



Our Lady of the Rosary
Secular Franciscan Fraternity
Williamsburg, Virginia

March 2017
www.olrsfo.weebly.com

(The Great Mosaic which covers the entire surface of the sanctuary in the Church of Saint Francis of Assisi in New York City depicts the theme of Mary, Queen of the Order of Friars Minor, receiving the love and honor bestowed on her by Franciscans throughout the centuries.)

Minister's Reflections

One of the greatest areas of emphasis of Francis's life was the Crucified Christ. He took the Tau cross as his symbol. Christ's suffering on the cross was an object of meditation for him and eventually God blessed him with a constant reminder of Christ's suffering, the Stigmata. Francis understood that the purpose of Christ's suffering was salvation from sin. Every year in the cycle of the liturgy we celebrate the Crucifixion of Good Friday and Christ's victory of not over just death, but sin on Easter Sunday. The season of Lent is our preparation for Christ's sacrifice and his victory. Francis spent many hours over his life contemplating our Master's suffering on the Cross and his ultimate victory. Lent should be a time of preparation not for just the coming Easter, but for the Christian life we hope to live all year long, based on Christ's experience of salvific suffering and resurrection.

Vice Minister's Corner

Lenten Retreat: Saturday, April 8 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Be sure to mark your calendar to join us in the Walsh Conference Room of St. Bede's on Saturday, April 8 at 9:00 a.m. for our Annual Lenten Retreat. Father James Kauffmann will be speaking about Holy Week in relation to various places in the Holy Land so bring your bible. Guests are welcome.

There will be an optional lunch immediately following the retreat at Bakers Crust

located at 5234 Monticello Avenue, No. 115, Williamsburg, VA 23188.

Please RSVP to Bea Sanford by Monday, April 3.

Bea suggests the **USCCB** web site as a source of Lenten devotion. It offers the Seven Penitential Psalms and songs of the Suffering Servant.

There are any number of Catholic websites that can be sources of Lenten Devotion. The one I (Chuck) particularly like is **dynamic catholic.com**, but there are many others to help us during our Lenten journey.

Maria Fuentes reminds us that St Olaf offers soup @6:15pm followed by The Stations @7:00 every Friday during Lent.

Reminders

March 17 is St. Patrick's Feast Day
March 19 is the Feast of Saint Joseph

The Holy Father's prayer intention for March: for Persecuted Christians, that they may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

A blessed Lent to all.



March Birthdays

Ani Kelly 3/6
Karen Coulson 3/14
Sandra Link 3/22
Happy, happy birthday

OUR NEXT MEETING

MARCH 19 at St. Bede's Father Walsh Room

12:00 Candidates meet

1:00 Members gather

1:30 Opening Prayers

1:45 Formation

3:00 Break/Fellowship

3:30 Business (old/new)

4:00 Liturgy of the Hours

A blessed Lent to all.

Franciscan Humor

