



**OFS Newsletter Reflection – April 2018**  
**submitted by: Geneva Park**

First of all, I wish you all a Happy and blessed Easter Season! I want to thank you for your prayers for my father, Colonel (ret) George S. Webb, who peacefully passed away on Sunday, March 18, 2018. I came across a few beautiful reflections/prayers that I wanted to share that remind us to be prepared for our own death and to pray for the souls of those who have died. I ask for your continued prayers for my Dad's soul.

**Cardinal Newman's Prayer**

My Lord and Savior, support me in my last hour in the strong arms of your sacrament and by the power of your consolations. Let the absolving words be said over me, and the holy oil sign and seal me: and let your own body be my food, and your blood my sprinkling, and let me Mother, Mary, breathe on me, and my angel whisper peace to me. And my glorious saints and my own patrons smile upon me that, in them all and through them all, I may receive the gift of perseverance, and die as I desire to live-in your church, in your service and in your love. Amen.

**Remember the Departed**

Christian hope is not solely individual, it is also always a hope for others. Our lives are profoundly linked, one to the other, and the good and the bad that each of us does always affects others too. Hence, the prayer of a pilgrim soul in the world can help another soul that is being purified after death. This is why the Church invites us to pray for our beloved deceased, and to pause at their tombs in the cemeteries.

**Rule 17**

***In their family they should cultivate the Franciscan spirit of peace, fidelity, and respect for life, striving to make of it a sign of a world already renewed in Christ.***

***By living the grace of matrimony, husbands and wives in particular should bear witness in the world to the love of Christ for his Church. They should joyfully accompany their children on their journey by providing them a simple and open Christian education and being attentive to the vocation of each child.***

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Mary, Star of Hope, renders our faith in eternal life stronger and more authentic, and supports our prayer of suffrage for our deceased brothers and sisters. - *Pope Benedict XVI*

### Your Loved One

Your loved ones are very safe in My Keeping. Learning and loving and working, theirs is a life of happiness and progress. They live to serve, and serve they truly do. They serve Me and those they love. Ceaselessly they serve.

But their ministrations, so many, so diverse, you see no more than those in My time on earth in human form could have seen the angels who ministered unto Me in the wilderness.

How often mortals rush to earthly friends who can serve them in so limited a way, when the friends who are freed from the limitations of humanity can serve them so much better, understand better, protect better, plan better, and even plead better their cause with Me.

You do well to remember your friends in the Unseen. Companing with them the more you live in this Unseen World the gentler will be your passing when it comes. Earth's troubles and difficulties will seem, even now, less overwhelming as you look, not at the things that are seen but at the real, the Eternal Life.

"And this is Life Eternal that we may know Thee, the Only True God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent."

Learning to know Me draws that Kingdom very near, and in Me, and through Knowledge of Me, the dear ones

there become *very* near and dear.  
(from *God Calling*)

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

## **Fraternity Focus**

### Schedule for April Meeting:

8:30 Mass at St. Mary's

9-9:30 Continental Breakfast & Social Hour at Lyceum.

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

9:30-12:30 Triennial Council Elections - Meeting will be conducted by the Region (note: 1. we need a quorum for elections to take place

2. Only those who are present when the meeting starts are allowed to vote.

Please be present before 9:30 a.m.

### Upcoming Events

#### 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.

#### June 29 –1 Aug – Chapter of Mats

Will be held in Priest Field. A copy of an application is attached at the back of this edition.

## **Calendar for Christ House in 2018**

Dates for Christ House this year will be March 17, 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.

