



Our Lady of the Rosary Secular Franciscan Fraternity Williamsburg, Virginia

Vice Minister Reflections – Richard Churray, OFS

My brothers and sisters in Christ, Merry Christmas from our house to yours. I have been praying for each of you this Christmas. Praying for your wellbeing and for our fraternity and the Order! Christ our Savior is born unto us. Advent was our time to prepare for his coming and now we celebrate His arrival and place in our hearts. This Christmas season my prayer for each of us is that we can learn to live with less. Go into any big store and sit and watch. Shopping cart after shopping cart filled with items we want and not necessities of life. The bigger toy or latest cell phone. Do these offer the happiness and joy of life. Father Francis did not think so as he turned his back on the riches his father was building up for him. Father Francis found his joy in a simple life without luxuries. So let us pray for a simpler life this coming year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and yours!



Our Next Meeting: We will use Article 18 Embracing Creation as Carol leads our Formation on January 19. Kindly read the chapter and answer the questions before the meeting.

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

Important Dates:

- 1/10 Donna Kendall – Birthday
- 1/19 Meeting – Fr. Walsh Room
12:30 pm Members Gather for
Lunch and Fellowship
1:30 pm Opening Prayer

A reminder, the following members offered to bring these food items for the children at the Pineapple Inn on a monthly basis. We also collect diapers for infants to 27 lbs. for the Hope Baby Care Center

Food for Pineapple Inn

- Rick C. 2 cans chicken noodle soup
- Karen C. 2 cans split pea soup
- Paul R. 2 cans vegetable beef soup
- Bea S. 1 bag small tangerines
- Donna K. Rice and Beans
- Chuck & Marie S. 1 bag each apples & pears
- Maria F. 1 bunch green bananas
- Chris & Leo W. 2 microwave single meals
- Carol M. 2 packs fruit cups
- Eileen M. 2 packs pudding cups and 2 juice boxes
- Peg C. 2 packs small individual cereal boxes
- Sandra L. 2 boxes pasta
- Barbara M. & Glenda H. 4 jars pasta sauce
- Ani K. Raman Noodles
- Terry C. Tuna



Secretary Bea Sanford

There were 13 members and 2 guests in attendance at the Morning of Spirituality held on December 7 at St. Bede Catholic Church. Peg Crews opened our retreat with some thought provoking questions before we watched the video *St. Francis of Assisi Sign of Contradiction* that was narrated by Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR. The questions included *Who is St. Francis to Me?* and *How Might St. Francis and I be Similar?* After the video we were encouraged to ponder another question **How Did My Perception of St. Francis Change Having Seen This Video?** These are excellent questions to consider even if you were not able to see the video.



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



1. Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord
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
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. Sl. 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, 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, d. 1640
31. St. John Bosco, priest, d. 1888