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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
- 2:00pm Council meeting

## Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Congratulations to those celebrating anniversaries of their profession, distribution of certificates
- Ryan Pineda will give us a talk about Guadalupe
- Closing prayer
- Party!

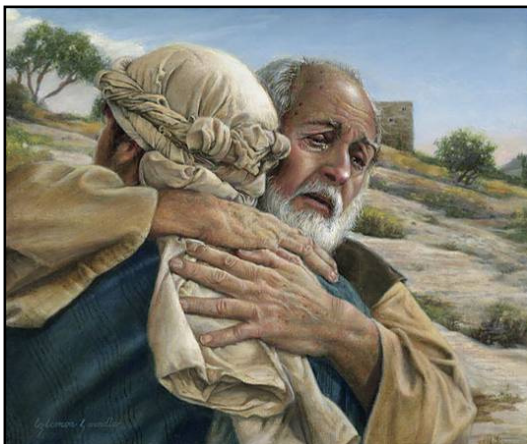
### ***DON'T FORGET YOUR BINDERS!***

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: PERPETUAL LOVE ◆

### Bible Quote of the Month

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms



around him and kissed him. The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ (Luke 15: 20-24)

### Prayer of the Month

ACT OF FAITH: My God, I believe in you and all your Church teaches, because you have said it, and your Word is true. Amen.

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Please call before 9pm.



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## ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

### 7. Good Works should follow knowledge <sup>1</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.

<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 5 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Secular Franciscans, therefore, should seek to encounter the living and active person of Christ in their brothers and sisters, in Sacred Scripture, in the Church, and in liturgical activity. The faith of Saint Francis, who often said, "I see nothing bodily of the Most High Son of God in this world except his most holy body and blood," should be the inspiration and pattern of their eucharistic life.

## Congratulations to Those Celebrating Their Anniversaries

Please extend heartfelt congratulations to our members who this year celebrate a special anniversary of their profession to the Secular Franciscan Order:

**65 years:** Margaret F. Murphy

**60 years:** Jean Xavier Fleurival, Apollonia Sergi

**55 years:** Ronald McMahon

**50 years:** Fritz Nicolas

**40 years:** Donna Natalie Wilkes, Jacqueline A. Wilson

**35 years:** Mary W. Brown, William Hayes Brown III, Sheila M. Kelly, Julia Ann Stratchko

**30 years:** Sarah S. Faizi

**15 years:** Rita Aughenbaugh, Alan Blevins, Mary Catherine Kohut

**10 years:** Patricia A. Allnutt, Nancy McCleary, Anna C. Zaczynski

**5 years:** Joseph A. Clemente, Salvacion E. Pagado, Mark A. Pirritano, William Richardson, Soledad Wong

## Burial Shroud



If you plan to be buried in the OFS Burial Shroud, be sure to order it from Franciscan Resources ahead of time to avoid expensive overnight shipping costs (see [http://franciscanresources.com/store/category/amsi/FRANCISCAN\\_BURIAL\\_SHROUDS.html](http://franciscanresources.com/store/category/amsi/FRANCISCAN_BURIAL_SHROUDS.html)).

## The Information Corner

### Purgatory<sup>2</sup>

Purgatory (Lat., “purgare”, to make clean, to purify) in accordance with Catholic teaching is a place or condition of temporal punishment for those who, departing this life in God’s grace, are, not entirely free from venial faults, or have not fully paid the satisfaction due to their transgressions.



The faith of the Church concerning purgatory is clearly expressed in the Decree of Union drawn up by the Council of Florence (Mansi, t. XXXI, col. 1031), and in the decree of the Council of Trent which (Sess. XXV) defined:

“Whereas the Catholic Church, instructed by the Holy Ghost, has from the Sacred Scriptures and the ancient tradition of the Fathers taught in Councils and very recently in this Ecumenical synod (Sess. VI, cap. XXX; Sess. XXII cap. ii, iii) that there is a purgatory, and that the souls therein are helped by the suffrages of the faithful, but principally by the acceptable Sacrifice of the Altar; the Holy Synod enjoins on the Bishops that they diligently endeavor to have the sound doctrine of the Fathers in Councils regarding purgatory everywhere taught and preached, held and believed by the faithful” (Denzinger, “Enchiridion”, 983).

