



The Franciscan Sun- Herald

St. John the Beloved Apostle
Order of Secular Franciscan Fraternity
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Meeting Place:
Basilica of St. Mary, Catholic Church & Lyceum
313 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA
Advent Party:
December 8th, 2018 at St. Mary Basilica Lyceum
Following the 10:30 a.m. Mass
(see page 2 for details)



Minister's Corner:

The Rule of the OFS:

Article 1

The Franciscan family, as one among many spiritual families raised up by the Holy Spirit in the Church, unites all members of the people of God – laity, religious, and priests – who recognize that they are called to follow Christ in the footsteps of Saint Francis of Assisi.

In various ways and forms, but in life-giving union with each other, they intend to make present the charism of their common Seraphic Father in the life and mission of the Church.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception this month, we are reminded that at Lourdes our Lady identified herself as “the Immaculate Conception.” We recently celebrated the feast of St Catherine Labouré who received the request from our Lady to strike a medal which reads “O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.” We honor Mary, and we ask for her intercession to help us to pray especially the rosary and fast for the graces we need in this life to fight the good fight on our Franciscan journey toward eternal life. During Advent, let us celebrate God’s wonderful plan for our redemption which was promised to Adam and Eve after their fall from grace and fulfilled through Mary’s freedom from original sin and her fiat which led to the light of Christ coming into the world. Fast during Advent except, of course, for the wonderful celebrations on the

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Feasts of Immaculate Conception and Christmas.

During 10:30 Mass Saturday, Dec 8, we will renew our Franciscan consecration to Mary. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our pot luck Advent Party Dec 8 at the Lyceum following the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Basilica of St Mary. You may drop off food before mass. A spiral ham is provided as a main dish. May God grant you a Blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas!

OFS Reflection – December 2018

Psalm 9: 5-6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Upon those who lived in a land of gloom a light has shone.

You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing;

They rejoice before you as people rejoice at harvest, as they exult when dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder,

The rod of their taskmaster, you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for fire.

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests.

They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.

His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, Upon David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains

By judgment and justice, both now and forever.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

Pax et Bonum

Fraternity Focus

Next Month's Meeting

At the December 8, 2018, meeting we will have our fraternity's annual Advent Party at the Basilica of St. Mary, Catholic Church & Lyceum, 313 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA. The Lyceum will be open from 9:30 to 10:15 to setup and receive food for the party.

The following is the agenda for December 8, 2018:

10:30 Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass

11:30 Pot Luck Advent Party -Immediately following the Mass

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

Events

Movie Opportunity:

As most of you know, Scott Graham is deployed to North Carolina providing disaster relief after Hurricanes Florence and Michael.

Scott thought about all of us and purchased the movie "*Saint Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction*," in DVD-Blu-Ray and would like to show it at our January Fraternity meeting or he has offered to set up a separate date to view the movie. Please consider it so we can discuss it at our Advent Party. Scott provided this link to the

movies trailer, so that you can get a flavor for the movie:

<https://www.signofcontradiction.com/>

I watched it and it thought it was absolutely great!!

40 Days for Life Campaign:

Please don't miss the opportunity to come out and pray for all those facing challenging pregnancies and for all who needs healing from the effects of abortion.

Your prayerful witness can save lives and heal past hurts.

For more information contact:
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Christ House Apostolate:

The Fraternity successfully completed the apostolate at Christ House for this year. We will start the 2019 apostolate sometime around March 2019. More information will be provided later.

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: Art Scarano,

Mary Ann Friesen; Karen Riedl; Lorraine Lee; John Dina & his family, especially Meredith; Catherine Williams' daughter - Amy, and 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; Rita's niece Sarah Lewis and her husband Ben; 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 who are dying.

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; Michael Feldman; George Webb, Geneva's Father; Alfie Evans; Elsie Mae Corro; Jean Hartley; Donald Wagner, 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 the 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 all those who mourn the loss of loved ones, that their sadness might be turned into joy.

For John S. and all those struggling with addictions.

For all victims of sex abuse worldwide especially victims within the Church.

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, and peace in our hearts.

For all those affected by natural disasters and forest fires, and for Scott Graham and all those providing disaster relief and their families.

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

For our Fraternity members and their families; and for all our intentions held close to our hearts.

Our Fraternity:

Profession Anniversaries: None

Fraternity Birthdays:

Sadie Martins – December 1st

Pat McGrath – December 3rd

Sandy Reid – December 18th

Claudia Carpenter – December 19th

Nancy Gormley – December 27th

In Memoriam: May the souls of all our dear sisters and brothers, especially

Kathryne D. Powers – December 3, 1986

Towneley Jennens - December 6, 1989

Helen Healy – December 11, 1992

Fr. Stephen J. Hartdegen, OFM – December 19, 1989

Florence Ransom – December 23, 2002

Louis M. McCrehan – December 26, 1987, rest in God's Peace.

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

December – Month of the Incarnation

1. Bl Marie-Angele Astorch, Virgin, Capuchin religious, d. 1665
2. Bl. Raphael Chylinski, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1741
3. St. Francis Xavier, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, Martyr, 1623
4. Bl. Francois Galves, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, Martyr 1623
5. Bl. Pierre de Sienne, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1289
6. Bl. Elisabeth la Bonne, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1420
7. Bl. Louis Beltrame Quattrocchi, Confessor, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1951
8. Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the Seraphic Order, Holy Day of Obligation, Plenary Indulgence for tertiaries and cordbearers
9. Bl. Delphine de Glandeves, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1360
10. Bl. Conrad d'Offide, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1306
11. Bl. Hugolin Magalotti, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1373
12. Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Discovery of the tomb of St. Francis 1820
13. Bl. Pius Bartosik, Priest, Conventual religious, Martyr 1941
14. Bl. Barthole Buonpedini, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1300
15. Mary Queen of the Seraphic Order
16. Bl. Honorat de Biala, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1916
17. Bl. Francois Bell, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, Martyr 1643
18. Bl. Marie-Francoise Schervier, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1876

19. Bl. Jean Discalceat, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1349
20. Bl. Antoine Galvao, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1822
21. St. Raphael Kalinowski, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1907
22. St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1917
23. Bl. Nicolas Factor, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1583
24. Bl. Bentivoglio de Bonio, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1231
25. Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Holy Day of Obligation
26. St. Albert Chmielowski, Confessor, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1916
27. Bl. Mathie de Nazareis, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1320
28. Feast of the Holy Innocents
29. Bl Gerard de Valence, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1342
30. Feast of the Holy Family, and Bl. Marguerite Colonna, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1280
31. St. Gaspard Buffalo, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1836; Plenary Indulgence (Chant the Te Deum in public)



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