



**The Franciscan
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Basilica of St. Mary,
Catholic Church &
Lyceum
313 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA
Meeting:



Rule 21

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 various needs of their members and their regions, and under the guidance of their respective council.

Minister's Corner:

Hope everyone is having a great summer. Looking forward to celebrating the Feast of St Clare with all of you at our meeting on Saturday, August 11 at the Lyceum. Reminder that Thursday, August 2, is the Feast of the Portiuncula. One can gain a special plenary indulgence for yourself or a deceased loved one by visiting the Monastery of Poor Clares, Franciscan Monastery or another Franciscan Church along with the usual conditions. Another note is that the Novena to St Clare at the Monastery of the Poor Clares every evening at 7:30 pm in their chapel begins Aug 2 and lasts through Aug 10 with benediction and homily on a theme chosen by the Poor Clares from a different priest each night. In any case, pray for the intercession of our wonderful St Clare for our fraternity and our family members. Ask her especially for vocations to the Franciscan orders. God's blessings.

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Saint Clare

Excerpt from the Novena Prayer to Saint Clare –Submitted by: Sadie Martins, OFS

Valiant St. Clare who fearlessly stood alone against the barbarous Saracens, trusting in the Blessed Sacrament as your only protection, enkindle in us a tender love for Jesus Christ, help us to lead Eucharistic lives.

You who saved your city of Assisi from plunder and ruin, protect our city and our diocese, plead for our loved country and the suffering world. A voice from the Sacred Host rewarded your trust with the promise" I will always take care of you."

Glorious St. Clare, from your high place in heaven, take care of us now in our earthly needs and guide us by your light in Heaven. Amen.

Happy feast day, Saint John the Beloved Fraternity!

Excerpt from the Writings of Saint Clare – Submitted by: Stephen Piscitelli, OFS

[Praying before the Blessed Sacrament]: I come, O Lord, unto Thy sanctuary to see the life and food of my soul. As I hope in Thee, O Lord, inspire me with that confidence which brings me to Thy holy mountain. Permit me, Divine Jesus, to come closer to

Thee, that my whole soul may do homage to the greatness of Thy majesty; that my heart, with its tenderest affections, may acknowledge Thine infinite love; that my memory may dwell on the admirable mysteries here renewed every day, and that the sacrifice of my whole being may accompany Thine. Place your mind before the mirror of eternity! Place your soul in the brilliance of glory! Transform your entire being into the image of the Godhead Itself through contemplation. He, Christ, is the splendor of eternal glory, "the brightness of eternal light, and the mirror without cloud."

Gaze upon Him, consider Him, contemplate Him, as you desire to imitate Him. Totally love Him, Who gave Himself totally for your love. Go without anxiety, for you have a good escort for your journey. Go, for He who created has made you holy. And, always protecting you as a mother her child, He has loved you with a tender love. May you be blessed, O Lord, you who have created my soul!

Be filled with a remarkable happiness and a spiritual joy! ...[if] contempt of the world has pleased you more than its honors, poverty more than earthly riches and you have sought to store up greater treasures in heaven than on earth, where rust does not consume nor moth destroy nor thieves break in and steal, your reward is very rich in heaven!

I believe that the kingdom of heaven is promised and given by the Lord only to the poor for she who loves temporal things loses the fruit of love. Such a person cannot serve God and money, for either the one is loved and the other hated, or the one is served and the other despised.

What a great and praiseworthy exchanges to leave the things of time of those of eternity,

to choose the things of heaven for the goods of earth, to receive the hundred-fold in place of one and to possess a blessed eternal life!

Fraternity Focus

This Month's Meeting

This month's Meeting will return to the Basilica of St. Mary, Catholic Church & Lyceum, 313 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA

The following is the agenda for our meeting at St Mary Basilica on August 11, 2018:

- 7:00 Mass at Poor Clare Monastery or
- 8:30 Mass at Basilica of St Mary
- 9:00 Fellowship
- 10:00 Open the meeting
Liturgy of the Hours/Divine Office
- 10:30 Business meeting
- 11:00 Ongoing Formation –
“Compassion” – Chapter 4 and
An examination of the Rule of the
Secular Franciscan Order
- 11:30 Franciscan Crown Rosary and
Closing Prayer
- 12:00 Council meeting

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 lunch to increase our sense of community.

Events

August 2 -10, 2018: Feast of the Portiuncula the annual novena to St Clare each evening at 7:30 PM, starting on Thursday, August 2nd and continuing through the vigil on August 10th. An assigned Priest will lead benediction and give a homily on a theme chosen by the Poor Clares. On August 10, 2018, Poor Clare Breads will be blessed and distributed. You can say the novena prayers each day including your prayer intentions even if you can't attend the public event at the Poor Clare Monastery.

The Poor Clare Monastery is located at: 2503 Stone Hedge Dr, Alexandria, VA 22306
Phone: (703) 768-4918

August 18, 2018: Christ House

Apostolate:

The next date for the fraternity's apostolate at Christ House will be from 3:00 - 6:00. Future dates scheduled for the Apostolate are October 20 and November 17. This month is being coordinated by Scott Graham. For further details, please contact Scott Graham, Sadie Martins or Marcia Campbell. Please let Scott know if you would like to help.

