



The Porter

St Conrad Fraternity

St Conrad Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order – Severna Park, Maryland

St Margaret of Cortona Region

<http://stconradannapolis.sfousa.org/>

February 2020

Fraternity Meeting

Saturday, February 15, 2020

St John the Evangelist, 607 Ritchie Hwy., Severna Park, MD 21146

8:30/AM Mass – Church, Meeting 9:15/AM – Convent/Sisters' Home.

Refreshments

Annapolis/Eastern Shore still has supplies after the January meeting was called off for inclement weather. Bowie/Crofton/Severna Park is responsible for refreshments and breakfast. Glen Burnie/Pasadena will be next, so please arrange to take the supplies home and restock if necessary.

Liturgy

Morning Prayer, Saturday, Week 5 in Ordinary Time – Bowie/Crofton/Severna Park

Liturgy of the Hours: Vol I, Ordinary: Psalter: 810

Christian Prayer (single volume): Psalter: 770

Program

Ms. Kate Hicks, LCSW-C, Anne Arundel County School Social Worker will speak to us about the Phoenix Academy Backpack Program. We will also work on our vision sheet in small groups, extractions of scripture and saints, and prayer partner. Busy day!

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following members, relatives and friends in your prayers.

For physical and spiritual healing of Brigid Cobb, Audrey Donnelly, Susan Grief's grand daughter, Katherine Henry (daughter-in-law of Mary Henry), Mary Henry and her niece, Mary Jo Johnson, Bill Kvetkas (husband of Joan Kvetkas), Joe McGeady, John McHugh (brother of Joe McHugh), Michelle niece of Denise Mianten, Bill Mulqueen, Michael Sievers (son of Kathleen Sievers), Pat Troup, Ruth Shea's daughter, Evelyn Jones' niece, and Genny Wilbourne. For all those who are in need of our prayers who are absent from this list.

February Birthdays

Mary Jo Johnson
Kathleen Sievers
Joan Kvetkas

Profession Anniversaries

Margaret Jackson, February 8, 1998
Evelyn Jones, February 20, 2010

Treasury

The checking account balance as of January 31, 2020 is \$1,691.28.

Please remember to use the memo line of your check to designate how you wish your contribution to be directed. There are 3 possible designations: Common Fund, Phoenix Academy, Tokens for Lighthouse Shelter. You can write one check and direct your contribution to any or all three apostolates. Example: \$20 Com/\$10 Phoenix/\$5 Token. None of these amounts should be interpreted as being what is expected from any particular member. Cash contributions are always welcome!

Apostolates

Lighthouse Shelter Lunches

We will be making sandwiches on Thursday, February 27 at the home of Joan Kvetkas.

Phoenix Academy Backpacks

Backpacks will be delivered on Wednesday, February 19th at 12:15/PM in the Phoenix Academy cafeteria.

Franciscan Calendar

February 3 Martyrs of Japan. Religious of the Franciscan First Order, martyrs d. 1612

February 6 Bl. Pius IX, Pope, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d.1878

February 10 Bl. Alojzije Stepinac, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1960

February 15 Transfer of the Body of St Anthony of Padua-Incorrupt tongue.

February 21 St. Margaret of Cortona, penitent, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1297

February 22 Feast of the Chair of St. Peter

February 24 Bl. Innocent XI, Pope, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1689

Council Meeting

The next council planning meeting will be Friday, February 28 at Catherine Gonzalez's home.

Save the Date

February 24, 2020, 4:00/PM – 8:00/PM

The 41st Annual MD March for Life "Equal Rights for Everybody"

109 Duke of Gloucester, Annapolis, MD

Parking Lot open at 4:00 PM

Youth Rally at 4:30 PM

Mass and nondenominational worship service at 5:15 PM

March and Rally at 6:30 PM

Free food and fellowship at 8:00 PM

February 29, 2020, 8:00/AM – 3:00/PM

41st Annual Social Ministry Convocation (SMC) "Who is My Neighbor – Confronting a Culture of Fear"

Mercy High School, Baltimore, MD

Online registration and payment NOW AVAILABLE! <https://baltimoresmc2020.eventbrite.com>

March 28, 2020, 8:30/AM – 3:00/PM

Day of Reflection: A Franciscan Lenten Journey of Hope at Archbishop Curley High School, Baltimore, MD

Speakers: Fr. Donald Grzymiski OFM Conv, Br. Emmanuel Wenke OFM Conv, Friar Christopher Dudek OFM

Conv

April 4, 2020, 8:30/AM – 4:00/PM

Franciscan Day of Reflection for Inquirers, Candidates and Newly Professed

Speaker: Fr. Paul Dressler OFM Cap.

April 25, 2020, 9:30/AM – 4:30 PM

Franciscan Gathering Retreat "Begin Anew!"

