



Our Lady of the Rosary
 Secular Franciscan Fraternity
 Williamsburg, Virginia

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Sunday, October 29, 2017

Important Dates:

- 11/3 Eileen Murray—Birthday
- 11/4 Deanne Marshall—Birthday
- 11/4 Catholic Women’s Conference
- 11/19 Meeting – Fr. Walsh Room
 - 1:00 Members gather
 - 1:30 Opening Prayer
- 11/19 Glenda Hines—Birthday
- 11/21 Glenn Davis—Birthday
- 11/21 Ken Holt—Birthday
- 11/24 Sr. Agnes—Birthday
- 12/2 Morning of Spirituality 9:00am—Noon

Minister’s Reflections — Terry Carlino, OFS

The well known series of instructional manuals for just about everything, the Complete Idiot’s guides to just about any subject you want to know about grace the shelves of many homes. In this series of books can be found Idiot’s Guides to Option Trading, the U.S Constitution, Geometric Origami and Drawing Pets. A quick search through their web pages displays a list of diverse subjects both philosophical and mundane.

Now I'm not a typically a reader of their publications, but while looking through the stacks of my library I found hidden among the many volumes on one of my religious book shelves The Complete Idiot's Guide to Mary of Nazareth. I can't but believe that the volume was a present, perhaps even a joke present (considering the series it's part of.) Truthfully a quick look indicates that it's author Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda seems to have done a good job on covering, as it says at the end of each chapter; The Least You Need To Know.

Our Seraphic Father Francis, as he seemed to on many subjects knew much more that the least necessary about our Blessed Mother. For Francis Mary was Mother , Queen and Advocate. St Bonaventure wrote "In Her, after Christ, he put his chief trust, making Her his own patron and that of his Brethren ..."

To her he wrote A Salutation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in which he called her the Virgin Made Church. To Francis, as articulated by Augustine before him, the One body of Christ is present in three forms: The Incarnate Body which hung on the cross, now glorified in Heaven, the Eucharistic Body which is present under the forms of Bread and Wine, and the Mystical Body of Christ which is the Church. Since his body is one, what can be said of one of these forms must be true for all of them. Thus if Mary is the **Theotokos**, the Mother of God, she must also be the Mother of the Eucharistic Body of Christ and equally the Mother of the Mystical Body Christ. And so we understand it, for did not Christ on the Cross give his Mother to the Church in the person of St. John, the Beloved? But more as Christ was born in his Incarnate Body of Mary so must He have been born in His Mystical Body of her. So she is truly the Virgin Made Church.

From the day of the Annunciation to the glory of the Cross she never wavered in her devotion to her word, "Be it done unto me according to thy word." In her Francis and we find a model to emulate and an advocate to call on.

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

- 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
- Chuck & Marie 1 bag each apples & pears
- Maria F. 1 bunch green bananas
- Chris & Leo 2 microwave single meals
- Carol 2 packs fruit cups
- Eileen 2 packs pudding cups
- Peg 2 packs small individual cereal boxes
- Maria F. & Sandra 4 boxes pasta
- Barbara & Glenda 4 jars pasta sauce
- Eileen 2 juice boxes





Pilgrimage to Washington D.C.

Forty eight pilgrims traveled to Washington, DC on Saturday, October 7 to visit the Franciscan Monastery and the Nations Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Gerald Della Sala of the Father Rizer Council of the Knights of Columbus organized the pilgrimage which included a presentation on the Knights of Columbus by Barry Holland, Grand Knight and a presentation on the Secular Franciscans by Bea Sanford. The Glorious and the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary were recited. We were blessed to have four of the Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi join the group, complements of the Knights of Columbus. OLOR attendees included Terry Carlino, Karen Coulson, Peg Crews ,Cindy Holland, Donna Kendall, and Bea Sanford. Eileen Murray was unable to travel to DC so she donated her seat so that Sister Rosemary could join us.

The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Vice Ministers Corner - Bea Sanford, OFS

Our Morning of Spirituality is scheduled for Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon with an optional lunch to follow. Ted Cummings will lead our retreat that will begin with Mass at 9:00 a.m. at the church on Ironbound Road. We will have a brief break in the Frank Parater Break Room before we adjourn to the Father Walsh Conference Room for Ted's presentation. I will need to know if you are planning to attend or not so that we have the correct number of handouts. We are called to have a full day retreat once a year and our fraternity has opted to have one/half day retreat twice a year in addition to our regularly scheduled meetings. I do hope you will be able to join your fellow Franciscans. Please respond to me by Tuesday, November 28 by email bsanford07@gmail.com. Thank you, Bea



Transitus on October 3rd

We were blessed to celebrate the Transitus on October 3 at Saint Bede Catholic Church where 18 people gathered in the Father Walsh Conference Room to commemorate the passing of our Holy Father Francis from death to life. Seminarian Ben Fleaser joined our group for the solemn and joyful ceremony that reminds us of to renew our own commitment to follow Christ in the way of the poor man of Assisi. A key part of the celebration is to read and reflect upon the Gospel passage that Francis asked his brothers to read aloud, gathered at his death bed. Saint Francis spent the last few days before his death in praising the Lord and teaching his companions whom he loved so much to praise Christ with him. He himself, in as far as he was able, broke out with the Psalm: I cry to the Lord with my voice; to the Lord I make loud supplication. He likewise invited all creatures to praise God and, with the words he had composed earlier, he exhorted them to love God. Even death itself, considered by all to be so terrible and hateful, was exhorted to give praise, while he himself, going joyfully to meet it, invited it to make its abode with him. "Welcome," he said, "my sister death." (Brother Thomas Celano, Second Life.)

In addition to delicious beef stroganoff, Chuck and Marie Stefan brought their beautiful San Damiano cross that was blessed by Pope Francis. Afterwards we all enjoyed a feast provided by the members of Our Lady of the Rosary Secular Franciscans.

