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Schedule

- 8-10am Breakfast Ministry – Cap College
9:30am Council meeting – Sacred Heart Room
10:30am Candidate Session (2018&2019) – Sacred Heart Room downstairs
11:15am 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, housekeeping
- Museum of the Bible visit sharing
- Short Teaching on St. Clare
- Discussion of the Rule – Article 6
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the book “Shorter Christian Prayer”, please bring it with you.

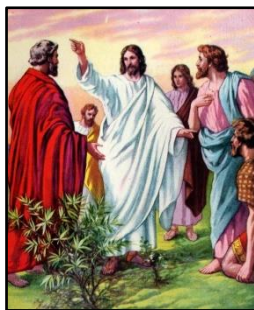
DON'T FORGET YOUR BINDERS!

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: OUR MISSION IN CHRIST ◆

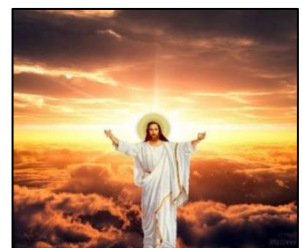
Bible Quote of the Month

After this the Lord appointed seventy others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. ... [They] returned rejoicing, and said, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name.” (Lk 10:1,17)



Prayer of the Month

We pray You, O almighty and eternal God! Who through Jesus Christ has revealed Your glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Your mercy, that Your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name. Amen.¹



¹ Prayer For the Church, Catholic Online, URL <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=1544>

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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

14. On poverty of spirit ²

“Blessed (are) the poor in spirit, since theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven” (*Mt* 5:3). There are many, who persisting in prayers and (liturgical) offices practice many abstinences and afflict their own bodies, but because of a single word, which seems to be injurious to their bodies or because of anything, which is brought against them, being scandalized, they are continually disturbed. These are not poor in spirit; since he who is truly poor in spirit, hates his very self and loves those who beat him in the face (cf. *Mt* 5:39).

² *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 6 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

They have been made living members of the Church by being buried and raised with Christ in baptism; they have been united more intimately with the Church by profession. Therefore, they should go forth as witnesses and instruments of her mission among all people, proclaiming Christ by their life and words.

Called like Saint Francis to rebuild the Church and inspired by his example, let them devote themselves energetically to living in full communion with the pope, bishops, and priests, fostering an open and trusting dialogue of apostolic effectiveness and creativity.

The Information Corner – Pope Quote



“In difficult times, even more than in times of peace, the priority for believers is to be united to Jesus, our hope.”

“We all go through difficult days at times, but we must always remember that life is a grace. It is the miracle that God drew forth from nothing.”³

Papal Intention for the Month

Prayer Intention – The Integrity of Justice. That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word. ⁴



³ Jul 5 and Jun 30, 2019. URL <http://twitter.com/pontifex>

⁴ Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network. Accessed Jun 20, 2019, URL <http://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/>

The Information Corner

July 9th – Feastday of St. Veronica Giuliani, virgin II Order⁵

Veronica was born in Mercatelli, Italy. It is said that when her mother Benedetta was dying she called her five daughters to her bedside and entrusted each of them to one of the five wounds of Jesus. Veronica was entrusted to the wound below Christ's heart.



At the age of 17, Veronica joined the Poor Clares directed by the Capuchins. Her father had wanted her to marry, but she convinced him to allow her to become a nun. In her first years in the monastery, she worked in the kitchen, infirmary, sacristy, and also served as portress. At the age of 34, she was made novice mistress, a position she held for 22 years. When she was 37, Veronica received the stigmata. Life was not the same after that.

Church authorities in Rome wanted to test Veronica's authenticity and so conducted an investigation. She lost the office of novice mistress temporarily and was not allowed to attend Mass except on Sundays or holy days. Through all of this Veronica did not become bitter, and the investigation eventually restored her as novice mistress.

Though she protested against it, at the age of 56 she was elected abbess, an office she held for 11 years until her death. Veronica was very devoted to the Eucharist and to the Sacred Heart. She offered her sufferings for the missions, died in 1727, and was canonized in 1839. Her Liturgical Feast Day is July 9.



