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## **NOTE CHANGE IN SCHEDULE!**

### **Schedule**

- 9:30am Candidate Session – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs
- 10:00am Orientation Session – Sacred Heart Room – downstairs in the Friary
- 11:00am Fraternity Social Gathering – St. Francis Room – downstairs in the Friary. Refreshments to be provided.
- 11:30pm Fraternity Meeting – St. Francis Room
- 1:30pm Rosary in Main Church
- 2:00pm Mass and Healing Service in Main Church, with Fr. Bill Foley and Fr. James Stack

## **Fraternity Meeting Agenda**

- Opening prayers
- Power Point Presentation on Healing
- Handouts on Healing
- Witnessing

### ***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.

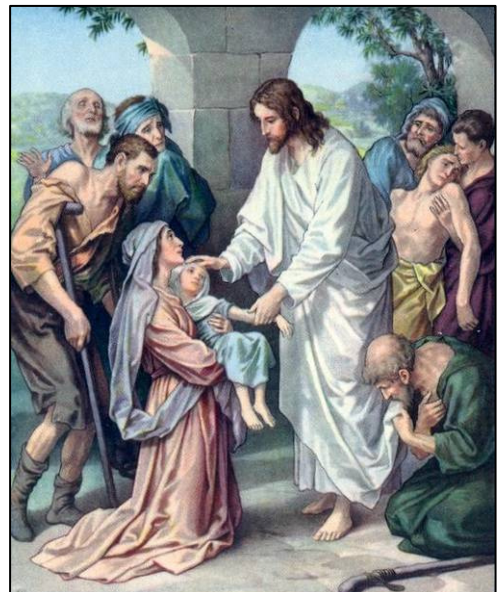
## ◆ Theme: **NEW LIFE IN CHRIST** ◆

### **Bible Quote of the Month**

And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent *word* into all that surrounding district and brought to Him all who were sick; and they implored Him that they might just touch the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched *it* were cured. (*Matthew 14:34-35*)

### **Prayer of the Month**

We ask you lord Jesus, by the power of your holy wound, by your holy cross and by the blood that was shed on the cross of Calvary, heal my spirit, heal my soul, heal my body as I say this prayer for healing in Jesus name. Amen.



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## **ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS**

### **1. The Body of the Lord <sup>1</sup>**

The Lord Jesus said to His disciples: “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.” “If” you know “Me,” you would know “My Father as well; and from now on you shall know Him and have seen Him.” “Philip said to Him: Lord, show us the Father, and that suffices for us.” “Jesus said to him: So much time I have been with you, and you do not know Me? Philip, he who sees Me, sees even” My “Father” (Jn 14:6-9). The Father dwells “in inaccessible light” (cf. 1 Tm 6:16), and “God is spirit” (Jn 4:24), and “no one ever sees God” (Jn 1:18). For this reason He cannot be seen except in spirit, “since it is the spirit which

vivifies, the flesh is good for nothing” (Jn 6:64). But neither does the Son in that, which He is equal to the Father, seem to anyone to be otherwise than the Father, otherwise than the Holy Spirit. Whence all who saw the Lord Jesus according to the Humanity and both did not see and believe according to the spirit and the Divinity, that He Himself is the true Son of God, have been damned; so even now all who see the Sacrament, which is sanctified by the words of the Lord upon the altar by the hand of the priest in the form of bread and wine, and do not see and believe according to the spirit and the Divinity, that this is truly the Most Holy Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, have been damned, since the Most High Himself testifies, who said: “This is My Body and” My “Blood of the New Testament [which is poured forth on behalf of the many]” (Mt 14:22,24); and “He who eats” My Flesh “and drinks” My Blood, “has life eternal” (cf. Jn 6:55). Whence of the Spirit of the Lord, who dwells in His faithful, is he who receives the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord. All others, who do not share this same Spirit and presume to receive Him, eat “and” drink “judgement upon themselves” (cf. 1 Cor. 11:29).

Whence: “Sons of men, how long with a heavy heart?” (Ps 4:3) Why is it that do you not know the truth and believe “in the Son of God?” (cf. Jn 9:35) Behold, every day He humbles Himself (cf. Phil 2:8), just as when “from royal thrones” (Wis 18:15) He came into the womb of the Virgin; every day He comes to us Himself humbly appearing; everyday He descends from the bosom of the Father upon the altar in the hands of the priest. And just as to the holy Apostles in true flesh, so even now He shows Himself to us in the Sacred Bread. And just as when they gazed at His very own flesh they saw only His flesh, but contemplating with spiritual eyes believed Him to be God, so we too seeing bread and wine with bodily eyes, are to see and firmly believe, that they are His Most Holy Body and Blood, living and true. And in such a manner the Lord is always with His faithful, just as He Himself says: “Behold I am with you even to the consummation of the age” (cf. Mt 28:20)

<sup>1</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>



### **The Rule**

Chapter Three, Article 24 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

To foster communion among members, the council should organize regular and frequent meetings of the community as well as meeting with other Franciscan groups, especially with youth groups. It should adopt appropriate means for growth in Franciscan and ecclesial life and encourage everyone to a life of fraternity. This communion continues with deceased brothers and sisters through prayer for them.

