

MARY OUR QUEEN  
FRATERNITY

# Instrument of Peace

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*February 15, 2015*

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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Peace* - Minister

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

We will have Liturgy of the Hours, meeting and prayers, as well as a teaching.

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

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

According to my records the present Council was elected May 2012, which means this May is election time. So please pray and think about who you would like to represent your fraternity as: Minister; Vice Minister; Secretary; and Treasurer; also the Formation Director[is usually appointed].

Sorry for the last minute cancellation in January, but the icy rain made it difficult for some people and I wanted everyone to be safe.

*Pax, Carol*

*Please consider attending the Regional Retreat March 20-22 in Priestfield.*

Submit form no later than March 6, 2015 with a NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of \$50.00 **Make your check payable to ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA REGION\* and mail form with payment to:**

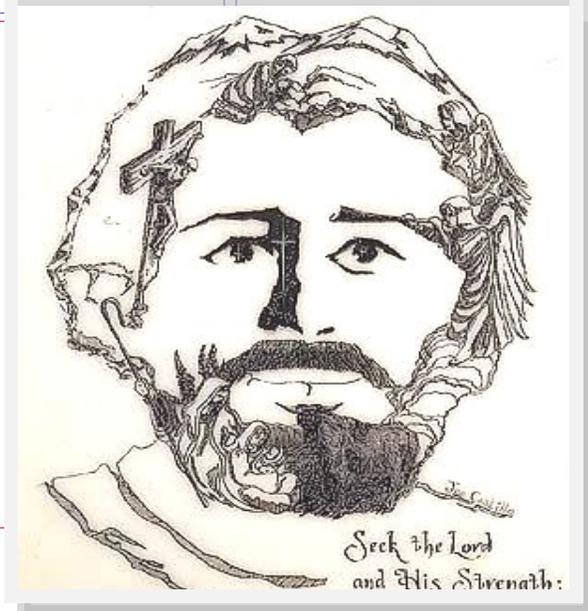
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If you can bring non-perishable items to the gathering, it will be donated to St. Clement food outreach program. Cans of tuna, soup, pasta, peanut butter, cereal, jelly, spaghetti sauce, etc. would be a great help.

What do you see in this picture >>>



**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, 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, 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 Cappelini, Gloria Strong, Rose Countryman, Renzo Anthony Mochi, Reyner

Frieson, Mary Campbell 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 mid-February-March:**  
**Happy Birthday —**  
Joan Popp—Feb. 27  
Bill Lotz—March 26  
  
**HAPPY PROFESSION ANNIVERSARY**  
Donna Aldrich—3/20/2011  
Beth Dickinson—3/20/2011  
'Toni' Sterner —3/20/2011  
Rosemarie Dick—3/15/1981  
Pat Hanges—3/15/1981

*Congratulations and Best Wishes!*  
*Celebrate!*  
  
New address Pat Hanges, ofs:  
315 Willrich Circle, Unit F  
Forest Hill, MD 21050-1351



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS PLEASE**

**Our meeting dates:**  
**Feb. 15—regular meeting**  
**March 22—regular meeting**  
**April 19 - nomination for council election**  
**May 17-- Election meeting**  
**June—Date to be determined**

**Dates to remember:**  
Retreat—**March 20-22, 2015** Priest-Field—reservations begin NOV.  
**April 25, 2015 - Election of St. Margaret of Cortona Region Officers**

**FOOD & RAFFLE**  
**Feb. 15—Carol Purwin**  
  
**March 22 - need someone For munchies.**  
**April 19—need munchies**



SAINTS AND FEASTS

Feb. 11—Our Lady of Lourdes  
 Feb. 14—St. Cyril and Methodius  
 Feb. 15—Transfer of the Body of St. Anthony of Padua  
 Feb. 18—ASH WEDNESDAY  
 Feb. 19—St. Conrad of Piacenza  
 Feb. 21—St. Peter Damian  
**Feb. 23—St. Polycarp**  
 Feb. 26—St. Maria Bertilla Boscardin  
 March 3—St. Katharine Drexel  
 March 4—St. Casimir  
 March 7—Ss. Perpetua and Felicity  
 March 9—St. Frances of Rome  
 March 17—St. Patrick

St. Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna (modern Izmir, Turkey), disciple of St. John the Apostle and friend of St. Ignatius of Antioch was a revered Christian leader during the first half of the second century.

