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## Schedule

- 9:30am Inquiry Session – Sacred Heart Room – downstairs in the Friary
- 9:30am Candidate Session – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs
- 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

## Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening Prayers
- News of Members
- Book Review
- Power Point Presentation – Life of St. Clare
- Meditation Handout
- Words from our seminarian – Ryan Pineda
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the “Shorter Christian” Prayer Book, please bring it with you.

## ◆ Theme: **POVERTY OF HEART** ◆

### Bible Quote of the Month

He answered him, “Why do you ask me about the good? There is only One who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He asked him, “Which ones?” And Jesus replied, “‘You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; honor your father and your mother’; and ‘you shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” The young man said to him, “All of these I have observed. What do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to [the] poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” (Matthew 19:17-21)

### Prayer of the Month



Glorious St. Clare! God has given you the power of working miracles continually, and the favor of answering the prayers of those who invoke your assistance in misfortune, anxiety, and distress. We beseech you, obtain from Jesus through Mary His Blessed Mother, what we beg of you so fervently and hopefully, (mention your petition) if it be for the greater honor and glory of God and for the good of our souls. Amen.

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## ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

### 4. Let no one appropriate to himself superior over others<sup>1</sup>

I did not come “to be ministered unto, but to minister” (cf. Mt 20:28), says the Lord. Let those, who are set up over others, glory as much because of that office of superior, as if they had been appointed to the office of washing the feet of the brothers. And in as much as they are more disturbed because of having lost their office of superior than because of (having lost) the office regarding feet, so much more do they assemble purses for themselves to the danger of their souls (cf. John 12:6).

<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>

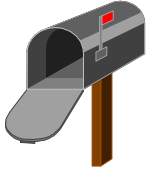



## The Rule

Chapter One, Article 2 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

The Secular Franciscan Order holds a special place in this family circle. It is an organic union of all Catholic fraternities scattered throughout the world and open to every group of the faithful. In these fraternities the brothers and sisters, led by the Spirit, strive for perfect charity in their own secular state. By their profession they pledge themselves to live the gospel in the manner of St. Francis by means of this rule approved by the Church.

## From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Sarah Faizi's** new address as of Sep 7 will be 8710 Cameron St. #1315, Silver Spring, MD 20910; her phone will not change. 
- **Alan Blevins** has a new address: ANTS Box 106, 210 Herrick Road, Newton Centre, MA 02459.
- **Dineen Whipple** writes: “Thank you all for your prayers. All my tests are good and I’m feeling much better. God bless you all.”
- **Nancy McCleary's** new address is: 115 Allnut Ct. #612, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; her phone (301-848-1126) will not change. She writes: “I am still recovering. I am only going on what my family tells me since I can't remember much of what happened after the accident. God is good and has given me much healing. I can't drive anymore so I am not able to attend the meetings anymore. I miss that. I appreciate that I can still receive the Chimes. I think I will always need prayers (as do all of us). Please give everyone my love and tell them I miss them.” We miss you, too, Nancy; godspeed your recovery! 
- **Joe Rende's** nieces, Kim and Kiana, and his daughter, Kelly, are all expecting. Please keep them in your prayers.

## Regional Retreat



A **regional retreat** for all members of the St. Margaret of Cortona Regional Fraternity will be held the weekend of **October 5-7** at

**Priestfield Pastoral Center** in Kearneysville, WV. Our presenter is Father Michael Cusato, OFM, an adjunct professor of Church History at the Dominican House of Studies. Register soon; the **deadline is September 4**, and many of the housing choices are already sold out. For more information or the registration form, either visit our web site (<http://dcsfo.org/>) or contact any Council member.

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## Did You Receive the TAU?

The *TAU* is the National Fraternity's newsletter, a hardcopy of which is sent to all professed Secular Franciscans several times each year. If you did not receive the *TAU* recently, please contact our Minister, Vicky Spalding, and let her know so we can add your name to the list of recipients. The *TAU* can also be read online at [http://www.nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa/tau\\_newarticles.html](http://www.nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa/tau_newarticles.html).

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## SFO is now OFS

The official name of our Order (in Latin) is, and always has been, Ordo Franciscanus Sæcularis. In English speaking countries, the approved translation is "Secular Franciscan Order." At the XIII General Chapter of the Order in Saõ Paulo, October 22-29, 2011, it was decided that, as a sign of worldwide unity, **OFS** is to be used to refer to the Order whenever an acronym is used; e.g., after the name of a professed Secular Franciscan.

