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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Our Council meeting will be at 11:10 am in the church hall and then attend the Noon Mass.

Our afternoon gathering will include: prayers, meeting, teaching from Father Berard, if his health allows him to attend, health updates. Teaching—we will have responses on our homework, etc.

If you would like to do the September teaching, please let me know. It can be from

the "FUN" manual or scripture passage.

The fraternity will provide drinks and Mercy will bring a snack. If you would like to bring snacks for the September meeting, please let me know.

Don't forget to support the common fund of the fraternity.

This money is used for the Fair Share to the Region as well as stipend for Father and other apostolates that we support.

**HOMEWORK by Father Berard:** Write down in a journal or

notebook what you are praying for; who you are praying for; or why you are praying. Write down your personal prayers. If you have a personal prayer to the Lord or the Blessed Mother that you wish to share, please write it down.

*Pax, Carol*

New address:

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Reminder: The Chapter of the Mats has been cancelled by the Region. We will be having a retreat in the Spring at PriestField. More information will be coming.

If you can bring non-perishable items to the gathering, it will be donated to St. Clement food outreach program.

Cans of tuna, veggies, soup, pasta, peanut butter, cereal, pop tarts, etc. would be a great help.



SICK LIST — PRAYER REQUESTS

**PRAYERS NEEDED:** Rosemarie Dick, Pat Hanges, Helen Cave, Sheila Stefonowicz, Gayle Pfeifer, Marge Pfeifer, Kathy Tumas, Gerry Prasch, Sue Fischer, Sharon Hare, Ned Judge, Amelia Reems, Janie Frieson, Theresa Lotz, Mark Porter, Joan Popp, Lud Jones, Bernadine Kordaz, Joseph Mantegna, Donna Aldrich, George Snyder, Regina Lovejoy, Eileen Culatta, Dot Gostomski, Toni Sterner, Phyllis Fowler, Barbara Countryman,

Also please continue to pray for our sick family members and friends: Rebecca Stepke, Bobby, Gerry Kuchta, John Cave, John Tumminello, Marge & Francis Lotz, Rita Kuchta, Janie Jackson, Clare Andreone, Michael Dick, Matthew Dick, Milton Harper, James Benbow, Nan Mulqueen, Bill Mulqueen, Camille [Mercy's Daughter], Kathleen 'Kit' McCloskey, Donald Aldrich, Maureen Curren, Joanne Markey, Jeannette Leitner, Nick Sterner, Christo Mochi, Nancy Tina Cappellini, Gloria Strong Rose Country-

man, Renzo Anthony Mochi, Reyner Frieson, and Walter Doleschal.

Please call **Jean Jomidad, infirmary person, at 410-675-2130** with any news or updates on our sick. To put someone on our phone **prayer tree, please call Bill Lotz at 410-485-1591**

BIRTHDAYS/PROFESSION ANNIVERSARIES/CELEBRATIONS

**Month of AUGUST**

**Happy Birthday —**

- Margaret Pfeifer—August 4th
- Bernardine Kordaz—August 13th
- Beth Dickinson—August 14th
- George Snyder—August 15th
- Jeannette Doleschal—August 22nd
- Helen Cave—August 26th
- Rosemarie Dick —August 31st

Nancy Cappellini—Sept. 1st

*Congratulations and Best Wishes to our Sisters and Brother!*



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS PLEASE**

**FOOD & RAFFLE**

August 17—Mercy

Sept. 21—need volunteer for munchies

Oct. 19—need volunteer for munchies

If someone would like to bring munches or a raffle item, please tell me.

Thanks



**Our meeting dates:**

- August 17**— meeting
- Sept. 21**—Regular meeting
- Oct. 19**—Regular meeting
- Nov. 16**—Prayer Retreat Day at St. Clement—bring your own brown bag
- Dec. 21**—Meeting and Christmas Pageant and party.

**Dates to remember:**

SAINTS AND FEAST S

August 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	August 27—St. Monica	Sept. 11— St. Jean-Gabriel Perboyre
August 16—St. Stephen of Hungary	August 28-St. Augustine, Doctor of Church	Sept. 13-St. John Chrysostom
August 17-St. Joan of the Cross	August 29—Passion of St. John the Baptist	Sept. 14 –Exaltation of the Holy Cross
August 18-St. Louis of Toulouse	August 30- St. Jeanne Jugan	Sept. 15 –Our Lady of Sorrows
August 20—St. Bernard, Doctor of Church	August 31-Sts. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus	Sept. 16 - St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian
August 21—St. Pius X	Sept. 1—St. Giles	Sept. 17-St. Robert Bellarmine
August 22—Queenship of the BVM	Sept. 3—St. Gregory the Great	Sept. 18– St. Joseph of Cupertino
August 23—St. Rose of Lima	Sept. 4– St. Rose of Viterbo	Sept. 19-St. Januarius
August 24-St. Bartholomew	Sept. 8 –Nativity of the BVM	
August 25—St. Louis of France; St. Joseph Calasanz	Sept. 9—St. Peter Claver	

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN

O, Good and Gracious God,  
 God of mercy, compassion, generosity,  
 and love,  
 As we live our lives today in the model of  
 St. Francis, choosing daily to live the Gos-  
 pel life,  
 Help us to help others hear Your call.

