



Our Lady of the Rosary Fraternity, SFO

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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Lent is once again upon us and is a beautiful time for personal meditation and introspection. Each of us needs to ask how far we have traveled on our spiritual path and what peaks, valleys and deserts that journey has taken us through. The big question is how has each of us handle our journey? What was learned and what was changed? And the answer we give begs the question of how much trust and reliance on God exists in our daily lives?

Control is one of the major human foibles. Adam and Eve were the first “control freaks” if you will have it, by trying to wrest control of their lives and the Garden from God and humanity has been struggling with this ever since.

Our Franciscan philosophy tells us that “control” comes from the love Christ shows us on the Cross. We are most “in control” when we give all of our daily life to Christ. He asks us to trust in His great love for us and to let Him show us the way. He knows our struggles and our joys; our goodness and our darkness and His love never wavers. His Spirit is in us always tugging us gently to Him. Lent is a time to reconnect with this great love and to chart our spiritual map with our Divine Guide. Pope Francis stated in his 2014 Lenten message: *What gives us true freedom, true salvation and true happiness is the compassion, tenderness and solidarity of His love. Christ’s poverty which enriches us is His taking flesh and bearing our weaknesses and sins as an expression of God’s infinite mercy to us.*

May this Lent be a most wonderful and deeply spiritual time for each of us as we deepen our trust in and our love for our most high and glorious God.

Pax et bonum

Chris Wells, Minister

March Meeting:

- 12:00 Candidates meet
- 1:30 Whole group meets
- Opening prayers
- Saint report - Leo Wells
- 2:00 Reflection from Sister Agnes and ongoing formation
- 3:00 Break
- 3:20 Business meeting
- 3:45 Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer
- Closing Prayers
- 4:00 Fellowship

Assignments:

Individual Inquiry, Inquiry Session 2 "Prompted By The Spirit To deepen This Calling" plus questions.

Candidates: Questions from "Through a life of prayer". Be prepared to discuss "By Bearing Peace and Charity" and questions.

Whole Group: Read Chapter 27 in the Franciscan Journey, "Bearers of peace" pp 287-300.
Bring the front page of a newspaper or a story from the internet about our world today.

Saint Report:

Leo Wells will present the March saint report.

Welcome:

Welcome to our new Inquirers: Karen Coulson, Donna Kendall, Maria Fuentes-Sherman, Eileen Murray. Welcome also to Chuck and Marie Stephan, SFO who are transferring from Solanus Casey Fraternity in North Carolina. Welcome to all our new Brothers and Sisters!

Council Meeting:

Our next Council meeting will be March 28 at 9:30

Morning of Spirituality:

Our Lenten Morning of Spirituality will take place on Saturday, March 7 from 9:00-12:00 at St. Bede Parish on **Ironbound Rd. This is the main church campus and we will be in the Sullivan Conference Room** - the same room in which we held the ceremony for our rising Candidates. Carolyn Lawrence will again be the facilitator and her topic will be "Conversion". For those who are able to join us we will have lunch afterward at Sal's By Victor on Monticello Ave. in Williamsburg. If you were not able to sign up for the Morning and/or lunch and are planning on attending, please let Chris know <ernietimew@gmail.com> Likewise please let her know

if you signed up but your plans have changed.

Thank you to Bea Sanford for her help in inviting Carolyn Lawrence and for reserving St. Bede's. Thank you to Cindy Holland for organizing our lunch!

Lenten Parish Resources:

ST. OLAF LENTEN MISSION "CHRIST BE MY LIFE" lead by Rev. Charles Coury, C.S.S.R, March 14-18

Hours for Adoration and Penance at some of our other parishes are listed on the Fraternity website.

Fraternity Ministries:

Please remember to bring an item to the meeting for either the St. Olaf Food Pantry or the Pineapple Motel.

The baskets will be at the meeting and Cindy will take any fresh items for the children to the Pineapple. Fruit cups and fresh fruit are popular with the children at the Pineapple. Thank you for your generosity to both these ministries.

Amazon Project:

Please remember your change for the Amazon Relief and the Heifer International Project. Thank you, Carol Murphy for heading this up.

Peninsula Pet Pantry:

The Peninsula Pet Pantry is a nonprofit organization providing temporary pet food, supplies, and veterinarian care to pet owners who are facing financial difficulties. Many of these pet owners are elderly or disabled and their pet is an emotional support to them. There is also a Pet Pantry in the Williamsburg area that can use volunteers. If you are interested in donating or volunteering, contact Carol Folsom <carolfolsom@cox.net> or <www.gmhumanesociety.org>

March Happy Birthdays:

- 6 Ani Kelly
- 14 Karen Coulson
- 22 Sandra Link

Prayer List:

- Joan Buehler, SFO
- Frances Warren, SFO

Family of Ed Gerhard, SFO

Family of Deanne Marshall, SFO

Family of Carol Folsom, SFO

Family of Ann Pepper, SFO

Mother of Margaret Murphy, SFO

Michael Wilson

Youth Ministry at St. Jerome

Our Anniversarians

Victims of terrorism

World peace especially in the Middle East

Families at the Pineapple Inn and St. Olaf Pantry Ministries

Our Fraternity and our Franciscan Family

Those who have no one to pray for them

The unspoken intentions of our hearts

Deceased:

Marlin Massey, husband of Barbara Massey, SFO

Walter Tucker - father of Bea Sanford

Jack Wells - brother of Leo Wells, SFO

Wyn McPhee - fiancé of Annie Pepper, SFO

Nancy Ullman - sister of Glenn Davis, SFO

March Dates To Remember:

- 2 Blessed Agnes of Prague
- 3 St. Didacus
- 17 St. Patrick
- 19 St. Joseph
- 25 Annunciation
- 29 Palm Sunday

We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way. Many who may seem to be children of the devil will still become Christ's disciples.

~ St. Francis of Assisi ~

