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WE WILL HAVE OUR MEETING BY ZOOM ON OCT 18, AT 1:30pm, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH; SEE SCHEDULE.

FOR SOCIAL TIME, THE CONFERENCE WILL OPEN EARLY, AT 1PM.

TO JOIN BY COMPUTER: LOG ONTO ZOOM, MEETING ID 966 3796 1843

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Schedule

- 10:30am **Sunday Mass:** Dish or Direct TV subscribers Ch. 50; Comcast Ch. 23 (DC and Montgomery County) or Ch. 3 (Prince George's County, Southern MD); Verizon Fios Ch. 3
- 12:00pm Mass livestreamed from the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception: <https://www.nationalshrine.org/mass/>
- 1:00pm **Social time** by Zoom conference, click <https://zoom.us/j/96637961843>
- 1:30pm Fraternity Meeting starts

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening prayer
- Prayer for vocations – see <http://dcsfo.org/prayers/vocations/>
- News of members, future plans
- Book discussion – chapter 8
- Discussion of Article 18 of the Rule
- Evening prayer. In “Shorter Christian Prayer”, see **p48** (Week I, Evening Prayer II) and **p535** (antiphon for 29th Sunday).

HAVE YOUR BINDERS HANDY!

◆ Theme: OUR BROTHER ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

In reply Jesus said, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.” (*Lk 10:30-33*)

Prayer of the Month

Heavenly Father, we thank You unceasingly for Your gift to mankind, for when you created us in Your image, You made us Your adopted sons and daughters. You sent the Apostles, and us, into the world to bring Your love and salvation to all. In our life's journey, grant us, we pray, the grace and insight to see You in everyone we meet, the wisdom and prudence to know how to help them, and the fortitude and courage to take action without counting the cost. We ask this of You through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

27. On concealing good lest it be lost ¹

Blessed (is) the servant, who stores up “in Heaven” (Mt 6:20) the good things, which the Lord hath revealed to him and does not desire to disclose them to men for profit or gain, for the Most High Himself will manifest his deeds to whomever He has pleased. Blessed (is) the servant, who keeps the secrets of the Lord “in his heart” (cf. Lk 2:19.51).

Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$180 in donations and disbursed \$791.88 in expenses, of which \$700 was the Fair Share payment.

¹ *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 18 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Moreover they should respect all creatures, animate and inanimate, which bear the imprint of the Most High, and they should strive to move from the temptation of exploiting creation to the Franciscan concept of universal kinship.

The Information Corner – Pope Quote




“Let us not go back to the ‘normality’ sick with with injustice, inequality and environmental degradation. The normality to which we are called is that of the Kingdom

of God, where there is bread for all and the social organisation is based on contributing, sharing and distributing.”²

Papal Intention for the Month

Prayer Intention – The Laity’s Mission in the Church. We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.³

Book Discussion: “Surrounded by Love”

 This month we will conclude our discussion of the book “**Surrounded by Love**”. Please **read chapter 8** before we meet.

Breakfast Ministry To Resume

The Breakfast Ministry will soon resume. For safety Br. Andrew will prepare the food alone, but servers will still be needed. Contact Michele (202-412-1210) if you want to volunteer.

² Sep 30, 2020. URL <http://twitter.com/pontifex>

³ Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network. Accessed 10/1/20, URL <http://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/>

The Information Corner

Oct 5th – Feastday of Anna Schäffer⁴

In the person of Anna Schäffer we encounter a woman who, in spite of excruciating physical suffering – at the age of 18 she lost the use of her legs – and her material poverty, managed to live her life with profound love for God and her neighbour. The mystery of Anna’s earthly existence is found in her deep and steadfast relationship with Christ. The desire to become a religious missionary burned within her. Through the decades she was bedridden and thus was able to recognize her vocation as a “mission of suffering”.



Anna Schäffer’s life and character can only be understood through her great love for Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. She made a profession of faith by writing: “My greatest strength is the Holy Eucharistic communion”. It was here that she found the strength she needed to give herself through the wider apostolate of prayer and consolation, both by word and writing. She died on 5 October 1925 and was beatified 7 March 1999.

With Anna Schaffer the question of the meaning of suffering is raised. Anna lived and experienced personally the words we read in the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians: “Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the Church” (Col 1:24). Through Christ she was able to accept the mystery of the Cross in love and gratitude. Anna Schaffer is an open portal that welcomes all those who are suffering. She shows that the fate of an incurable disease can be born through trust in Christ. In her troubled life, the great Christian truth was revealed: that

human beings are loved by God especially in suffering.

