



Our Lady of the Rosary Fraternity, SFO

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Minister

Chris Wells SFO

Happy Fathers' Day to all dads in the Fraternity and may God continue to bless you in your vocation as spouse and parent. As the head of the family you have much responsibility. Pope Saint John Paul II in his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* outlined some of the duties of the family in general of which the father is its head:

Vice Minister

Leo Wells SFO

It is above all in raising children that the family fulfils its mission to proclaim the Gospel of life. By word and example, in the daily round of relations and choices, and through concrete actions and signs, parents lead their children to authentic freedom, actualized in the sincere gift of self, and they cultivate in them respect for others, a sense of justice, cordial openness, dialogue, generous service, solidarity and all the other values which help people to live life as a gift.

Secretary

Deanne Marshall SFO

Fathers' Day is also a day for us to think of our heavenly Father who daily gives us so many gifts. The Gospel tells us to "fear no one" that we are more precious to Him than the sparrows or any of creation. Even the hairs of our head are counted and treasured by our Father! What a wonderful image of his loving kindness. So as we take all our earthly fathers to prayer, let's also thank our heavenly Abba who has given us so much and who daily takes care of us.

Treasurer

Ed Gerhard SFO

June is also the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart. This feast continues in a very meaningful way the celebration of Corpus Christi which is also this month. During June I encourage each of us to try and attend a Mass in addition to Sunday or to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament. Sitting alone in the quiet of the church in front of the Blessed Sacrament brings a peace and contentment only Our Lord can give. With the days getting longer and warmer, try to add a Mass, make a visit or attend Adoration/Holy Hour which many of our parishes are holding.

Formation Director

Glen Davis SFO

Spiritual Assistant

Sister Agnes Narocho LSOFS

We have a beautiful gift in the Eucharist from our great and glorious God. He wants us to use this gift continually to bring us closer to him and to enrich our lives. God be praised!

Pax bonum

Chris Wells, Minister

June Meeting—Date Change:

Our June meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 22**

at St. Michael's Place. The change of date is due to Fathers Day being on the third Sunday this month. Mark your calendars on this change!

Agenda:

- 12:30 Candidates meet
- 1:30 Whole group meets
Opening prayers
- 1:45 Saint report Denny Thiel
- 2:00 Reflection from Sister Agnes and ongoing formation
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Business meeting
- 3:45 Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer
Closing Prayers
- 4:00 Fellowship

Council Meeting:

There will be no Council meetings during the summer. Next Council meeting will be in September.

Congratulations:

Congratulations and welcome to Rosemarie Brennan on her admission to candidacy. Please keep Rosemarie and all our candidates in your prayers as they continue their journey to Profession.

Thank You:

Thank you to Leo Wells for presiding at our May meeting!

Saint Report:

Thank you to Bea Sanford for her presentation on Padre Pio. Chris Wells will present Thomas of Celano in July.

Regional Gathering:

Bill Bouffard, our Regional Rep. is organizing a gathering for all the Virginia fraternities on Saturday, August 9 at the Church of the Incarnation in Charlottesville. In addition to being the most central for all our state fraternities this parish also has a meeting facility. So far the tentative agenda includes: social time over a continental breakfast, opening prayer, a guest

speaker, Mass at noon, with lunch to follow and more gathering. The day will probably start at 8:30 with the breakfast social time and end around 3:00 pm. Bill is estimating the cost at \$25.00 per person.

At our June meeting I will be asking how many will be attending so I can give Bill a count. At this point I am not sure whether he will have us pay on the day or before.

St. Olaf Pantry:

Thank you again for your generosity in bringing donations for the pantry. The people involved with this ministry at St. Olaf's are deeply grateful to us. We will continue collecting non-spoilable foodstuffs and paper products at the next meeting.

From His Hands Ministry:

Cindy Holland and Chris are working with St. Bede parish to see if our fraternity can help with their new ministry From His Hands. This ministry brings dinners to the homeless families who are placed at the Pineapple Motel in Williamsburg. There are several different areas needing help other than cooking. We will have more information for you at the June meeting. Please take a moment in prayer to see if you would be interested in helping with this ministry to the homeless.

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 pners who are facing financial difficulties. Many of these pet owners are elderly or disabled and their pet is an emotional support to them. If you are interested in donating or volunteering, contact Carol Folsom

<carolfolsom@cox.net >

Cleaning Up The Park:

Now that the weather is warm and Memorial Day has passed, the park at the corner of Ironbound and News Rd. will be used more and more. If you signed up to help clean up our section you will need to begin your inspection. Remember, our name is posted in that section so we want to make sure it looks great!

June Birthdays:

There are no June birthdays.

Prayer List:

Joan Buehler, SFO
Frances Warren, SFO
Greta Braswell and family
Michael Wilson
Youth Ministry at St. Jerome
All travelers
Our Fraternity
Our Anniversarians
Our Franciscan Family
Ukrainian Brothers and Sisters
World peace
Those who have no one to pray for them
The unspoken intentions of our hearts

Deceased

Marlin Massey - husband of Barbara Massey, SFO
Walter Tucker - father of Bea Sanford
Jack Wells - brother of Leo Wells, SFO
Wyn McPhee - fiance of Annie Pepper, SFO

June Dates to Remember:

1 **Ascension Sunday**
3 Charles Lwanga and companions
8 **Pentecost Sunday**
12 Bl. Jolenta
13 Anthony of Padua
15 **Trinity Sunday** (Fathers Day)
22 **Corpus Christi**
24 St. John the Baptist
27 Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
28 Immaculate Heart of Mary
29 Sts. Peter and Paul
30 Bl. Raymond Lull

*What wonderful majesty!
What stupendous condescension!
O sublime humility! That
the Lord of the whole universe,
God and the Son of God, should
humble Himself like this under
the form of a little bread, for
our salvation.*

~ Saint Francis of Assisi ~

