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Our gathering will be May 17. Our Council meeting will be at 11:15 am in the church hall and then attend the Noon Mass.

We will gather downstairs in the meeting room. There will be an opening prayer at 1:30pm and then the meeting will be turned over to Al Gigel—Councillor—for the nominations and elections.

WE WILL HAVE CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL INTRODUCED AND OPEN THE FLOOR FOR ANY ADDITIONS TO THE BALLOT.

Slips will be handed out, collected and counted.

Please pray and think about who you would like to represent your fraternity as: Minister; Vice Minister; Secretary; and Treasurer; also the Formation Di-

rector [who is usually appointed].

It is important that you attend this meeting to decide who will represent your fraternity.

Pax, Carol



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.

Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above -

O Maria! Hail Queen of mercy and of love, O Maria; Triumph all ye Cherubim; Sing with us ye Seraphim. Heav'n and earth resound the hymn: Salve, Salve, Salve Regina!

Jean Jomidad will be ministering our May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



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, 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 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, and Walter

Doleschal.

Pray for our members, their families and all OFS members.

Please call **Jean Jomidad, infirmarium 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 JUNE:

Happy Birthday —

- Mary Stepke—May 27
- Sandy Asendorf —June 14
- Antoinetta 'Toni' Sterner —June 10
- Regina Lovejoy—June 24
- Sheila Stefonowicz-June 28
- Mark Porter —June 30

HAPPY PROFESSION ANNIVERSARY

- Bernie Kuchta—6/12/1960
- Bill Lotz —6/9/1957

Ordination Anniversary—Father Berard 6/24/54

Congratulations and Best Wishes!

Celebrate!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS PLEASE

FOOD & RAFFLE

May 17—Election meeting— food needed.

June—Join Little Flower for their regular meeting.

July 19



Our meeting dates:

May 17-- Election and meeting; May crowning

June—day to join Little Flower due to Father's Day on our normal time

July 19—regular meeting —check to see about parish festival.

Dates to remember:

SAINTS AND FEASTS

May 17—St. Paschal Baylon
 May 18 –St. John I
May 19 –St. Theophilus of Corte
 May 20–St. Bernardine of Siena
 May 21–St. Cristobal Magaltanes & Companions
 May 22–St. Rita of Cascia
 May 23–St. Gregory VII
 May 24–St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi
 May 25–St. Bede the Venerable
 May 26–St. Philip Neri
 May 30–St. Joan of Arc
 June 1–St. Justin

June 2 –Sts. Marcellinus and Peter
 June 3–Sts. Charles Lwanga and companions
 June 5–St. Boniface
 June 8–St. William of York
 June 9–St. Ephrem
 June 11–St. Barnabas
 June 13—St. Anthony of Padua
 June 14—St. Albert Chmielowski
 June 15–St. Marguerite d’Youville
 June 17 –St. Joseph Cafasso
 If we expect saints to do marvelous things continually and to leave us many memorable quotes, we are

bound to be disappointed with **St. Theophilus**. The mystery of God's grace in a person's life, however, has a beauty all its own. Theophilus was born in Corsica of rich and noble parents. As a young man he entered the Franciscans and soon showed his love for solitude and prayer. After admirably completing his studies, he was ordained and assigned to a retreat house near Subiaco. Inspired by the austere life of the Franciscans there, he founded other such houses in Corsica and Tuscany. Over the years, he became famous for his preaching as well as his missionary efforts. Though he was always somewhat sickly, Theophilus generously served the needs of God's people in the confessional, in the sick-room and at the graveside. Worn out by his labors, he died on June 17, 1740. He was canonized in 1930.

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.

- **ATTENDENCE 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.

READING 2 [1 JN 4:11-16](#)

Beloved, if God so loved us,
we also must love one another.
No one has ever seen God.
Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us,
and his love is brought to perfection in us.

This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us,
that he has given us of his Spirit.
Moreover, we have seen and testify
that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world.
Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,
God remains in him and he in God.
We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us.

"God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him." This is the last line in the second reading from 1 John . For me this statement pretty much sums up what it means to be Christian. We often spend a great deal of time arguing over the rules; the do's and don'ts. Over the past 2000 years or so much has been written about what I have to do to get to Heaven. Volumes upon volumes have been written. Theologians have debated this question over and over. What do I have to do to get into heaven? Do I have to go to church each Sunday? What if I am divorced, can I get into Heaven? How about if I am gay or if I haven't been baptized? We all spend time discerning these questions. But the answer is right there for all of us to see if we were not blinded. If I remain in love, than I remain in God and God in me. That would be my definition of being in Heaven, being in God and God in me.

St. Francis of Assisi recognized God's work in creation, and loved it. He celebrated the beauty of God in creation, and loved God all the more for this gift. St. Bonaventure described the created universe as the fountain fullness of God's expressed being. As God is expressed in creation, creation in turn expresses the creator. Bonaventure also tells us that to love God, we need to love and all that God created. And that God created everything. St Francis of Assisi also said: "If you have people who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have people who will deal likewise with their fellow humanity."

Nowhere in the reading does it say to only love those who look like us, practice our beliefs, are the same color. The beginning of the reading says: "Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us." What an awesome concept to have. God's love brought to perfection in us. We don't really have to do anything just be love. We have complicated what is such a simple and beautiful message.

Patrick Carolan
FAN Executive Director