Help us to help others to recognize  
 their vocation as a Secular Franciscan  
 that You have already planted in their  
 heart.  
 Help us, so that together we all may  
 work to bring the Gospel to life.  
 Amen!



Mary Our Queen Fraternity— information  
 See page one for meeting information.

- **ATTENDANCE AT THE GATHERINGS** - All active members of our fraternity should make every attempt to **attend the Gathering every month**. If you are unable to attend due to illness, work or family obligations, please call **Carol Purwin @ 443-939-0835** or **Joe Mantegna @ 443-423-9425**. Please make note of these cell phone numbers.
- Please send your monthly donation to **Shirley Sapp** at **1429 Union Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21211**. Please bring your check or money for the Common Fund. Envelopes available in box. Monthly support of the Fraternity is needed for our needs and per capita.
- Nancy Cappellini is still accepting cancelled stamps.

- So please bring your cancelled stamps to the meeting.
- We will begin with a regular meeting, opening prayer, teaching, at 1:30 pm. Please arrive by 1:10 pm to sign in and get refreshments and have a few moments of catch up.
- Your monthly allotment for the **India Apostolate** may be given to Barbara Countryman-Mochi at the Gathering or mailed to her at P.O. 762 New Market, MD 21774. Please make your check payable to **India Apostolate**.
- There is also donation basket for Good Samaritan Apostolate.
- Thanks to all those who have been bringing snack items. If you would like to bring a raffle item or snacks, please contact me.

**St. Bernard of Clairvaux -- 1091-1153 --  
August 20**

Man of the century! Woman of the century! You see such terms applied to so many today—"golfer of the century," "composer of the century," "right tackle of the century"—that the line no longer has any punch. But Western Europe's "man of the twelfth century," without doubt or controversy, has to be Bernard of Clairvaux. Adviser of popes, preacher of the Second Crusade, defender of the faith, healer of a schism, reformer of a monastic Order, Scripture scholar, theologian and eloquent preacher: any one of these titles would distinguish an ordinary man. Yet Bernard was all of these—and he still retained a burning desire to return to the hidden monastic life of his younger days. In the year 1111, at the age of 20, Bernard left his home to join the monastic community of Citeaux. His five brothers, two uncles and some 30 young friends followed him into the monastery. Within four years a dying community had recovered enough vitality to establish a new house in the nearby valley of Wormwoods, with Bernard as abbot. The zealous young man was quite demanding, though more on himself than others. A slight breakdown of health taught him to be more patient and understanding. The valley was soon renamed Clairvaux, the valley of light.

His ability as arbitrator and counselor became widely known. More and more he was lured away from the monastery to settle long-standing disputes. On several of these occasions he apparently stepped on some sensitive toes in Rome. Bernard was completely dedicated to the primacy of the Roman See. But to a letter of warning from Rome, he replied that the good fathers in Rome had enough to do to keep the Church in one piece. If any matters arose that warranted their interest, he would be the first to let them know. Shortly thereafter it was Bernard who intervened in a full-blown schism and settled it in favor of the Roman pontiff against the antipope.

The Holy See prevailed on Bernard to preach the Second Crusade throughout Europe. His eloquence was so overwhelming that a great army was assembled and the success of the crusade seemed assured. The ideals of the men and their leaders, however, were not those of Abbot Bernard, and the pro-

ject ended as a complete military and moral disaster. Bernard felt responsible in some way for the degenerative effects of the crusade. This heavy burden possibly hastened his death, which came August 20, 1153.

**Quote:**

"In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Let not her name depart from your lips, never suffer it to leave your heart. And that you may more surely obtain the assistance of her prayer, neglect not to walk in her footsteps. With her for guide, you shall never go astray; while invoking her, you shall never lose heart; so long as she is in your mind, you are safe from deception; while she holds your hand, you cannot fall; under her protection you have nothing to fear; if she walks before you, you shall not grow weary; if she shows you favor, you shall reach the goal" (St. Bernard).

Pray for peace in the Middle East, Iraq, Israel, Ukraine, South Africa, Syria, so many areas.

*For those in Iraq threatened with violence for their Christian faith, grant them peace and stability that will enable them to live without fear and anxiety, and with dignity and joy, we pray to the Lord...Lord hear our prayers.*