Sisters of Virginia – Saint Benedict Monastery – Pastoral Center, Bristow, VA

Speakers: Br. Kip Ledger, OFM Cap and Br. Mike Meza OFM Cap

Cost: \$45 donation per person includes catered lunch. Please know that no one will be turned away because of inability to pay. It is important that everyone come and join in this lovely opportunity of togetherness.

May 29-3, 2020.

Regional Retreat,

Priestfield, WV

Facilitator: Fr. Kevin Treston, OFM

June 13, 2020 (tentative)

Br. Diogo's ordination to the priesthood.

Pittsburgh, PA

September ??, 2020 (tentative)

Br. Rigo's ordination to the priesthood.

Pittsburgh, PA

August 18-22, 2021

Quinquennial in Phoenix, AZ

Minister's Minute

I hope everyone survived last month's "ice & snow event" --NOT L. Our fraternity will continue to follow the parish guidelines and cancel our fraternity meeting if Anne Arundel Co. school activities are cancelled. It was a bit confusing in that the weather was not that bad and not all the news outlets indicated that the county had cancelled activities. So HENCEFORTH: our fraternity secretary will be sending out any cancellation notices due to weather. Chris has kids enrolled in Anne Arundel Co. schools and he receives email alerts when the county cancels activities. Of course, if weather is troublesome and the meeting is not cancelled, each individual should make a decision as to his or her own personal safety when attending a meeting. I did go to Mass on the "snow day" and was pleased to see that the parish had salted not only the church entrance but also the sidewalk back to the Youth Room.

Therefore, at the February Meeting, we will plan to have the same activities that were planned for January with one exciting addition—a staff member from the Phoenix Academy will speak about the school and the special needs of the students that attend the school. Denise has led this outreach for our fraternity and I hope others will feel called to assist her with their time or financial support.

Community

The St Francis Missal

Walters Art Museum, 600 N. Charles St, Baltimore, MD
February 1, 2020 - May 31, 2020

The St. Francis Missal—a legendary 12th-century manuscript and relic of touch of St. Francis of Assisi—will have its first dedicated exhibition at the Walters Art Museum in more than 40 years.

In 1208, St. Francis of Assisi and two followers were debating what God's plan for them might be. Unable to agree, they sought answers at the church of San Nicolò in Assisi, where Francis often attended. They opened

the Missal, which sat on the altar, three times at random and in every case, the text on the page urged renouncing earthly goods. This pivotal moment laid the foundation for the Franciscan order.

Due to this possible contact with the saint, Franciscans worldwide consider the book now known as the St. Francis Missal a relic of touch, and many make pilgrimages to Baltimore to see it.

Please note that there may be a wait to enter the exhibition due to space limitations in the gallery.

METANOIA

Episode 1 & 2 are available as of February 10

New episodes are released each week. A study guide will be available for download for each episode.

<https://thewildgooseisloose.com/metanoia>

Metanoia is a production of The Ministry of The Wild Goose and 4PM Media in association with Franciscan University of Steubenville and the Franciscan Friars TOR of the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The series is beautifully filmed on location in the Holy Land, highlighting sacred places such as the Sea of Galilee, the River Jordan, the desert of Temptations, and many of the holy sites in Jerusalem.

This 10-part series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, President of Franciscan University and founder of The Ministry of the Wild Goose, leads us on a journey with Christ into conversion. Each of the episodes explores areas of our life where conversion is so often necessary. *Metanoia* will examine topics such as who is Jesus, what must we do to inherit eternal life, and many other significant matters of faith.

VISION FOR OUR FRATERNITY FOR 2020

1. What attracted you to the Franciscans?

2. Using the table below:

2a. In our meetings this year, which Franciscan values would you like us to highlight; please rank them from 1 to 5 where 5 is the highest. Keep in mind we can't cover every topic in a year.

2b. Reflecting on the values that you ranked higher in column 1, what is something concrete we can do as a fraternity to have an effect on or to improve our understanding of these issues.

Value/Issue	Rank 1 - 5 (5 = high)	Comments/Concrete Actions
Care for Creation		
Consistent Ethic of Life		
Immigration		
Peacebuilding		
Faithful Democracy (Does your faith impact how our country is run)		
Dignity of Work		
Prayer & Contemplation		
Promoting Justice		

3. What are the shortcomings of our fraternity? What can we do better?

4. Do you read The Porter each month: None Just the First Page Some of It Most of It

5. If a page were added to the Porter with formation information to be discussed at the fraternity meeting, would you find time to read it before the meeting? Yes No I Doubt It

6. Anything additional you want the Council to consider in planning for this year. (Suggested speakers, a topic you would like to speak on, outreach, liturgies in place of or in addition to Morning Prayer)