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NO IN-PERSON MEETING THIS MONTH. WE WILL HAVE A CONFERENCE CALL MEETING; SEE REVISED SCHEDULE BELOW AND ARTICLE.

►►► NOTE: THE CALL-IN MEETING WILL BE ON SAT, JUN 20. ◀◀◀

ON SATURDAY 1:20pm CALL 605-313-5421, CONFERENCE CODE 844330

Schedule

- 10:30am **Sunday Mass:** Dish or Direct TV subscribers Ch. 50; Comcast Ch. 23 in DC and Montgomery County, Ch. 3 in Prince George's County and Southern Maryland; RCN Ch. 15; Verizon Fios Ch. 3
- 12:00pm Mass livestreamed from the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception: <https://www.nationalshrine.org/mass/>
- 1:00pm** Franciscan Crown Rosary at home (optional)
- 1:20pm** Fraternity Meeting by telephone conference call; see above.

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening prayer (in your binder)
- News of members
- Book discussion – chapter 5
- Discussion of Article 15 of the Rule
- Evening prayer If you have the book “Shorter Christian Prayer”, see **p257-261** (Evening Prayer I for Week IV) and **p515** (antiphon for 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time).
- Closing prayer (in your binder).

HAVE YOUR BINDERS HANDY!

◆ Theme: **VOCATION** ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. (*Eph 1:18-19*)



Prayer of the Month

Lord grant me the light of grace I need in order to see the next step in Your plan; grant me the generosity necessary to follow your call; and grant me the courage required to take up my cross and to follow you.¹



¹ DC Priest, accessed 6/10/20, URL <https://dcpriest.org/prayers-for-vocations>

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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

23. On Humility ²



Blessed (is) the servant, who is found to be as humble among his own subjects, as when for example he would be among his own lords. Blessed (is) the servant, who always remains continually under the rod of correction. A faithful and prudent servant is he (cf. *Mt 24:45*), who in all (circumstances) does not delay to punish his own offenses interiorly by means of contrition and exteriorly by means of confession and works of satisfaction.

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 15 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Trusting in the Father, Christ chose for himself and his mother a poor and humble life, even though he valued created things attentively and lovingly. Let the Secular Franciscans seek a proper spirit of detachment from temporal goods by simplifying their own material needs. Let them be mindful that according to the gospel they are stewards of the goods received for the benefit of God's children.

The Information Corner – Pope Quote



“The Holy Spirit assures us that we are not alone, that God sustains us. Dear friends, we must give in turn the gift that we have received: we are called to share the comfort of the Spirit, the closeness of God.”³

Papal Intention for the Month

Prayer Intention – **The Way of the Heart**. We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.⁴

Book Discussion: “Surrounded by Love”

This month we will continue to discuss the book “**Surrounded by Love**”. Please read chapter 5 and be ready to discuss.

Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we deposited \$415 in donations from April and disbursed \$756.60 in expenses, which includes the first half of our Fair Share payment. The May donations have not yet been deposited.

³ Jun 1, 2020. URL <http://twitter.com/pontifex>

⁴ Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network. Accessed 5/31/20, URL <http://popesprayerusa.net/popes-intentions/>

The Information Corner

Jun 23rd – Feastday of St. Joseph Cafasso⁵

Even as a young man, Joseph loved to attend Mass and was known for his humility and fervor in prayer. After his ordination, he was assigned to a seminary in Turin. There he worked especially against the spirit of Jansenism – an excessive preoccupation with sin and damnation. He used the works of Saint Francis de Sales and Saint Alphonsus Liguori to moderate the rigorism popular at the seminary.



Joseph recommended membership in the **Secular Franciscan Order** to priests. He urged devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and encouraged daily Communion. In addition to his teaching duties, Joseph was an excellent preacher, confessor, and retreat master. Noted for his work with condemned prisoners, he helped many of them die at peace with God.

Joseph urged one of his former pupils – Saint John Bosco – to establish the Salesians congregation to work with the youth of Turin. Joseph Cafasso died in 1860, and was canonized in 1947. His Liturgical Feast Day is June 23.

News of our Family

Donna Wilkes called to thank members for their prayers. She said Covid-19 had taken a lot out of her, but she is doing better now and has been transferred from the hospital back to her room at the nursing home. She will need a lot of physical therapy, but is so happy to be back in familiar surroundings. Thank you all for your prayers!



⁵ Source: Franciscan Media, accessed 5/31/20, URL <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-joseph-cafasso/>

A Stitch in Chimes

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

In June of 2000 the fraternity met and Fr. Kevin spoke about devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, from the time of St. Francis to Bl. Duns Scotus. Fr. Kevin, in his Reflection, quoted words of St. Anthony of Padua. Members were informed of the passing of two fraternity members: Anne Cowal and Mildred Orr. Finally, members discussed Article 19 of the Rule.



