

# ***Our Lady of the Rosary Fraternity, OFS***

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Alleluia He is Risen! The Church is now in the most joyful mood she will be in during the whole of the liturgical year. Christ has allowed us entrée into His kingdom by His Resurrection! Father Jim Angert, TOR describes this beautifully. *“What reigns in his kingdom is not power, wealth, or fame; not freedom from misunderstanding and suffering or even death; not betrayal, denial and abandonment. What reigns in “the kingdom of God” is patience and caring, forgiveness and reconciliation, promise full of life and dying full of promise. ... The “Kingdom of God” is not a place we can enclose, not a space we can occupy. It is a face we encounter—the very face of God, the very Presence of God. This kingdom is present whenever we wholeheartedly join ourselves with Jesus’ utterance in the Garden; “not my will but yours be done” This kingdom is present whenever we speak the truth about whom we know and follow, shower compassion upon those sorrowing or in need, forgive those who harm us, bring hope to the despairing, commend ourselves to God with conviction and purpose.”*

The Sunday after Easter we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday and the Sunday Gospel of John presents an interesting message. It is the story of Doubting Thomas. Jesus appears to the apostles and says twice “peace be with you”. Jesus seems to be emphasizing the idea of peace. We know that Thomas was not at peace and we can imagine the other apostles as equally consumed with fear and confusion. Thomas demonstrates his lack of peace through his needing visual and tactile proof and Christ responds again “Peace be to you.”

The message here for us is that Jesus wants to give us His peace. Christ knows that we can be overwhelmed and consumed by our own hurt, fear, anger and our inability to forgive and be forgiven. He sees this in Thomas and in the fear present in the other apostles. He wants to give us His peace and mercy and He wants to love us. He asks only for our love in return. He wants to breathe His spirit of love, peace and forgiveness into us. The choice is ours to let Him.

On Divine Mercy Sunday let us celebrate fully the Year of Mercy proclaimed by our Holy Father!

Pax et bonum,

Chris Wells, Minister

## **Meeting- Sunday, April 17**

Please note we will be meeting at the St. Bede Annex 4551 John Tyler Highway Williamsburg (Five Forks)

12:00 Candidates meet

1:30 Whole group meets

Opening prayers

1:45 Formation - Glenn

3:00 Break

3:20 Business Meeting

3:45 Evening Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

4:00 Fellowship

### **Thank you!:**

Thank you to Bea Sanford for setting up our Morning of Spirituality and to seminarian Nick Redmond for a beautiful and Franciscan filled morning! Thank you to Monsignor Keaney for allowing us to use the Annex for our general meetings and special events.

### **Fraternity Elections:**

Our fraternity will hold elections this fall and all the Council positions are open. They are: Minister, Vice Minister, Secretary, Treasurer, and Formation Director. Please prayerfully consider stepping into one of these positions. Anyone who is fully professed is eligible to take a position in one of these offices.

### **Liturgy of the Hours:**

As we discussed at our last meeting part of our Franciscan commitment at Profession is to pray Morning and Evening prayer daily. If you find working with ribbons and flipping pages confusing here are the websites mentioned at the last meeting:

<[www.divineoffice.org](http://www.divineoffice.org)> and <[www.ibreviary.org](http://www.ibreviary.org)> or you can purchase a CD of Morning/Evening prayer and listen to it being read to you. [divineoffice.org](http://divineoffice.org) also has an audio download for you. If you work out or take walks download [divineoffice.org](http://divineoffice.org) to your cell phone and put on your earphones. In the digital age fulfilling our Profession commitment to these prayers is easy to do!

### **Mother Angelica**

Please keep Mother Angelica of EWTN in your prayers. Mother was a Poor Clare who founded the EWTN Catholic television network. Mother passed away at the age of 93 on Easter Sunday.

### **Fraternity Ministries:**

Please remember to bring an item to the meeting for either the St. Olaf Food Pantry or the Pineapple Motel. The baskets will be at the meeting and any fresh items for the children will be delivered to the Pineapple right away. Fruit cups and fresh fruit are popular with the children at the Pineapple. Thank you for your generosity to both these ministries.

### **Amazon Project:**

Please remember your change for the Amazon Relief and the Heifer International Project. Thank you, Carol Murphy for heading this up.

## **Peninsula Pet Pantry:**

The Peninsula Pet Pantry is a nonprofit organization providing temporary pet food, supplies, and veterinarian care to pet owners who are facing financial difficulties. Many of these pet owners are elderly or disabled and their pet is an emotional support to them. There is also a Pet Pantry in the Williamsburg area that can use volunteers. If you are interested in donating or volunteering, contact Carol Folsom <carolfolsom@cox.net> or <www.gmhumanesociety> .

## **March Happy Birthdays**

6 Ani Kelly

14 Karen Coulson

27 Sandra Link



## **April Happy Birthdays**

17 Leo Wells

## **Prayer List:**

Joan Buehler, OFS

Daphne Pritchett, OFS

Carol Murphy, OFS

Denny Thiel, OFS

Chuck Stephan, OFS

Family of Ed Gerhard, OFS

Family of Deanne Marshall, OFS

Family of Carol Folsom, OFS

Family of Ann Pepper, OFS

Family of Sister Patricia, LSOFS

Tom Bello, OFS

Michael Wilson and family

All travelers

Youth Ministry at St. Jerome

Our nation

Victims of terrorism and for world peace especially in the Middle East

Families at the Pineapple Inn and St. Olaf Pantry Ministries

Our Fraternity and our Franciscan Family

Those who have no one to pray for them

## **Deceased:**

Marlin Massey - husband of Barbara Massey, OFS

Walter Tucker - father of Bea Sanford, OFS

Jack Wells - brother of Leo Wells, OFS

Wyn McPhee - fiancé of Anne Pepper, OFS

Nancy Ullman - sister of Glenn Davis, OFS

Frances Warren, OFS

Geraldine Murphy - mother of Margaret Murphy, OFS

George Willard - father of Deanne Marshall, OFS

Delores Collins, sister of Ed Gerhard, OFS

## **April Dates to Remember:**

3 Divine Mercy Sunday

Benedict the Black

4 Annunciation (Transferred from March 25)

21 Conrad of Parzham

23 Bl. Giles of Assisi

24 Fidelis of Sigmaringen

25 St. Mark the Evangelist

28 Bl. Lucchesius

*The flesh of Jesus was disfigured in dying, but of supreme beauty in rising again. This beautiful flower of the root of Jesse, who had blossomed in the Incarnation and withered in the Passion, now blossomed anew in the Resurrection, so as to become our crown of beauty.*

*~St. Bonaventure~*

