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## Schedule

- 9:15am Council meeting – Sacred Heart Room  
10:30am Candidate Session (2018&2019) – Sacred Heart Room downstairs  
11:00am Franciscan Crown Rosary in St. Bonaventure Room  
12:00pm Mass in Monastery church  
1:00pm Fraternity Social Gathering – St. Bonaventure Room – downstairs in the Friary. Bring your own lunch, light refreshments will be provided.  
1:30pm Fraternity Meeting – St. Bonaventure Room  
3:00pm Council meeting (continued)

## Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening prayer
- News of members
- Updates: Museum Trip (Apr 28), Regional Retreat (May 31 - Jun 2)
- Short Teaching – St. Faustina and the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Article 5 of the Rule – Discussion (see p2)
- Closing prayer: Divine Mercy Chaplet.

### ***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.

## ◆ Theme: **BODY OF CHRIST** ◆

### Bible Quote of the Month

While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." (Mk 14:22-25)



### Prayer of the Month

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;  
Body of Christ, save me;  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;  
O good Jesus hear me;  
Within your wounds hide me;  
separated from you, let me never be;  
From the evil one protect me;  
At the hour of my death, call me;  
And close to you bid me; That with your saints,  
I may be praising you forever and ever. 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).



<sup>1</sup> *The Writings of St. Francis of Assisi*, tr. by Paschal Robinson (1905), accessed September 9, 2017, URL <http://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/wosf/wosf03.htm>.



## The Rule

Chapter Two, 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.

## The Information Corner – Pope Quote



"When we pray, let us recall that we do so with Jesus. Jesus is our courage. Jesus is our security, who in this moment intercedes for us."

"If we return to the Lord with our frailties, if we take the way of love, we will embrace the life that never fades. And we will experience joy."<sup>2</sup>

## Papal Intention for the Month

Prayer Intention – Doctors and their Collaborators in War Torn Areas. For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war torn areas, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.<sup>3</sup>

## Museum of the Bible – June 15

Mark your calendar for a group visit to the Museum of the Bible on June 15. More information will be presented at the meeting.

## Fraternity Finances

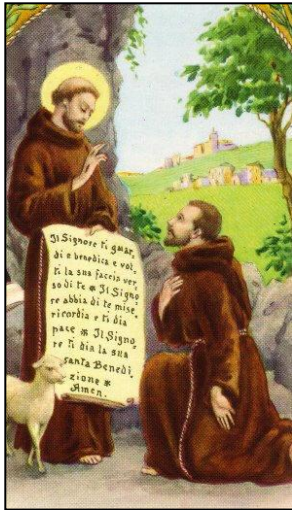
\$ Last month we received \$344 in donations and disbursed \$252.92 in expenses. This does not include undeposited checks.

<sup>2</sup> Apr 4 and 14, 2019. URL <http://twitter.com/pontifex>

<sup>3</sup> Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. Accessed Apr 6, 2019, URL <http://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/>

## The Information Corner

**Apr 23rd** – Feastday of Bl. Giles of Assisi<sup>4</sup>



One of the original companions of St. Francis, Blessed Aegidius of Assisi, better known to us Brother Giles, holds the foremost place among the companions of St. Francis.

Of his antecedents and early life nothing certain is known. In April 1209, moved by the example of two

leading fellow Assisians, he begged permission to join the little band, and on the feast of St. George was invested in a poor habit St. Francis had begged for him. He accompanied the saint to Rome when the first Rule was approved orally by Innocent III, and appears to have then received the clerical tonsure.

Giles made many pilgrimages: to the tomb of St. James at Compostella in Spain, the Holy Places of Jerusalem, the shrine of St. Michael at Monte Gargano, the shrine of St. Nicholas at Bari, and still later in Rome and at Tunis. In these journeys Giles was ever at pains to procure by manual labour what food and shelter he needed: he made reed baskets, carried water and helped to bury the dead, cut wood, trod the wine-press, gathered nuts, and swept and cleaned house.

In these travels Giles gained much valuable knowledge and experience, and often preached to the people. His brief and heartfelt sermons were replete with homely wisdom; he never minced his words, but spoke to all with apostolic freedom.

Giles was of simple mind, a stranger to theological and classical learning, but by constant contemplation of heavenly things, and

by the divine love with which he was inflamed, he acquired that fullness of holy wisdom which filled his contemporaries with wonder, and which drew men of every condition, even the Pope himself, to Perugia to hear from Giles' lips the Word of Life.

After some years of activity Giles was assigned by St. Francis to the hermitage of Fabriano, where he began that life of contemplation and ecstasy which continued until his death in 1262, on the fifty-second anniversary of his reception into the Order of Friars Minor.

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### From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- Sarah Faizi thanks all the members at the Mt. St. Sepulchre Fraternity.
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### A Stitch in Chimes

Here is a look back at what our fraternity did 20 years ago.

In April 1999 member Philip Melore (†2017) gave a presentation on God the Father; the fraternity discussed Article 5 of the Rule; and Fr. Kevin wrote about ongoing formation and the challenges of living the Secular Franciscans Vocation.




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### Please Pray For Our Sick

Donna Wilkes and her family; Mary Anne Corr and her niece, Patricia Corr; Maria Louisa Correa; Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi's friends Ron Harner and Tim Grimm; Jean Xavier Fleurival; John Hewitt; Nancy McCleary; Margaret Murphy and her husband Jim; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Cecilia Thieman and her family; and John and Dineen Whipple.

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### May Birthdays

May 1 – Lawrence Bleau; 4 – Michele Dunne; 8 – Mary Jo Fehr; 12 – Margaret Simoneau; 15 – Delphine Ben, J. Patrick Enderson; 20 – Mark Di Salvo; 27 – Sandra White; and 30 – Joseph Clemente, Jean-Paul Gauthier.

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<sup>4</sup> Extracted from New Advent web site, accessed 4/14/19, URL <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/01170d.htm>

### **Divine Mercy**

This month we will have a presentation on Divine Mercy and its revelation to St. Faustina. If you cannot attend, please take some time to pray the chaplet, uniting yourself spiritually with your Franciscan brothers and sisters. Visit <http://www.thedivinemercy.org/> to read more. In brief:

*Once each decade of the rosary:*

**Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.**

*Ten times each decade:*

**For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**



### **April Reflection**

*By Larry Bleau, OFS*

At this month's meeting we will reflect on the Body and Blood of Our Lord, what that meant for St. Francis, and what it can and should mean for us, both as Catholics and as Secular Franciscans.

While we do so, let us also consider the larger Body of Christ, the Church, into which we were all made members due to our baptism, and through which we are all called to be redeemed and reunited with Our Savior.

Let us also reflect that it is this Eucharist, this very essence of Our Lord that He gave us, is what, both in the Church's early times and today, distinguishes us from other Christian faiths. It makes us truly Catholic.

When Jesus gave us His prayer, the Our Father, which we should pray often, He gave us something to say. Yet when He gave us Himself in the Eucharist, He also gave us something to do:

**Do this in remembrance of me.**