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### **Regional Election Results**



On March 24, the fraternities that compose the St. Margaret of Cortona Region met to elect its leaders, who will serve on the Regional Council. Elected were: Patrick Martin (Minister), Mary Simmons (Vice-Minister), Teri Egan (Secretary), Marylou Coffman (Treasurer), Michael Huether (Formation Director), and Laura Hansen-Rainey (DC Metro Regional Councilor). Please pray for those who were elected as servant-leaders of our Region, and gives thanks to those who have served our Region during the past three years.

### **From the Mailbox: News of our Family**

Recently we received a handwritten letter from the family in India whom the Fraternity supports through the Franciscan Family Apostolate program. Here is an extract from the letter. Please keep them in your prayers.



Received your timely assistance for which we thank you very much. We also received the extra money sent for Christmas. With that amount we bought new dresses for our girls and had a delicious Christmas dinner. We have no words to express our gratitude and offer special prayers for your intentions. Now the children are working hard to score good marks on their examinations and then two months vacation. Once again thank you and wishing you the Risen Lord's peace at Easter.

With love, Mary Sebastian

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### **Meeting Etiquette**

At the March fraternity meeting cell phones rang several times while Fr. Kevin or Vicky was speaking. Separately, small groups held conversations while others spoke. As a courtesy to other members and the speakers, please remember to turn off your cell phones when you enter the meeting room, and please give full attention to the person in charge, when they are speaking. Thank you!

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### **Thank You for Holy Week**

Below is a message from Fr. Jeremy Harrington, OFM, the Monastery's Guardian:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in St. Francis,



I am very grateful for all the help you gave us during Holy Week! You were a blessing in helping us prepare for all the services, decorating the church for Easter, and assisting in all of the liturgies.

Tenebrae, the Way of the Cross in the garden and all of the Masses were well attended. May the Risen Lord give you special joy and peace!  
--Fr. Jeremy

### Per Capita Dues

Per capita payments, called "Fair Share," are paid by each local fraternity to support the Regional and National Fraternities. The assessment is \$18 per active professed member and \$12 per excused professed member. Please consider donating extra monies if you are able to offset this large expense. Thank you.



### Petition Drive to Preserve Marriage in Maryland

The Catholic Church in Maryland is working with the Maryland Marriage Alliance to repeal legislation passed by the General Assembly to drastically redefine marriage in Maryland. A petition drive will be held at the next Fraternity meeting by Larry Bleau. **You must be registered to vote in Maryland in order to sign the petition.** You must also print your name as it appears on your voter registration. Please bring your voter registration card with you, or visit <http://www.mdelections.umd.edu/voter-registration/status/> to see how you are registered. Larry will collect signatures before the start of the meeting.

### Please Pray For Our Sick



Pat Allnutt; Rita Braddock; Buelah Mary Bridges; Dorothy Clayton and her family; Mary Anne Corr's granddaughter, Katherine Corr; Maria Louisa Correa and her sister Maria Franco; Lordes Corso; Sarah Faizi and her friend, Ron Harner; Marianne Hughes and her family; Pat Ferguson and her daughter, Patty Wyman; Roy Foster; Nancy McCleary (recent operation); Gene Sides and his wife, Annegret; Vicky Spalding and her father, John Lynch; Adele Spellerberg and her daughter, Ruthie; Cecelia Thieman; Dineen Whipple; Theresa Wilson; and Emmy's friend Josephine.

### May Birthdays

May 1 – Lawrence Bleau, 6 – Roy Foster, 8 – Mary Jo Fehr, 12 – Margaret (Peggy) Simoneau, 15 – Delphine Ben, 20 – Mark Di Salvo, 27 – Sandra White, 30 – Joseph Clemente and Jean-Paul Gauthier.



### Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

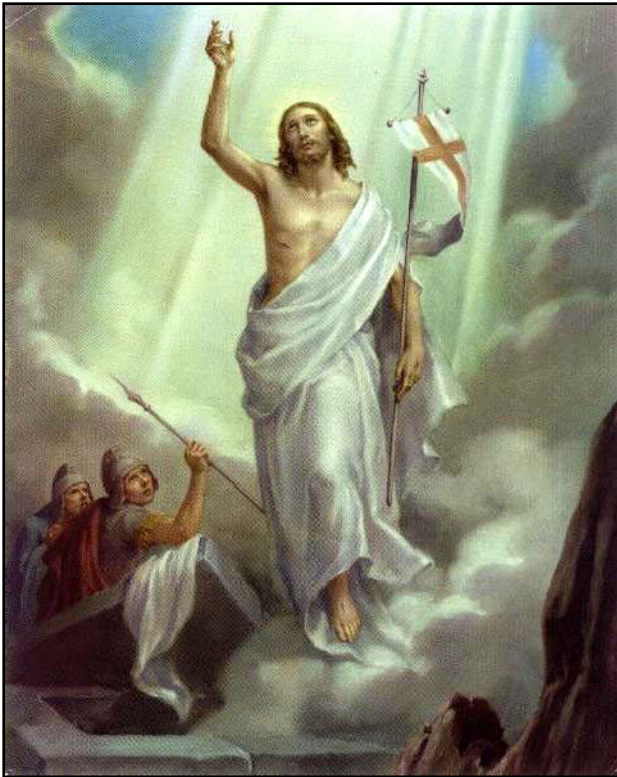
May 9 – Saint Catherine of Bologna, virgin of II Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns); 11 – Saint Ignatius of Laconi, religious of I Order; 16 – Saint Margaret of Cortona, III Order (memorial); 17 – Saint Paschal Baylon, religious of I Order (memorial); 18 – Saint Felix of Cantalice, religious of I Order (feast); 20 – Saint Bernardine of Siena, priest of I Order (feast); 24 – Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi (feast); 28 – Saint Mariana of Jesus de Paredes, virgin of III Order (optional memorial); 30 – Blessed Baptista Varano, virgin of II Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns), and 30 – Saint Ferdinand, King, member of the III Order.



## **April Reflection**

*By Vicky Spalding, SFO*

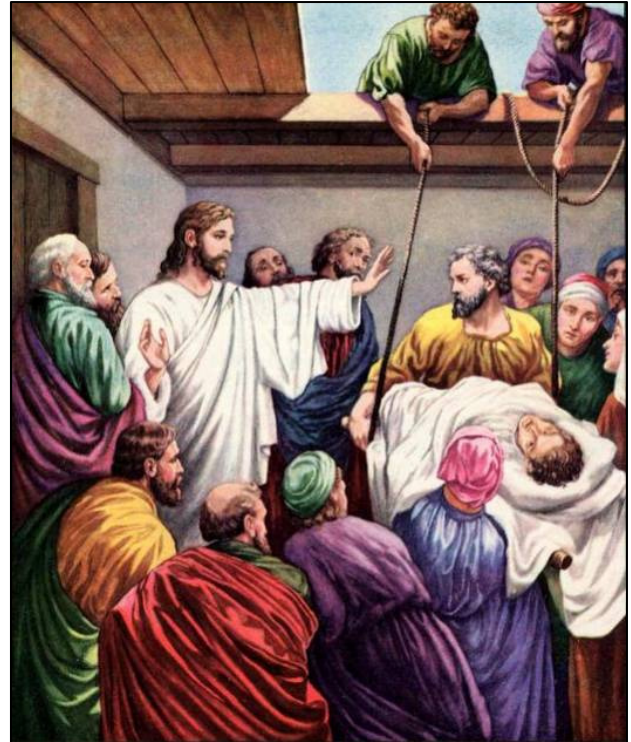
### **New Life in Christ!**



I hope that everyone enjoyed and is still enjoying the beautiful Easter Season! Our theme this month is New Life in Christ. It seems fitting that the Lord would use this theme, since Easter is about resurrecting our life with Him. But in order to start this new life, we must look for ways that our souls and often our bodies need healing. Why should we stand before the Lord and ask for healing? We should do so in order that we may better serve Him and our neighbor.

This month, we will have the privilege of having two priests celebrate Mass in the main Monastery Church at 2pm. They will offer individual blessings after the Mass in the context of a healing service. Many of you may have attended these services in the past. They are a time for great graces to flow. You may

also stand in proxy for someone else who needs healing. In Mk 2:4 it says, “Being unable to get to Him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had dug an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic was lying.”



The people in Mark’s Gospel heard that Jesus was holding a big healing service! So they brought to Him a paralyzed man, who was in need of healing. We, too, can bring our friends to Jesus! If you know someone, who is in need of healing, no matter in what form, bring them with you on the 22nd, either physically or in your heart. Jesus will not refuse those, who come to Him in need of His healing touch!

May God bless you all, and I look forward to seeing you on the 22nd!