Christ House's Address is:
131 S West St, Alexandria, VA 22314
Phone: (703) 549-8644

September 8, 2018: Birthday of Mary. The fraternity will honor Our Holy Mother during the Fraternity Meeting with Musical Selections.

October 3, 2018: Transitus of St Francis of Assisi will be held at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America, 1400 Quincy St NE, Washington, DC 20017 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM.

October 4, 2018: Feast of St Francis of Assisi:

October 4, 2018: The Shrine of Saint Anthony at 12290 Folly Quarter Rd. Ellicott City, MD 21042 will celebrate Mass at 12:00 in honor of Saint Francis.

October 13, 2018: The Fraternity is tentatively planning a Day of Recollection with a pot luck meal in Orange, VA. More information to follow.

Dates and times for some events may change. Updates will be provided in future issues and at Fraternity Meetings.

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:

Mary Ann Friesen, Karen Riedl, Lorraine Lee, John Dina & his family, especially Meredith, Catherine Williams, daughter Amy, Wayne, Cathy William's Son-In-Law, Pat McGrath's sister, Mary Wagner, Pat's husband, John Schupp, Wilma Connair, Karen's Mother-in-law, Stephen Connair, Karen's husband, Michael, Laura, Kim & Michelle Feldman, Rita's niece Sarah Lewis and her husband Ben, Tom McGrath, and for all our families and friends

who need God's healing that God will have mercy on all the sick and injured, especially those preparing to meet our Lord face-to-face.

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

Lorre Bracey – Marcia's daughter, David Robertson – Joanne's son, Cathy Williams Mother, George Webb, Geneva's Father, Alfie Evans, Jean Weaver and for all the Souls in Purgatory who have no one to pray for them.

Special Intentions:

For our Holy Father and all the leaders of the Church that they may faithfully adhere to Christ's teachings.

For religious vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, for vocations to sanctity of marriage between one man and one woman, and for religious freedom.

For sanctity of all our priests, religious, and lay people.

For those being persecuted throughout the world for their faith.

For our veterans, military and first responders.

For John S. and all those struggling with addictions.

For the conversion of the socialized medicine in England to allow parents to have a say in the health treatment of their terminally ill children.

For an end to abortion, euthanasia, and assisted suicide in this country and throughout the world.

For peace in the world, peace in our families, peace in our hearts.

For our leaders, that the Holy Spirit guide them to make good decisions.

For our Fraternity and for all our intentions held close to our hearts.

Our Fraternity:

Profession Anniversaries and Birthdays: Profession Anniversaries:

Anne Marie Pierce - August 8, 2009
Viviane Lidji - August 11, 2007
Reyna Minogue - August 11, 2007
Camilla Aksamit - August 12, 1995

Birthdays:

Tom White - August 5th
Lorraine Lee - August 12th
Viviane Lidji - August 16th
Rita Evans - August 27th

In Memoriam: For all our departed brothers and sisters, especially
Margaret Flournoy - August 1, 2001.

May the Lord in his infinite mercy, grant them eternal peace with all his angels and saints in heaven.

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

August – Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

1. St. Alphonse de Liguori, Bishop, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1787
2. Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula, Plenary Indulgence possible by visiting a church or chapel of the Franciscan 1st Order
3. St. Pierre-Julien Eymard, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1868
4. St. Dominic, Priest, Cordbearer, d. 1221
5. B. Marie-Francoise de Jesus, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1904
6. Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ
7. Bl. Agathange et Cassien, Priest, Capuchin, martyr 1638
8. St. Jean-Marie Vianney, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1859
9. Bl. Marie-Marguerite of the Sacred Heart, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1924
10. St. Beatrice de Silva, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1492
11. Bl. Innocent XI, Pope, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1689
12. St. Clare of Assisi, Virgin, Foundress of the Poor Clares, Plenary Indulgence for Tertiaries (Renewal of Engagements)
13. Bl. Novellon de Faenza, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1280
14. St. Maximilien-Marie Kolbe, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr 1941
15. Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady
16. Bl. Francis Chici of Pesaro, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1350
17. St. Roch of Montpellier, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1327
18. Blessed Martyrs of Pontons de Rochefort, d. 1794
19. St. Jean Eudes, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious

Institute, d. 1680

20. St. Louis of Anjou, Bishop of Toulouse, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1297

21. St. Jeanne-Francoise de Chantal, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1610

22. Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

23. Bl. Bernard of Offida, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1694

24. St. Emilie de Vialar, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1856

25. St. Louis IX, King of France, Patron of Franciscan Third Order Seculars, Plenary Indulgence for tertiaries and cordbearers

26. Bl. Pierre de Benisa, Priest, Capuchin religious, martyr 1936

27. St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest, Cordbearer, d. 1648

28. St. Junipero Serra, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1784

29. Bl. Jean de Perouse, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1231

30. Bl. Juvenal Ancina, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1604

31. Bl. Aurele de Vinalesa, Priest, Capuchin religious, martyr 1936



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