St. Ignatius, on his way to Rome to be martyred, visited Polycarp at Smyrna, and later at Troas wrote him a personal letter. The Asia Minor Churches recognized Polycarp's leadership by choosing him as a representative to discuss with Pope Anicetus the date of the Easter celebration in Rome—a major controversy in the early Church.

Only one of the many letters written by Polycarp has been preserved, the one he wrote to the Church of

Philippi in Macedonia.

At 86, Polycarp was led into the crowded Smyrna stadium to be burned alive. The flames did not harm him and he was finally killed by a dagger. The centurion ordered the saint's body burned. The "Acts" of Polycarp's martyrdom are the earliest preserved, fully reliable account of a Christian martyr's death. He died in 156.

Quote:  
 "Stand fast, therefore, in this conduct and follow the example of the Lord, 'firm and unchangeable in faith, lovers of the brotherhood, loving each other, united in truth,' helping each other with the mildness of the Lord, despising no man" (Polycarp, *Letter to the Philippians*).

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 Gospel  
 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.

## Teaching = Praying

### PRAY THE RULE

by Liam McCarthy, OFM

O Lord, our God, we intend to make present the charism of our Seraphic Father Francis in the life and mission of the Church, in various ways and forms but in life-giving union with one another. By our profession, we pledge ourselves to live the Gospel in the manner of St Francis by means of our Rule approved by the Church (Arts. 1-3). Help us, we pray, so that daily we may:

- \*observe the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by following the example of St Francis, going from gospel to life and from life to the gospel (Art. 4);
- \*seek to encounter the living and active person of Jesus Christ in our brothers and sisters, in sacred scripture, in the Church and in the Eucharist (Art. 5);
- \*go forth as witnesses and instruments of the Church's mission among people, proclaiming Christ by our life and words (Art. 6);
- \*conform our thoughts and deeds to those of Christ by the radical interior change which the Gospel calls "conversion", making use of the sacrament of reconciliation on the way to renewal (Art. 7);
- \*let prayer and contemplation be the soul of all we are and do (Art. 8);
- \*imitate the Virgin Mary's complete self-giving in her openness to your every word and call (Art. 9);
- \*faithfully fulfill the duties proper to our various circumstances in life (Art. 10);
- \*seek the proper spirit of detachment and purify our hearts from every tendency and yearning for possession and power (Art. 11);
- \*acquire the purity of heart needed to set ourselves free to love God and our brothers and sisters (Art. 12);
- \*accept all people as your gift, Lord, and an image of Christ (Art. 13);
- \*Exercise our responsibilities competently in the Christian spirit of service (Art. 14);
- \*be in the forefront of promoting justice by the testimony of our human lives and by courageous initiatives (Art. 15);
- \*esteem work both as a gift and as a sharing in the creation, redemption and service of the human community (Art. 16);
- \*cultivate the Franciscan spirit of peace, fidelity and respect for life in our families, striving to make it a sign of a world already renewed in Christ (Art. 17);
- \*respect all creatures, animate and inanimate "as bearing the imprint of the Most High" (Art. 18);
- \*be bearers of peace and messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, as immersed in the resurrection of Christ, we serenely tend towards Sister Death and our ultimate encounter with you, our Father (Art 19).

All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Brother. Amen.

#### Prayer to St. Francis for Fidelity to the Rule

Holy father, loving and most beloved St. Francis, I beseech you by the holy wounds of our Lord Jesus Christ, which were imprinted on your body, assist me to govern the five senses of my body according to the will and pleasure of almighty God.

Intercede for me, so that I may be most faithful in the observance of your Rule of Penance. Obtain for me contrition and devotion, faith, hope, and charity, patience, and purity of body and soul, together with the grace of persevering in the service of our Lord; so that after this life I may merit to come to

You, and with you to enjoy eternal happiness, which I hope through your intercession to obtain from Christ our Lord. Amen. – from the Secular Franciscan Companion

