



**The Franciscan  
Sun- Herald**  
St. John the Beloved Apostle  
Order of Secular Franciscan Fraternity  
January 2019

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**Meeting Place:**  
Basilica of St. Mary, Catholic  
Church & Lyceum  
313 Duke Street  
Alexandria, VA  
**Meeting Date:**  
January 12, 2018, 8:30 a.m.  
Mass at St. Mary Basilica.  
Following by the gathering  
in the Lyceum  
(see page 2 for details)



**The Rule of the OFS:**  
**Article 2**

*The Secular Franciscan Order holds a special place in this family circle. It is an organic union of all Catholic fraternities scattered throughout the world and open to every group of the faithful. In these fraternities the brothers and sisters, led by the Spirit, strive for perfect charity in their own secular state. By their profession they pledge themselves to live the gospel in the manner of Saint Francis by means of this rule approved by the Church.*

**Minister's Corner:**

Welcome to another new year. We wonder how quickly the year 2018 has gone. It was a wonderfully spiritual year for most of us. We are filled with hope as we move forward. Of Course, next year is hindsight as it will be 2020 (bad joke).

But in January 2019, as Franciscan Catholics we again turn to Mary as we begin the year with another of her feasts, Jan 1 - the Solemnity of Mary. We follow that with an important devotion on Jan 3 – The Holy Name of Jesus. Then the Epiphany on Jan 6 with the Gentile Kings: Casper, Melchior and Balthasar visiting the new born King. By the time we meet on Jan 12, we may still be feeling a bit Christmassy. Some folks do not put away their decorations until Feb 2 - the Feast of the Presentation!

In spite of the hectic time of year, I hope we drew closer to the Lord at the coming of the Prince of Peace and made room for Him in the inn of our hearts. We need to go out and spread this peace to the rest of our struggling

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world. As we reflect on the past year and look toward what changes we want to make this year, some make new year's resolutions about losing weight, fitness, getting house in order, doing a better job with family relationships, finances, or that unfinished project that constantly nags at us. Remember that the Lord has a different perspective and wants to move us from where we are to where we need to be spiritually before he comes again. Through soul searching, listening, prayer, frequenting the sacraments especially Confession and Eucharist, and reaching out to those in need, we can become more like St Francis and how the Lord wants us to be ready for Him. As we make this journey together supporting each other as fraternal brothers and sisters, may the Lord give us all His Peace! Happy New Year!

**OFS Reflection – January 2019**

**Philippians 2: 5-11,**

Submitted by Tom White, OFS

<sup>5</sup>Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.

<sup>7</sup>Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Fraternity Focus:**

**This Month's Agenda:**

At the January 12, 2019, we return to our normal schedule, attending the Rosary and Mass in the Basilica of St. Mary, Catholic Church, followed by our gathering and meeting in the Lyceum, both located at 313 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA.

- 8:00 Rosary
- 8:30 Daily Mass
- 9:00 Fellowship
- 10:00 Open the meeting
- Father Bork Visit
- Liturgy of the Hours/Divine Office
- 10:30 Business meeting
- 11:00 Ongoing Formation – “Compassion” – Chapter 6 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:**

*“Saint Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction”*

At our last Fraternity Meeting we discussed watching this movie which Scott Graham ordered. Most members of the Fraternity agreed that they were very interested in viewing the movie. However, the date and location when we can watch the movie has still not been decided as the movie had not yet arrived, and Scott is still deployed to North Carolina providing disaster relief after Hurricanes Florence and Michael. More information will be provided about the movie when we it becomes available.

Until then, the movie trailer is available at: <https://www.signofcontradiction.com/>

**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 will start this year's Christ House Apostolate in March 2019. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

**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:**

Scott Beard; Art Scarano; Lorraine Lee; Camilla Aksamit; Cathy Williams and Family, Karen Riedl; John Dina and family; Mary Wagner; Stephen Connair, Wilma Connair; Sarah and Ben Lewis; 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 Brace; David Robertson; Cathy Williams Mother; Michael Feldman; George Webb; Alfie Evans; Elsie Mae Corro; Joan Hartley; Donald Wagner, and all the Souls in Purgatory.

**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, the sanctity of marriage between one man and one woman and 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 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 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:**

Nancy Gormley – January 9, 1998

Pat McGrath – January 12, 2013

Cathy Williams – January 12, 2013

#### **Fraternity Birthdays:**

Stephen Piscitelli – January 11th

Patrick White – January 21st

Geneva Park – January 26th

Ruth Higgins – January 26th

Cathy Williams – January 27th

**In Memoriam:** May the souls of all our dear sisters and brothers, especially Gladys Grimm – January 8, 1976  
Chester Morneau – January 30, 1997,  
rest in God's Peace.

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

#### **January—Month of the Holy Name of Jesus and His Holy Childhood**

1. Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord—Holy Day of Obligation; Plenary Indulgence possible (Chant in public Veni Creator)
2. Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus
3. Bl. Chriatiane Menaburi, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1310
4. Bl. Angele de Foligno, widow, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1310
5. Bl. Pierre Bonilli, priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1935
6. Feast of the Epiphany—Holy Day of Obligation
7. St. Charles de Sezza, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1670
8. Bl. Roger de Toddi, priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1237
9. Bl. Gilles de Lorenzana, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1518
10. Bl. Gregory X, Pope, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1276
11. St. Thomas de Cori, priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1729
12. St. Bernard of Corleone, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1667
13. Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
14. Bl. Oderic de Pordenone, priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1331
15. Bl. Jacques del Piebe, priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, martyr d. 1304
16. Sts. Berard and Companions, Protomartyrs of the Order, d. 1220

17. St. Matthieu d'Argrigente, Bishop, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1451
18. Bl. Jeanne of Saint Mary, virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1360
19. Bl. Marcel Spinola y Maestre, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1906
20. Bl. Jean-Baptiste Triquerie, priest, conventual religious, martyr d. 1794
21. Bl. Joseph Nascimbeni, priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1922
22. St. Vincent Pallotti, priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1850
23. Feast of the Marriage of the Blessed Virgin Mary
24. Bl. Paule Gamgara Costa, widow, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1515
25. Bl. Emmanuel Dominguo y Sol, priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1909
26. Bl. Georges Matulwicz, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1927
27. St. Angela Merici, virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1540
28. Bl. Bienvenu de Recanati, priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1289
29. St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, Codbearer, d. 1622
30. St. Hyacintha of Mariscotti, virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1640
31. St. John Bosco, priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1888



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