From Our Seminarian

Monthly message from Dylan Prentice

Fall is officially here with its cool weather and the leaves changing colors! Here, too, the semester is in full swing. A few weeks ago was my first time cantoring at this new seminary and the first time publicly singing for some months. Prior to seminary, I studied and performed opera semi-professionally, so singing in front of an audience, congregation, or general crowd was never much of an issue. However, something was different this first time cantoring again. As the organ began at the start of Mass, I stood there and realized how heavy and labored my breathing was getting. My heart was beating so fast and loud I could hear and feel it in my ears. My vision was a little fuzzy and my throat started to feel dry and as if it was closing up. Although this was not a performance or show, I seemed to have ‘stage fright’ – something I had never experienced before. What did this mean and why did it occur? After much prayer, our Lord reminded me that I wasn’t relying on Him enough. I had become somewhat complacent in the safety of quarantine that is now our everyday experience. He didn’t instill fear in me, but He allowed me to experience this new fear to realize I needed to turn to Him for my peace and to offer back to Him the gift He gave me. I pray for more of these humbling reminders, so that I may not become too comfortable and complacent. Rather, I must always know that it’s about God, our love for and offering of ourselves to Him, and our love for Him through loving our brothers and sisters. May we remember, especially now, our call to see and serve Christ in each person and to live every moment leaning fully on God who is our everything. May God bless you all abundantly.



⁴ From EWTN web site, accessed 9/29/20, URL <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/biographies-of-saints-canonized-1993-to-2018-5877>

October Reflection

By Larry Bleau, OFS

On the feastday of our founder, St. Francis, Pope Francis released his new encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, named after the opening words of St. Francis' Admonition 6 ("Let us all, brothers, ...") but addressed by the Holy Father to the entire world. It is a "social encyclical" in that it deals with society and its relationships.

When I searched for something that would distinguish Franciscan spirituality from other spiritualities, relationships came to mind. We are in a fraternity in which we are related to one another by our profession and the way we live our lives; we relate to others in our community in that we are called to have an influence there, to show our faith by example and deed; we related to the stranger among us, be he Christian or not, in that each and every person is made in the image of our heavenly Father, thus making us all brothers. God contains within Himself a relationship to Himself in what has been revealed to us as the Trinity. He gave us Jesus in human form so He could relate to in His humanity as well as His divinity.

A Stitch in Chimes

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

In October of 2000 Dorothy Clayton (d.) gave a presentation on St. Juan Capistrano, the fraternity discussed "Prompted by the Spirit to Deepen This Calling," members were reminded to bring canned goods and toiletries donations for Ronald McDonald House, and Fr. Kevin wrote a reflection before he departed for the Holy Land.

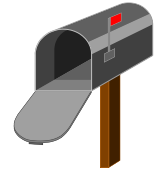


November Birthdays

November 4 – George Bond, Charlotte Markoe and Ouida Morrison; 6 – Mary Brown and Fred Scharf; 11 – Josephine Awich; 26 – Rosemary Bordley; and 29 – Deborah McNeilly-Williams.

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Robert Lantz** has a new address: 5701 Lawshe Rd., Peebles, OH 45660. At this time his email and phone are unchanged.
- Thank you to **Helen Walls** for a Spiritual Gift to the Fraternity: the remembering of our Fraternity in the Mass.



Please Pray For Our Members

Justina Essiet and her brother Michael Udoiong; Mary Okumu, her brother Anthony Otokodit (d.) and Christopher Okumu, and her sister Flora Okumu; Mary Ann Corr and her family; Maria Louisa Correa; Sarah Faizi and her friends Kirk King and Ron Harner; Jean Fleurival; Adele Lewis; Nancy McCleary; John Hewitt; Margaret Murphy and her family; Fritz Nicolas and his family; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Helen Walls; John and Deneen Whipple; Donna Wilkes and her family

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

November 4 – St. Charles Borromeo, bishop, III Order; 6 – Bl. Alfonso Lopez, priest, and companions, martyrs Pedro Rivera, Modesto Vegas, Dionisio Vicente, priests; Francisco Remon, Miguel Remon, religious, I Order; 7 – St. Didacus of Alcala, religious, I Order also Blessed Helen of Arcella (Italy); 8 – Bl. John Duns Scotus, priest, I Order; 13 – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin, III Order, founder; 14 – St. Nicholas Tavelic, priest, and companions, martyrs, I Order; 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary, widow, III Order, Patron of the Secular Franciscan Order; 18 – Bl. Salome, virgin, II Order; 19 – St. Agnes of Assisi, virgin, II Order; 25 – Commemoration of all the Deceased of the Franciscan Family (I,II,III Order); Bl. Elizabeth of Reute, virgin, III Order; 26 – St. Leonard of Port Maurice, priest, I Order; 27 – St. Francis Anthony Fasani, priest, I Order; Bl. Umile de Bisignano, religious, I Order; 28 – St. James of the March, priest, I Order; 29 – All Saints of the Franciscan Order (I,II,III Order).