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**WE WILL HAVE OUR MEETING BY ZOOM ON FEB 21, 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 914 4416 0404**

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## 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 **Social time** by Zoom conference, click <https://zoom.us/j/91444160404>
- 1:30pm Fraternity Meeting starts

## Fraternity Meeting Agenda

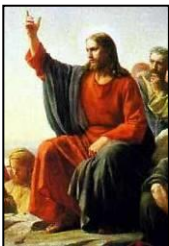
- Opening prayer
- Prayer for vocations – see (<http://dcsfo.org/prayers/vocations/>)
- News of members
- Annual Treasurer Report
- *Fratelli Tutti* discussion – Chapter 1 (9-51)
- Discussion of Article 21 – Elections
- Evening prayer II for First Sunday of Lent. In “Shorter Christian Prayer”, see **p48-52** (Evening Prayer II for Week I) and **p408-410** (reading, responsory, antiphon, intercessions, and concluding prayer).

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◆ Theme: **THE WORLD AROUND US** ◆

### Bible Quote of the Month

Then Jesus cried out, “Whoever believes in me does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me. I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. (*Jn 12:44-46*)



### Prayer of the Month

Most High, Glorious God, enlighten the darkness of our minds. Give us a right faith, a firm hope and a perfect charity, so that we may always and in all things act according to Your Holy Will. Amen.



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## **ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS**

### **3. On Perfect Obedience<sup>1</sup>**

The Lord says in the Gospel: “He who does not renounce all that he possesses, cannot be my disciple” (Lk 14:33); and: “He who will have wanted to save his life, shall lose it” (Lk 9:24). That man abandons all that he possesses, and loses his own body, who offers himself whole to obedience in the hands of his prelate. And whatever he does and says, that he himself knows, which is not contrary to his will, as long as what he does is good, is true obedience. And if at any time the subject sees better and more useful things for his own soul than those which the prelate precepts him, (see next column)

<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 Three, Article 21 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

On various levels, each fraternity is animated and guided by a council and minister (or president) who are elected by the professed according to the constitutions.

Their service, which lasts for a definite period, is marked by a ready and willing spirit and is a duty of responsibility to each member and to the community.

Within themselves the fraternities are structured in different ways according to the norm of the constitutions, according to the various needs of their members and their regions, and under the guidance of their respective council.

## **The Information Corner – Pope Quote**



“We are branches of the same vine, we are communicating vessels: the good and the bad each one does is poured out on the others. To the extent that we remain in God we draw closer to others, and to the extent that we draw closer to others we remain in God.”<sup>2</sup>

## **Papal Intention for the Month**

**Prayer Intention – Violence against women.**

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.<sup>3</sup>

*(Admonition continued):*

let him sacrifice these willingly to God; but those which are the prelate’s, let him strive to fulfill. For this is charitable obedience (cf. 1 Pet 1:22), since it satisfies God and neighbor.

<sup>2</sup> Jan 25, 2021. URL <http://twitter.com/pontifex>

<sup>3</sup> Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network. Accessed Jan 26, 2021, URL <http://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/>

## **The Information Corner**

**Feb 16th** – Feastday of Blessed Veridiana.<sup>4</sup>



Born in 1182 to a noble family near Florence, Veridiana's vocation was discernible even in her youth; she loved seclusion, prayer, and works of penance. She grew in years and in grace, and her innocence and virtue won for

her the love and veneration of all who knew her.

As a young girl, Veridiana was sent to assist at the home of her uncle. She displayed good sense that was uncommon for one her age, and often practiced works of charity. Once in a famine she gave the poor a great quantity of beans from the storerooms, not knowing they had already been sold. When the buyer found the bins empty, her uncle reproached her bitterly. Veridiana, deeply grieved, prayed all night; in the morning the bins were again full.

News of this miracle spread far and wide. In order to avoid attention from all sides, Veridiana went on a pilgrimage to Compostela, in Spain, to the grave of St. James the Apostle, and later to the tombs of the Apostles in Rome.

Upon returning, Veridiana had a small cell (10ft x 3½ft) built by the chapel of St. Anthony in Florence. A small window opens upon the chapel, through which she could attend Mass, receive Holy Communion, and receive meals. She was only 26 when, escorted by her spiritual director, she entered the cell and permitted the door to be walled up. She spent the remaining years of her life as an anchoress in prayer and severe penance. Her bed was either the bare earth or a board with a block of wood serving as a pillow; her food bread, water and herbs.

In about 1222, when St. Francis was preaching penance in the vicinity of Florence, he visited

<sup>4</sup> Habig, Marion, OFM ed., *The Franciscan Book of Saints*, from web site Roman Catholic Saints, URL <https://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/blessed-veridiana.html>, accessed Feb 10, 2020.

the poor anchoress, gave her the habit of the Third Order and many beautiful lessons on the proper way to live a contemplative life.

