



Our Lady of the Rosary Fraternity, OFS

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Minister

Chris Wells OFS

Vice Minister

Leo Wells OFS

Secretary

Deanne Marshall OFS

Treasurer

Ed Gerhard OFS

Formation Director

Glen Davis OFS

Spiritual Assistant

Sister Agnes Narocho LSOFS

As this is my last newsletter as Minister of our fraternity, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for allowing me to be your minister. It has been my privilege to witness the beautiful faith and spirituality that each of you brings to our Franciscan community. You have been a wonderful example of the Franciscan way of life to me and I am deeply grateful to you for that witness.

Thank you to the outgoing Council: Leo, Deanne, Ed and Glenn for all of their support these past three years. They have been most generous in sharing with me their time and their talents.

Lastly, thank you to the people who are the candidates for our election in July:

Terry Carlino – Minister

Bea Sanford– Vice Minister

Ken Holt – Secretary

Barbara Massey – Treasurer

Ed Gerhard - Formation

We need everyone to be present if possible for our meeting in October to elect these people into office.

Once again, thank you for everything each of you has done for our fraternity. God bless all of you.

Peace and all good,
Chris Wells, Minister

Meeting Sunday, October 16

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

Please make every effort to attend this meeting to elect the candidates for office. Anyone who is fully professed may be nominated for an office from the floor at that meeting in addition to the candidates who have already offered to run for office. Rita Colleran, our Regional Representative and Sister Agnes will witness our election.

Candidates will not meet this month because of the elections

1:30 Whole group gathers

Opening prayers

Reflection

1:45 Elections

2:30 Break

3:00 Business meeting

3:45 LOH

4:00 Fellowship

New entrance to St. Bede Annex:

Please use the entrance on the **LEFT SIDE** of the building beginning in October. That way if the Candidates are meeting in the big room or we are setting it up we will not disturb them. The fellowship table will be in the hallway outside of the big room.

Feast of St. Francis:

We will hold a Transitus the evening of October 3 at 7:00 at St. Michael's in preparation for the Solemn Feast of St. Francis on October 4. If you are able to attend please bring a dish to share for the meal afterward. Remember, we are encouraged to fast and abstain October 3 until the Transitus is completed. Afterwards the great joy and celebration of our beloved Saint begins!

Newsletter:

Thank you to Denny Thiel who will be the newsletter editor beginning with the November issue. Thank you, Denny!

Catholic Women's Conference:

Thank you to Chris and Susan James who worked at the OSF booth at the Conference. We had many ladies who were interested in our way of life! It was also good to see so many of the ladies in our Fraternity in attendance.

Advent spirituality:

It's early but mark your calendars for Saturday, December 3, 9-12 for our Advent Morning of Spirituality. More information will come later.

Fraternity Ministries:

Please remember to bring an item to the meeting for either HOPE 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. Diapers for older babies, wipes, and personal feminine products

are needed at HOPE. Our Diaper bank and Heifer ministry bank for loose change will also be at the meeting. Thank you for your generosity to all of these ministries and to Peg, Cindy and Carol for chairing them!

October Happy Birthdays:

- 2 Susan James
- 12 Barbara Massey
- 18 Ann Pepper



Prayer List:

- Joan Buehler, OFS
- Daphne Pritchett, OFS
- Carol Murphy, OFS
- Denny Thiel, OFS
- Chuck Stephan, OFS
- Stephen Link, husband of Sandra Link, OSF
- 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
- Katie Murphy daughter of Margaret Murphy, OFS
- Rita Colleran, OFS
- Husband of Susan James, OFS
- Pat Reardon, wife of Paul Reardon
- 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 HOPE
- Our Fraternity and our Franciscan Family
- Our Anniversarians
- 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

October Dates to Remember:

- 2 Feast of the Guardian Angels
- 3 Transitus of St. Francis (7:00 pm at St. Michael's)
- 4 ***Solemn Feast of St. Francis of Assisi***
- 6 Mary Francis of the Five Wounds
- 7 Our Lady of the Rosary
- 10 Daniel, martyr
- 12 St. Seraphin of Montegrano
- 22 Peter of Alcantara
- 23 St. John of Capistrano
- 18 St. Luke, Evangelist
- 28 Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles
- 30 **Anniversary of the Dedication in Consecrated Churches of the Order**

Peace and good! On the evening of October 3rd, members of the Franciscan family will gather at the Portiuncula (Assisi, Italy) to celebrate the Transitus (the passing of Francis of Assisi). Francis desired that this should be the place of death.

Then dwelt the Eucharist in the Holy palace of the bishop of Assisi, and begged the friars to carry it in a hurry to St. Mary of the Portiuncula, wanting to make the soul to God where, as we said, for the first time clearly had known the way of truth. (FF 507)

It was at the Portiuncula on the evening of October 3, 1226 that Francis embraced Sister Death and the friars sang:

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no living man can escape. Woe to those who die in mortal sin! Blessed are they She finds doing your most holy will, the second death will not harm them. (FF 263)

Members of the Franciscan family continue to gather throughout the world on the evening of October 3rd to celebrate the Transitus. The Transitus is:

A devotion familiar to all Franciscans which has survived the test of the last three decades is the Transitus. Each year on the third evening of October, we ritually remember the passing of Francis of Assisi from this life into God. In fact, the Transitus has become a significant and even a necessary annual event. To ritually revisit the story of Francis' passing is vital; without it something significant is missing. It specifies the living memory of Francis; it intensifies our commitment to follow Christ in the way of the poor man of Assisi. (Grigassy, 1993)

