



The Franciscan Sun-Herald

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Order of Secular Franciscan Fraternity
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Meeting Place:

St. Mary's Catholic
Church & Lyceum
313 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA

Meeting:

March 10, 2018
(see page 2
for details)



Rule 16

Let them esteem work both as a gift and as a sharing in the creation, redemption, and service of the human community.

OFS Newsletter Reflection – March 2018

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From Lenten Season of Peace by Carolyn Townes:

Sunday, March 25, The Feast Of the Annunciation

Let us: "Fast from self-centeredness;
Feast on compassion for others

Our Mother Mary always prayed with a heart of compassion for others. Her **Magnificat** speaks of God's justice for those on the margins of society. Her words are bold and clear as she speaks of the lowly, the hungry, the humble and the poor as being exalted in God's Kingdom. As a very young and unmarried girl, being chosen to bear the Messiah might have caused Our Lady to focus on herself and the enormity of her role. And yet, she gave herself as the handmaid of the Lord and felt the needs of those much less fortunate.

Psalm Fragment: 'Place your hope in the Lord: be strong and courageous in your heart, and place your hope in the Lord.' Psalm 27:14

Question to Ponder: How often do I step outside of myself to care for the needs of others?

Prayer: Loving and gracious God, help me to fast from anything that leads me away from you and teach me to feast on all that brings me closer to you. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen."

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worth of the promises of Christ.

St Francis and St Clare pray for us.

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Fraternity Focus

Schedule for March Meeting:

- 8:30 Mass at St. Mary's
- 9:00 Continental Breakfast & Social Hour
at Lyceum. Feel free to bring friends
and family.
- 10:00 Opening Prayer,
Liturgy of Hours/Christian Prayer
- Short business meeting and announce-
ments. Reports of Councilors;
Report of the Nominations Committee
- Fr. Bork will be stopping by.
- Ongoing Formation - "Compassion,
Living in the Spirit of St. Francis"
by Ilia Delio, ofs. Books will be
distributed. If you can, bring \$5 for
cost of your book.
- Crown Rosary
- Closing Prayer
- 12:30 Final Council Meeting

Please be sure to bring one or two non-perishable food items for sharing with those in need. Also, if possible for you, please consider bringing an item to share for the lunch to increase our sense of community.

Upcoming Events

April 7, Saturday

Annual Day of Reflection – St. Anthony Shrine
12290 Folly Quarter Road
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042
Pat McGrath will bring registration forms.

April 14 – Fraternity Elections

Fraternity Elections will take place on April 14. This will be our only activity scheduled for that meeting. Please pray for discernment in selecting new officers for our fraternity. Equally important, please attend and vote. We must have a quorum for elections to occur.

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Our Family:

Recalling the words of St. Francis regarding the sick:
**I beg all my sick brothers that they do not become
angry in their infirmities or disturbed either
against God or against their brothers....**

**Let them give thanks in all things so that they may
desire to be as God wants them to be.**

And Let Us Pray For:

Healing of: Mary Ann Friesen
Karen Riedl
Lorraine Lee
John Dina & his family, especially Meredith
Catherine Williams
Art Scarano
Claudia Carpenter & her nephew
Nancy Gormley
Francis Piscitelli
Camilla Aksamit & Jim Hardy
Scott and the Beard Family
Anna Therese and the Park Family
George Webb, Geneva's Father
Pat McGrath's sister, Mary Wagner &
husband, John
Wilma Connair, Karen's Mother-in-law
Stephen Connair
Michael, Laura, Kim & Michelle Feldman

In Memory of: Lorre Bracey – Marcia's daughter
David Robertson – Joanne's son
Cathy Williams Mother

Special Intentions: John S. and all those struggling
with addictions and mental illness.

For all the victims of gun violence in our nation.
For those still suffering from the effects of
Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.
For all those being persecuted for their faith.
For all who requested prayers from us.
For the poor and the homeless.

**Thanksgiving: For our current Council and for our
members who will answer God's call to become
our Leaders next month.**

**Finally, for our Fraternity and for all of our
intentions held close to our heart.**



**Franciscan Saints,
Blesseds & Holy Ones (for all 3
branches of the Order)**

MARCH – Month of St. Joseph

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

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Our Family:

Profession Anniversaries: Congratulations this month to Lorraine Lee and Joanne Robertson, 3/11/06; Diane Maple, Sandra Reid and Patrick White 3/13/04 on their profession anniversaries.

Birthdays: Please extend Happy Birthday wishes to Judith Healy 3/15; Elly Escobal 3/16 and Camilla Aksamit 3/27. May God Bless them throughout this coming year!

In Memoriam: May the souls of our sisters and brothers, Mary Strosser 3/2/00; Nora Biero 3/3/96; Mollie Yinling 3/7/96; **Christina Lynem** 3/9/10; Joseph Armstrong 3/24/75; and **Howard Kempter** 3/26/13 rest in the peace of Christ.

Calendar for Christ House in 2018

Dates for Christ House this year will be March 17 (Happy St Patrick's Day), May 19, June 16, August 18, October 20 and November 17. For further details, please see Sadie Martins or Marcia Campbell. If you have never tried it, please do so. It is a wonderful way to fulfill the needs of those less fortunate.