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## Food at Fraternity Meeting



Council will supply donuts, bread, and fruit at the fraternity meetings in the future, except on special occasions, when we will have a bigger menu! Please feel free to bring a box lunch if you would like. Thank you!

## News From Our Seminarian

Ryan Pineda, the seminarian we support, sent us a card with a short letter, below. He will speak about his travels at this month's meeting.



Pax et bonum! I would like to say thank you again for supporting my seminary education this year. I am always thankful every time I receive a check in the mail. Indeed, it is a blessing to be a seminarian here in the Archdiocese. Everyday I thank God for the opportunity to study for the priesthood.

It has been a great year for me. I am finished with my Pre-Theology and next month, when the school-year starts, I will enter my third year of formation and begin my theology degree. I will be taking interesting courses and those include History and Methods of Theology, Foundations of Christian Moral Life, Christian Spirituality, Pentateuch and Principles of Canon Law. I will also teach CCD on Sundays at St. Anthony Parish.

Meanwhile, my summer assignment has ended a couple of weeks ago. I was sent to Mexico to learn Spanish culture and language and to do an immersion program.

Please remember that I especially pray for the intentions of the community when I went to the churches in Mexico especially in Guadalupe. Thank you again.

Ryan Pineda

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## Fraternity Finances



Starting this month, we will report contributions received from members and expenses paid each month, as many parishes do on a weekly basis. Thanks to all of you who contribute to the Fraternity.

For July, donations received were \$237 and expenses were \$233.

### **Please Pray For Our Sick**

Pat Allnutt; Rita Braddock; Dorothy Clayton; Lourdes Corso; Maria Louisa Correa and her family; Sarah Faizi and her friend, Ron Harner; Pat Ferguson and her daughter, Patty Wyman; John Fleurival; Roy Foster; Joe Rende's granddaughter, Sophia Humphrys (surgery); Adele Spellerberg and her daughter, Ruthie; Cecilia Thieman and her brother, Florencio Parayno; Gene Sides and his wife, Annegret; Vicky Spalding; Helen Walls; Dineen Whipple; Donna Wilkes; Winston Williams; and Theresa Wilson.



### **September Birthdays**

September 1 – Kathleen White, 4 – Maria Corra, 9 – Salvacion Pagado, 18 – Marilyn Taylor and Theresa Wilson, 19 – Catherine Horvath, and 23 – Jean Fleurival.

### **Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials**

September 1 – Blessed Beatrice of Silva, virgin of II Order, founder (optional memorial); 2 – Bl. John Francis Burte, Bl. Severin Girault, and Companions, martyrs of I and III Orders (optional memorial); 4 – Saint Rose of Viterbo, virgin of III Order (optional memorial for III Order); 17 – Stigmata of our holy Father Francis (feast); 18 – Saint Joseph of Cupertino, priest of I Order (feast); 20 – Saint Francis Mary of Camporosso, religious of I Order (memorial); 23 – Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, stigmatist and priest of I Order (feast), and Finding of the body of Saint Clare (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns); 26 – Saint Elzear of Sabran and Blessed Delphina of Glandenes, husband and wife of III Order (optional memorial for III Order).

### **Br. Roger 60 Years a Friar**

Congratulations to Friar Roger Petras, OFM, who recently celebrated 60 years of service. Visit the Monastery's web site for a [video of his story](#).

### **Feastdays of Franciscan Friars**

Keep in your prayers the following friars, whose feast/birth days are this coming month: September 21 – Jacob-Matthew Smith and James Gardiner (birthday).

### **August Reflection**

*By Vicky Spalding, OFS*

#### **St. Clare, Guide and Patroness!**

I am writing this reflection on the feast of St. Clare, August 11th. What a wonderful and blessed day it has been! I had the privilege of attending the closing of the 800th Anniversary of the celebration of St. Clare's entrance into religious life in the year 1212. The Poor Clare Nuns renewed their vows at the Franciscan Monastery today in the Portiuncula Chapel, and then processed into the main Church to attend Mass, celebrated by Bishop Holley. It was so heartwarming to see our beautiful Poor Clare Sisters renew their vows and to realize that their commitment to Jesus and the Franciscan way of life is still very alive and active. I thank God for them!



St. Clare's life was one of discipleship, love, and commitment to poverty, in imitation of her Spouse. I marvel at the grace she possessed to encompass this way of life and do it with so much dedication, strength, and perseverance. She is truly a role model for our Franciscan charism.

This month, I will be showing a Power Point Presentation on the life of St. Clare. I learned so much when putting it together. I am anxious to share it with you. I hope to see you this Sunday. In the meantime, you will remain always in my prayers. Your Minister in Christ, Vicky