A Stitch in Chimes

Here's a look at our fraternity 20 years ago:

In July of 1999 the fraternity discussed Article 8 of our Rule, collected items for families at the Ronald McDonald House, remembered deceased Friar Fr. Mark Hurst, OFM, and Fr. Kevin wrote a reflection on the life of St. Clare.



Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$95 in donations and disbursed \$530.75 in expenses; \$515 of this is the first half of our Fair Share payment to the Regional Fraternity.

August Birthdays

August 4 – Susan Zell; 8 – David Weir; 11 – Francoise Bidiki, Wendy Enderson; 12 – Ronald McElligott; 13 – Alberto Gamez; 16 – Lewis Remlin; and 29 – Christopher Cropper.

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

August 2 – Our Lady of the Angels at the Portiuncula; 3 – Bl. Frederic Janssoone, priest, I Order; 4 – St. John Vianney, priest, III Order; 7 – Bls. Agathangelus and Cassian, priests and martyrs, I Order; 8 – Holy Father Dominic, priest, founder, Order of Preachers; 9 – Bl. John of La Verna, priest, I Order; 11 – St. Clare of Assisi, virgin, II Order; 13 – Bl. Mark of Aviano, priest, I Order; 14 – St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest, I Order; 17 – St. Roch, III Order; 18 – Bls. John-Louis Loir, Protase Bourdon and Sebastian François, priests, martyrs of Rochefort, I Order; 19 – St. Louis of Toulouse, bishop, I Order; 21 – St. Pius X, pope, III Order; 23 – Bl. Bernard of Offida, religious, I Order; 25 – St. Louis IX, king, Patron of the Third Order; 27 – The Seven Joys of Our Lady.

⁵ Franciscan Media, accessed 7/8/19, URL <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-veronica-giuliani/>

July Reflection

By Larry Bleau, OFS

We are “living stones,” building blocks upon which the Church is built. Christ, in union with the Father and the Holy Spirit, is the foundation of this structure, yet it is us, faithful followers of Christ, who are the stones that build up the church, as well as build up each other.

How do we, as Secular Franciscans, fit into this structure? Each stone in a building has a unique shape, texture, composition, position and purpose, all of which work together to keep the structure upright and firm. We, too, are all unique, with gifts given us by our Creator, and all for a purpose, both general and particular. Our particular purpose, specific to us, we discern over our life, and by means of His grace fulfill it. Our general purpose, one we all have in common, is expressed well in Article 6 of our Rule: to proclaim Christ by our life and words.

That which binds us together is important, too, just as the mortar which binds the stones of a structure together as one. There is Jesus Himself, as present in the Eucharist; the Church He founded; the sacraments and grace; the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; our profession and our Franciscan family. By this “mortar” we are “united more intimately with the Church.”

St. Francis had his epiphany, his particular purpose, when Jesus spoke to him from the cross in the San Damiano church, telling him to “rebuild my church.” Pope Innocent III played a role here as well, for when Francis first visited him, the Pope dreamed of a man setting the Church back on its foundation: the Gospel. Article 6 picks up here quite nicely, when it challenges us to devote ourselves “energetically to living in full communion with the pope, bishops, and priests.”



We are called forth, therefore, not only in our own way, but also as a community, to take part in the Church’s mission – indeed, its apostolic purpose – as “witnesses of and instruments” to proclaim Christ to the world.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Mary Bibro, our DC Metro Area Councillor; Amy Bilyeau; Rosemary Boardley and her family; Mary Anne Corr and her niece, Patricia Corr; Maria Louisa Correa and her sister Maria Franco; Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi’s friend, Ron Harner; John Hewitt; Nancy McCleary; Margaret Murphy and her family; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Helen Walls; and John and Dineen Whipple; Donna Wilkes.

Maria Louisa Correa says she loves all the members and she misses them, and she has problems with her eyes.

Group photos from Museum of the Bible visit