# **Bulletin Board**

## **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 the Healing of:**

Sarah Lewis, Mary Ann Friesen,  
Karen Riedl, Lorraine Lee,  
John Dina & his family, especially Meredith  
Catherine Williams,  
Wayne, Cathy William's Son-In-Law  
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,  
Pat McGrath's sister, Mary Wagner & husband, John,  
Wilma Connair, Karen's Mother-in-law,  
Stephen Connair  
Michael, Laura, Kim & Michelle Feldman

## **For the Repose of the Souls who have preceded us into eternal life:**

Our brother, Tom Bello,  
Lorre Bracey – Marcia's daughter  
David Robertson – Joanne's son  
Carmella Piscitelli, Steve's Mother  
David Hsu, husband of Becky

Cathy Williams Mother  
George Webb, Geneva's Father  
and all the Souls in Purgatory

## **Special Intentions:**

For John S. and all those struggling with addictions.

For those still suffering from the effects of  
Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria and wild fires.

For all victims of violence, terrorism or sex abuse.

For those being persecuted throughout the world for  
their faith.

## **In Thanksgiving for our Leaders.**

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

## **Our Fraternity:**

### **Profession Anniversaries:**

Congratulations this month to Ann Corro April  
25, 1982; Marcia Campbell - April 9, 1994;

**Birthdays:** Please extend Happy Birthday  
wishes to Marcia Campbell April 30<sup>th</sup>. May  
God Bless her throughout this coming year!

**In Memoriam:** May the souls of our  
sisters and brothers, Eileen Conoboy April 3,  
2000; Dolores Wurth, April 15, 2002;  
Helen M. McGrehan, April 8, 1977;  
Margaret Newman, April 26, 1986 and  
James Hilleary, April 23, 1990 rest in peace.

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

### APRIL – Month of the Holy Face and the Redemption

1. Bl. Elisabeth Vendramini, Virgin, religious of the third order [Living under community, under a rule], d. 1860
2. St. Francis de Paule, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding and joining another religious institute, d. 1507
3. St. Benoit Le Maure, lay brother, religious of the 1<sup>st</sup> order, d. 1589
4. Bl. Guillaume de Sicily, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1404
5. St. Marie-Crescence, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1744
6. Bl. Angele Salawa, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1922
7. Bl. Maria-Assunta, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1925
8. Bl. Julien de St. Augustin, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan First Order, d. 1606
9. Bl. Thomas de Tolentuno, Priest, religious of the Franciscan First Order, martyr 1321
10. Bl. Marc de Bologne, Priest, religious of the Franciscan First Order, d. 1479
11. Bl. Ange De Chivasso, Priest, religious of the Franciscan First Order, d. 1495
12. Bl. Boniface Zukowski, Priest, Conventual Religious, martyr 1942
13. Bl. Isabelle Rivera, Virgin, Capuchin religious, martyr 1937
14. Bl. Lidwyne de Schiedam, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1433
15. Bl. Gandolphe de Binasco, Priest, religious of the Franciscan First Order, d. 1260
16. St. Benedict-Joseph Labore, Confessor, Cordbearer, d. 1783 Plenary Indulgence for Cordbearers. Anniversary of the profession of St. Francis (1209)
17. Bl. Paul de Madeleine, Priest, religious of the Franciscan First Order, martyr 1643
18. Bl. Andre Hibernon, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan First Order, d. 1734
19. Bl. Comrade e Ascoli, Priest, religious of the Franciscan First Order, d. 1289
20. Bl. Anastase Pankewicz, Priest, religious of the Franciscan First Order, martyr 1942
21. Bl. Francois de Fabriano, Priest, religious of the Franciscan First Order, d. 1322
22. Bl. St. Conrad de Parzam, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1894
23. Bl. Gilles of Assisi, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan First Order, d. 1262
24. St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Capuchin, martyr 1622
25. St. Marc Grandes Rogations
26. Bl. Pierre De Pethancourt, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1667
27. St. Zita de Lucques, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1278
28. St. Paul of the Cross, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious institute, d. 1775; Bl. Luchesius, First Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1260, Plenary Indulgence for Franciscan Third Order Seculars (renewal of Tertiary Engagements)
29. Bl. Benoit d’Urbin, Priest, Capuchin, d. 1625
30. St. Joseph-Benoit Cottolengo, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1845



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