Please Pray For Our Sick

Donna Wilkes and her brother, Hollis; Mary Anne Corr and her family; Maria Louisa Correa; Sarah Faizi and friend, Ron Harner; Mary Jo Fehr and her family; Jean Fleurival; Adele Lewis; Nancy McCleary; Margaret Murphy; Fritz Nicolas and his family; Cecilia Thieman and her family.

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

July 1 – Bl. Junipero Serra, priest, I Order; 4 – St. Elizabeth of Portugal, queen, III Order; 7 – Bl. Davanzato, bishop, III Order; 8 – Bl. Gregory Grassi, bishop, and companions, martyrs, I and III Order; 9 – St. Nicholas Pick, priest, and companions, martyrs, I Order; 10 – St. Veronica Giuliani, virgin, II Order; 12 – Sts. John Jones and John Wall, priests, martyrs, I Order; 13 – Bl. Angeline of Marisciano, religious, III Order; 15 – St. Bonaventure, bishop, doctor, I Order; 16 – Canonization of St. Francis - Canonized 16 July 1228 by Pope Gregory IX; St. Francis Solano, priest, I Order; 18 – St. Simon of Lipnica; 21 – St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor, I Order; 23 – Bl. Cunegunda, religious, II Order; St. Bridget of Sweden, widow, III Order; 24 – Bl. Louise of Savoy, widow, II Order; Bl. Modestino of Jesus and Mary, religious, I Order; Bl. Antonio Lucci, bishop, I Order; 27 – Bl. Mary Magdalene of Martinengo, virgin, II Order; 28 – Bl. Mary Teresa Kowalska, virgin, martyr of Poland, II Order; Bl. Mattia Nazarei, virgin, II Order.

Support Our Seminarian

Some months ago our fraternity decided to seek out and support a seminarian from our diocese. Council had planned to introduce him at our March meeting, which unfortunately we had to cancel due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Let us not delay his introduction to you any longer. In this edition we introduce our seminarian, **Dylan Prentice**. Dylan will be writing a monthly feature for the *Chimes* and, when possible, join us for our meetings.

Please pray for Dylan's vocation and that of his fellow seminarians; see prayer below. If you feel so moved, please contribute a little extra each month towards his support.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood

Almighty and merciful Father, you inspire and bring to fulfillment every good intention. Guide your people in the way of salvation and watch over those who shepherd your flock and those who have left all things to follow you. Raise up worthy ministers for your altars, ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel, and generous souls who renounce worldly power and profit to serve you and their brothers and sisters faithfully in the spirit of poverty and humility. Inspire our young men and women to respond to your call so that your Church might always rejoice in plentiful servants for your harvest. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

July Birthdays

July 8 – Brenda Nutt, 16 – Justina Essiet, 19 – Robert Lantz, 22 – Sarah Faizi, 24 – John Monti, 26 – George Ramsey, and 27 – Nancy McCleary.

Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers Fr. Ed Flanagan, whose birthday is this coming month on July 20.

From Our Seminarian

Greetings! My name is Dylan Prentice, and I am a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Washington. I have recently finished my first two years of seminary studies and formation. In late August, I will be moving to Rome to attend the Pontifical North American College and begin my studies in Theology. God-willing, I will be ordained in 2024! I grew up in Gaithersburg, Maryland in a wonderful, loving, Catholic family. I graduated from DePauw University with a Bachelor of Music and attended Southern Methodist University for graduate studies, but left the program to enter the seminary in the Fall of 2018. This past year, I was asked by the father of a brother seminarian visiting the seminary, "You guys sacrifice so much to be priests. Even now as seminarians you give up everything. How do you do it?" He had a somewhat downtrodden expression, showing what seemed like a sad, unsure heart. I surprised both him and myself by my response, which is why I am sure the Holy Spirit was the one working through me in that moment. I replied, "We may sacrifice a lot, but that's part of the love of a priest. I know in my heart that there is nothing more beautiful, joyful, and fulfilling for me to be doing. I was meant for this, I was made to be God's priest." God has made me for this work, for this life. A wise priest once said to us seminarians on retreat, "We priests are the physicians on the battlefield, bringing healing to the wounded, relief to the lonely, peace to the dying, and joy to the sad. You seminarians are training for that battle. Are you ready?" By God's grace and power, I am ready and will be ready when the day of my ordination comes and the bishop lays his hands on my head, calling down the Holy Spirit and changing my soul forever. I look forward to getting to know you all better. Please know of my constant prayers for all of you, and please pray for me! May God bless you abundantly!