### Temporal punishment

That temporal punishment is due to sin, even after the sin itself has been pardoned by God, is clearly the teaching of Scripture. God indeed brought man out of his first disobedience and gave him power to govern all things (*Wis 10:2*), but still condemned him “to eat his bread in the

sweat of his brow” until he returned unto dust. God forgave the incredulity of Moses and Aaron, but in punishment kept them from the “land of promise” (*Num 20:12*). The Lord took away the sin of David, but the life of the child was forfeited because David had made God’s enemies blaspheme His Holy Name (2 *Sam 12:13-14*). In the New Testament as well as in the Old, almsgiving and fasting, and in general penitential acts are the real fruits of repentance (*Matt 3:8; Lk 17:3; 3:3*). The whole penitential system of the Church testifies that the voluntary assumption of penitential works has always been part of true repentance and the Council of Trent (Sess. XIV, can. xi) reminds the faithful that God does not always remit the whole punishment due to sin together with the guilt. God requires satisfaction, and will punish sin, and this doctrine involves as its necessary consequence a belief that the sinner failing to do penance in this life may be punished in another world, and so not be cast off eternally from God.



### From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Maria Louisa Correa** misses the members and prays for them.
- **Anthony Mazzucco’s** new address is 121 Winslow Pl., Prince Frederick, MD 20678.
- **Donna Wilkes** says she offers her pains to Christ for His Church, and asks members to remember Christ’s teachings on prayer and fasting. Bless you, Donna!



### Fraternity Finances

**\$** Last month we received \$506 in donations and disbursed \$279 in expenses.

### Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

December 8 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron and Queen of the Franciscan Orders (solemnity); 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron and Queen of the Americas (memorial in the U.S.); and 15 – Blessed Mary Frances Schervier, virgin of III Order (optional memorial for III Order).

<sup>2</sup> Hanna, E. (1911). *Purgatory*. In *The Catholic Encyclopedia*, New York, Robert Appleton Company. Accessed November 9, 2012, from New Advent, URL <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/12575a.htm>

**Pray For Our Deceased**



**Winston Williams**, who died on October 13, 2012. His funeral Mass was on October 23 at the Franciscan Monastery. Winston was professed on November 20, 2011, and was an inspiration to us all, a peaceful and courageous man, full of faith and honor. He was 52. He is survived by his wife, Deborah McNeilly-Williams, also a member of our fraternity.



**Adele Spellerberg**, who died on October 25, 2012. Her funeral Mass was on November 2 at St. Patrick's Church in Rockville. Adele was professed on June 19, 1939, and was active until the last few years when, due to health, she has not been able to attend our meetings. She was 93.

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.

**Please Pray For Our Sick**

Pat Allnutt; Rita Braddock and her family; Maria Louisa Correa and her family; Sarah Faizi, her friend Emie Cab, and her family; Pat Ferguson and her daughter, Pattie Wyman; John Fleurival; Roy Foster; Marianne Hughes and her family; Nancy McCleary; Fritz Nicolas's daughter, Maritzah Nicolas;



Margareta Ramsey; Joe Rende and his family; Gene Sides and his wife, Annagret; Adele Spellerberg† and her family; Julia Stratchko; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Donna Wilkes and her brother; and Theresa Wilson.

**New Years Day Meal**

Mark your calendar! Larry Bleau and his wife will host a New Years Day meal; watch the December Chimes for details.

**Feastdays of Franciscan Friars**

Keep in your prayers the following friars, whose feast days are this coming month: December 3 – Francisco Xavier Sihuay, and 26 – Stephen Francis Sabbagh.

**December Birthdays**

December 1 – Mary DeShazo and Jean White, 16 – Clotilda Crawley, 19 – Marianne Hughes, 20 – Patrick Nolan, Mark Pirritano and Soledad Wong, 24 – Patricia Ferguson, 29 – Charles Flachbarth, and 31 – Leonora Okomo.

**November Reflection**

*By Vicky Spalding, OFS*

The Month of November is dedicated to Thanksgiving and praying for the Holy Souls. We, as Catholic Christians, know that it is a pious act to pray for those souls, who have passed on before us. We should not forget them, so that we may relieve their suffering and hasten their entrance into heaven; knowing that with great confidence, they remember us before the throne of God.



We also take this opportunity on Thanksgiving Day to offer God true worship, honor, and praise for all He has given us. We continue to pray for our political leaders, that they may truly be men of God, unafraid in the face of evil, following after and teaching God's commands and statutes to His people. We pray for the end to abortion and all intrinsic evils and for religious liberty in our nation, that we may remain free to worship God in all His holy splendor.

It is my earnest wish and prayer for you during the years to come, that you may come to know God's true abiding will for your life, so that you may share eternal glory with Him in the next.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Your Minister, Vicky.