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**WE WILL MEET ON SUNDAY, MAY 19, 1:00 PM FOR LUNCH, 1:30 PM MEETING IN THE ST BONAVENTURE ROOM.**

**Meeting Agenda: Sunday, May 19, 1:00-3:00 pm**

- 1:00 - Social and Lunch (please bring something to share)
- 1:30 - Opening Prayer
- Announcements and News
- Ongoing Formation
- Evening Prayer and Closing

**Zoom info for our infirm or distanced members:**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84531588674?pwd=c3u0chxSic9wojasrHCjjMM5eKTihM.1>

Meeting ID: 845 3158 8674 Passcode: 063217

Telephone: 301 715 8592

**Visiting DC Fraternities.** As we consider the future of our fraternity, Mt. St. Sepulchre members are warmly welcomed to visit other DC fraternities on the following dates: 1) St. Francis Fraternity (meets at Capuchin College, 4121 Harewood Road), visit on Saturday, May 18, mass at 830 am, meeting 930-1130 am; 2) St. Anthony of Nagasaki Fraternity (meets at Casa San Salvador, 1323 Quincy St NE), please visit on Saturday, June 8, meeting 1030 am-12 noon.

**Update on Fr. Gardiner.** Our spiritual assistant Fr. Gardiner remains in Carroll Manor and is making good progress. Please pray for him daily, call, and visit if you can. Carroll Manor permits visitors 9 am-9 pm daily and there is an easy check-in system by kiosk at the entrance as well as easy parking.

**Please pray for our members:** Amy Bilyeau, Maria Louisa Correa and family, Sarah Faizi's friend Ron Harner, Fr. Jim Gardiner, Mary Gigliotti and family, Nancy McCleary, John Whipple, Donna Wilkes and her brother Hollis.

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## **May Reflection**

Michele Dunne, OFS

Dear friends, I am happy to report to you this month that our Spiritual Assistant, Fr. Gardiner, is finally making steady progress in his recovery from the heart ailment that befell him last October. He had some very serious surgery to replace a valve in his heart and for months his situation was dire. Weeks of physical therapy were unsuccessful in getting him up and around, he lost a great deal of weight, and it seemed for a time that he had given up on making a full recovery.

Then, a couple of months ago something changed. Fr. Jim regained his will to recover. He began eating again and was able to get more physical therapy authorized. He is now working hard to regain his strength and mobility after more than six months in bed.

What made the difference? It seems that Fr. Jim was touched by the fact that many old friends, including friars he had known over the years, as well as family members came from all over the country to visit and tell him how much they cared and that they believed God still had work for him to do.

This experience with Fr. Gardiner was a good reminder to me—and I hope it will be to all of us—always to encourage another, never to fail to say the kind or supportive thing that is in my mind but I might be too shy to say. After all, God might be speaking through us.

*Christ has no body now but yours  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world.  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. (Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila)*