciously and intimately and yet the awe-inspiring vision of Christ nailed to the cross aroused in his soul a joy of compassionate love.

When the vision vanished after a mysterious and intimate conversation it left Francis aglow

with seraphic love in his soul. Externally, however, it left marks on his body like those of the Crucified as if the impression of a seal had been left on heated wax. The figures of the nails



appeared immediately on his hands and feet. The heads of the nails were inside his hands but on top of his feet with their points extending through to the opposite side. His right side too showed a blood-red wound as if it had been pierced by a lance, and blood flowed frequently from it.

Because of this new and astounding miracle unheard of in times past, Francis came down from the mountain a new man adorned with the sacred stigmata, bearing in his body the image of the Crucified not made by a craftsman in wood or stone, but fashioned in his members by the hand of the living God.

Upcoming Dates

September 14: Triumph of the Cross

September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows

September 17: Stigmata of Our Holy Father Francis

September 23: Finding of the body of St. Clare

September 23: Feast of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

September 29: Feast of the Archangels

October 3: Transitus (celebrating the passing of St. Francis)

October 4: Feast of Our Holy Father Francis



¹ St. Bonaventure, *Legenda Minor* (de Stigmatibus sacris, 1-4); ed. Quaracchi, 1941; pp. 202-204



The Rule

Chapter Two, Rule 15 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Let them individually and collectively be in the forefront in promoting justice by the testimony of their human lives and their courageous initiatives. Especially in the field of public life, they should make definite choices in harmony with their faith.

ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

9. On Love²

The Lord says: “Love your enemies; [do good to those who hate you, and pray on behalf of those who are persecuting and calumniating you]” (*Mt 5:44*). For he truly loves his enemy, who does not grieve because of the injury, which he did to him, but, concerning the sin against his own soul, burns for the sake of the love of God. And he shows love for him by (his) deeds.

Congratulations, Knights!



Congratulations to three Knights of Mount Saint Sepulchre: Pat Kelliher (left),

who was knighted 50 years ago; and Larry Bleau (center) and Warren Davis (right), who were knighted 25 years ago. Thank you all for your service to our beloved Franciscan Monastery!

Open House

The Fraternity will host an Open House at its October 17 meeting for those who want to learn more about and consider a calling to the Secular Franciscan Order. The visitors will be greeted in the lobby of the Friary at 9:30am and

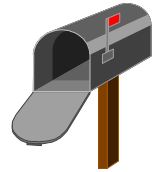
² St. Francis of Assisi, *The Words of Admonition*, translated from the Critical Latin Edition, edited by Fr. Kajetan Esser, O.F.M, courtesy of Five Franciscan Martyrs Region, accessed April 19, 2010, URL <http://www.franciscan-sfo.org/ap/Admonitions.html>

escorted to the Open House where our Vice Minister will speak with them about the SFO. They will also celebrate Mass with us and attend our Fraternity meeting; please welcome them.

News From Our Seminarian

Michael Paris was ordained to the Diaconate on June 15. Here are excerpts from his letter:

Thank you again for your generous and thoughtful support over these last few years. In early June I was ordained a Deacon and it was an awesome moment in my life.



During the Mass as I lay on the floor asking for the saints to pray for me I realized what a gift it is to have the opportunity for giving my life to the Lord. That day I committed myself to lifelong celibacy, obedience to the Bishop and daily prayer for the Church. These are not simply burdens that one must accept for the sake of the prize of the Priesthood, but valuable gifts that allows oneself to become more free and more capable of intimacy with God and his people.



The summer was a great experience. I was stationed at Little Flower in Bethesda and worked with good priests who were sources of example and encouragement as I stumbled about as a newborn deacon. I was able to preach at Mass, baptize children, visit the sick, assist the Priest in midnight runs to the hospital for anointings, and try my best to live as a deacon should, as one who serves. But the most important thing was coming to know ever more deeply that I am loved by God and he desires me to share this special friendship with Him in being his minister.

Now I begin again my seminary studies for my 8th and final year. It will be a challenge to balance academics with all the pastoral work I now have on the weekends, but God has brought me this far and will give me what I need to do my duty. I ask for your prayers and please know that I pray for you daily and truly appreciate your love and support for me.

Peace and God Bless, Deacon Michael Paris

October Birthdays

October 2 – Eugene Sides, 6 – Margaret Murphy, 15 – Raymond Apodaca, 22 – Gerda Biglin.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau's wife, Valerie, and brother, Ronald; Teresita Pena-Castro Bohan; Rita Braddock; Buleh Mary Bridges; Dorothy Clayton and her friend, Jenny; Maria Louisa Corraera and her sister, Maria Franco; Genie Dutton's husband, Gene; Pat Ferguson and her daughter, Pattie Wyman; Roy Foster; Ling Guiron's sister, Nancie Villafior; Marianne Hughes and her family; Gwen Mason (surgery) and her husband, Robert; Henry Mullens; Eugene Sides and his wife, Annegret; Donna Wilkes and her brother, Hollis; Vicky Spalding's husband, Samuel (cancer); Adele Spellerberg and her daughter, Ruthie; Julia Stratchko; and Theresa Wilson. Teresita Pena-Castro Bohan would like visitors.



November Hospitality

Help our Hospitality Ministry by bringing food or beverage to the reception after the November 21 profession. Contact Bill Richardson (at 301-848-7390 or richardson4645@yahoo.com) if you want to assist.

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); 20 – 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); 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, 14 – Callistus Welch, and 25 – Thomas Courtney.

September Reflection³

By Father John Tauler, O.P.



“No Servant can serve two masters”

Now, my dear children, it happens that some souls, drawing themselves inward, place their joy in themselves, picking and choosing what pleases them in the spiritual life. They do not abandon themselves to God, but all in self-will they follow their own self-chosen methods. The souls that act that way enjoy God's gifts and graces inordinately, receiving little fruit, and sometimes none at all. Now God knows that if we should cast a brighter light upon such people's faults, and if he withdrew from them their devotional sweetness, they would not remain faithful to him. That is why he gives such spirits the sweet solace of religious feeling, lest they should quite give up his service. They are yet petty and weak of character; and the reason is because they are full of self-will. They are very dear to themselves. As to perfection, they mistake the show for the reality. They are essentially outward characters, having little interior life. Hence they are all too readily led astray.

But there are other souls, who have given up to God in a state of most interior detachment, receiving everything from God with equal indifference whether it be bitter or sweet. And if spiritual joy departs, that loss moves them not one whit farther from God. These souls prefer the reality to the show of perfection; they lead spiritual lives fruitful of the essentials of religion. They are the true, interior spirits.

Father John Tauler, O.P. († 1361)

³ Elliot, Very Rev. Walter, Tr., *The Sermons and Conferences of John Tauler*, Apostolic Mission House, 1910, Washington, DC