



**The Franciscan
Sun- Herald**
St. John the Beloved Apostle
Order of Secular Franciscan Fraternity
November 2018

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Meeting Place:
Basilica of St. Mary, Catholic
Church & Lyceum
313 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA
Meeting:
November 10th, 2018 at St.
Mary Basilica Lyceum
10 a.m.
(see page 2 for details)



The Rule of the OFS:
Article 23

To foster communion among members, the council should organize regular and frequent meetings of the community as well as meeting with other Franciscan groups, especially with youth groups. It should adopt appropriate means for growth in Franciscan ad ecclesial life and encourage everyone to a life of fraternity. This communion continues with deceased brothers and sisters, through prayer for them.

Minister's Corner:

We return to our home at Basilica of St Mary Lyceum for our regular scheduled meeting. This month we are mindful of our need for intercession from Our Lady and all of the saints on our behalf and on our dearly departed loved ones as we seek to obtain plenary indulgences for them. We also ask God's help as our Holy Mother the Church struggles with mismanagement of world wide scandals of clergy sex abuse. Pray for our Holy Father who has become the target of criticism for the favoring of Communist China appointed bishops and for appointing various synods which favor concessions toward so called marginalized groups like active homosexuals and couples in irregular unions among remarried and non married cohabitants, and for turning a blind eye to victims of sex abuse in favor of prelates. Pray for him and all our church leaders that the Holy Spirit will guide them and give them courage and wisdom to resolve past and current scandals, to effect purification of our seminaries and to grow in

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holiness in following Church teaching just as Jesus taught us especially regarding victims of sex abuse.

Pray for our families especially our children as a new push from Planned Parenthood seeks to corrupt our moral values with its diabolical influence on our youth in public elementary, middle schools. Also pray for our newly elected secular leaders to courageously support the sanctity of life, the sanctity of marriage between one man and one woman, and religious freedom.

May we cling to our Lord in the Eucharist as we provide support in faith, hope, and love to our brothers and sisters in St Francis and to those in need. May God give us His peace along with the charism of Franciscan joy as we seek to live out our Gospel way of life in the midst of these challenges. May God bless you!

OFS Reflection – November 2018
submitted by: Tom White, OFS

During the month of November, the Church takes time to remember all those who went before us. We recall that Jesus, the good shepherd takes care of all his flock and never stops seeking them, even those who are in purgatory. In Matthew 6: 26, Jesus teaches the people, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life ... Look at the birds of the air: They neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?” and again Jesus tell us “Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father’s will... Fear not, therefore; you are worth more than many sparrows.” (Matthew 10: 29).

If God pays so much attention to two sparrows, surely he pays even greater

attention to human beings, who are created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis: 1:26). Of all the creatures made by God, human beings are most special to Him, because they are created in His likeness. Therefore, they glorify God by their very presence and actions. They are God’s icon.

We were made to care for all of creation and each other; thus, God included us in His plan, which never ends but is eternal. Death is only a transition point in the plan, a point where the spiritual takes over our lives completely and we are united with God and with all His angels and saints. We can take great comfort in Jesus words: “I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.” (John 11: 25-26)

For this reason, when we have accomplished all that God wants us to do, we go to an even better place: “Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go, and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.” (John 14:1-3). Those who have gone before us are with Jesus now, but we are all united with them in the Eucharist, where we all become the Body of Christ (Romans 12:5).

So, continue to pray, for we all need prayer, and all prayer is good, but do not weep or mourn, for the ones we love are in a great place. For us, how we live our lives is more important, for death comes to us all, we know not when or how... The length of our lives is not important, what matters is how we spend the time we are given. That is what will be remembered after we are long forgotten by the world; for the world will

not long remember, but our Heavenly Father who knows all and sees all, will remember all.

Pax et Bonum

Fraternity Focus

Next Month's Meeting

The November 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 November 10, 2018:

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| 8:30 | Daily Mass |
| 9:00 | Fellowship |
| 10:00 | Open the meeting |
| | Liturgy of the Hours/Divine Office |
| 10:30 | Business meeting |
| 11:00 | Ongoing Formation – “Compassion” – Chapter 5 and an examination of the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order Rule 8 through 11. |
| 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

Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign:

The Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign is quickly ending. Please don't miss the remaining opportunities to come out and pray for all those facing challenging pregnancies and for all who needs healing from the effects of abortion.

If you want to sign up on the calendar here is the link: <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/alexandria/calendar/>

Save the date: Join us on any Saturday, 10am-11am at 101 S. Whiting St. Alexandria, VA. If you weren't able to come before, this is your chance. Your prayerful witness can save lives and heal past hurts.

November 17, 2018: Christ House Apostolate:

The last date this year's fraternity's apostolate at Christ House will be from 3:00 - 6:00 pm. We will provide information on next year's schedule as it becomes available. For further details, please contact Sadie Martins or Marcia Campbell.

Christ House's Address is:
131 S West St, Alexandria, VA 22314
Phone: (703) 549-8644
Dates and times for some events may change. Updates will be provided in future issues.

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, Rita's niece Sarah Lewis and 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, 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 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 and Birthdays:

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Karen Connair - November 7, 1982
Karen Riedl – November 8, 2003
Fr. Terrence Staples – November 9, 2002
Sadie Martins – November 9, 2002
Geneva Park - November 9, 2002
Elly Escobar – November 12, 1989
Art Scarano – November 13, 2004
Ying White - November 13, 2004

Birthdays:

Brother Tony LoGalbo, OFM

In Memoriam: May the souls of all our dear sisters and brothers, especially Fr. Charles Ferry – November 13, 1993
 Elsie Slinglund - November 12, 1973
 Victoria de Sanchez – November 22, 1992
 John J. Flynn – November 25, 1969, rest in God's Peace.

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

November – Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

1. Feast of All Saints – Holy day of Obligation
2. Commemoration of all the Faithfully Departed – Plenary Indulgence for the holy souls when one visits a church or chapel and recites a Pater and a Credo
3. Bl. Helene Enselmini, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1231
4. St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1584
5. Feast of the Saints Relics
6. Bl. Marguerite de Lorraine, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1521
7. Bl. Raynier d'Arezzo, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1304
8. Bl. Jean Duns Scot, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1308
9. Bl. Gabriel Ferritti, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1456
10. Bl. Louis Guanella, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1915
11. Bl. Marie-Cruciflee, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1745
12. Bl. Jean de la Paix, Confessor, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1340

13. St. Didace d'Alcala, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1463
14. St. Nicolas Tavelic and Companions, Martyrs, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1391
15. Bl. Sebastien de Jesus, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1734
16. St. Agnes of Assisi, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1253
17. Bl. Jeanne de Signa, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1307
18. Bl. Salomee de Cracovie, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1268
19. St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Virgin Patroness of Franciscan Third Order Secular, Plenary Indulgence (renewal of Tertiary engagement), d. 1231
20. Bl. Migagros Ortells, Virgin, Capuchin religious, Martyr 1936
21. Feast of the Presentation of the Holy Virgin Mary
22. Bl. Salvator Lilli, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1895
23. Bl. Marie de Jesus Bon Pasteur, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1902
24. Bl. Timothy Trajonowski, lay brother, Conventual religious, martyr 1942
25. Bl. Gumble de Bisignano, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1637
26. St. Leonard de Port-Maurice, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1751
27. St. Francois-Antoine Fasani, Priest, Conventual religious, d. 1742
28. St. Jacques de la Marche, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1476
29. Saints of the Seraphic Order
30. Bl. Antoine Bonfandini, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1482



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