After a very saintly life in which she had been granted the gift of miracles, it was revealed to Veridiana the hour of her death. She prepared herself with the devout reception of the holy sacraments. While praying the penitential psalms she died on February 1, 1242, at age 60.

Moved by the extraordinary miracles that had occurred, Pope Clement VII approved the devotion to her in 1533, and later on Pope Innocent XII added his approbation in 1694.

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### **Called To Serve: Head and Heart**

This September the fraternity will hold its Council elections. Ask yourself: Am I called to serve my brothers and sisters? What does my heart want to do? What does my head say I should do? How can I bring these together in service of my fraternity?

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### **Fraternity Finances**

💰 Last month we expended \$173.02; checks had not yet been deposited.

For 2020, we received \$4652.97 in donations and a rebate of \$310 in Fair Share payments, and spent \$4845.40, for a net inflow of \$117.57. To obtain a copy of the annual report contact a member of Council.

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### **Fair Share – What Is It?**

Article 25 of the Rule asks us to “*contribute toward the expenses of the higher fraternity councils.*” The St. Margaret of Cortona Regional Fraternity's suggested Fair Share donation is \$40 per active member (\$20 for active-excused). If you have not already done so, please include a Fair Share contribution in this month's envelope, and write “Fair Share” on the envelope or check.

► Please note that this special donation does not go towards the support of our fraternity; your regular, separate monthly donation does this.

## February Reflection

By Larry Bleau, OFS

### Light and Spouse

St. Joseph's titles include ones not often heard. For example, **Light Amongst Patriarchs** if one of them. The Patriarchs are our fathers in faith, those elders of the Hebrew people, from Abraham, down through Isaac, Jacob, and eventually to Joseph. They gave form to and nurtured the Hebrew people, whom God had chosen as His Own, and are the forerunners of Christ. The prophets all point to the coming Messiah, the Redeemer. St. Joseph shines on their teaching and example, allowing one to realize the One to Whom all Scripture points and time tends.



Another title, which one *might* call common, is actually a compound title: **Spouse of the Mother of God.** Here St. Joseph is presented not only as the faithful spouse of his wife, Mary, but as the spouse of God's human Mother. As

if fatherhood and raising a family weren't challenge enough! St. Joseph is entrusted not only with the holiest of women, whom he has taken as his wife, but with the care of one in whom Our Lord would be Incarnate and come forth, to be of human estate.

Oh, that we could all be as faithful, caring, and tender as St. Joseph to his family, the First Family of our faith.

### Please Pray For Our Members

Vilma and Saturnino Camposano; Mary Ann Corr; Adele Lewis and her sister Diane Dalton; Larry Bleau's friend, Fred Hoeck (d.); Maria Louisa Correa; Sarah Faizi and her friend Ron Harner; Jean Fleurival; Nancy McCleary; John Hewitt; Carol Petro; Cecilia Thieman and her family; John and Deneen Whipple; Donna Wilkes and her brother. Also pray for Jan Parker, the National Fraternity Minister.

## A Stitch in Chimes

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

In February of 2000 Julia Ann Stratchko (d.) gave a presentation on St. Joseph of Leonissa, O.F.M.; the fraternity discussed the chapter "Through the Secular Franciscan Order" from *Fully Mature with the Fullness of Christ*; the Minister gave a reflection on obedience; we remembered our sister Katie Crawley, who passed away in Jan 2001; and Fr. Kevin wrote a reflection on ways to promote a vocation to the Order.



### March Birthdays

March 3 – Mary Gigliotti, 5 – Vilma Camposano, 11 – Ling Guiron and Fritz Nicolas, 13 – Amy Bilyeau, 16 – John Whipple, 24 – Kady Konan, 25 – Mary Anne Corr, and 30 – Rita Aughenbaugh.

### Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

March 2 – Bl. Agnes of Prague, virgin, II Order; 3 – Bls. Liberatus Weiss, Samuele Marzorati and Michele Pio Fasoli, priests and martyrs, I Order; 5 – St. John Joseph of the Cross, priest, I Order; 9 – St. Frances of Rome, religious, III Order; 12 – Bl. Angela Salawa, virgin, III Order; 18 – St. Salvator of Horta, religious I Order; 20 – Bl. John of Parma, priest, I Order; 22 – St. Benvenute of Osimo, priest, I Order; 23 – St. Catherine of Genoa, III Order; 24 – Bl. Ludovico of Casoria, priest, I Order; 30 – St. Peter Regaldo, priest, I Order

