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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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 around 1:15 pm for refreshments and gathering.

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

Pax et Bonum

Carol

Reminder if you signed up —**PICNIC INVITE Sept. 20, 2015** You are cordially invited to join the Saint Joseph of Cupertino Fraternity in celebrating our Franciscan spirit and fellowship.

Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon at the Shrine of St. Anthony, followed by a potluck picnic.

12290 Folly Quarter Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Hamburgers, hot-dogs and bottled water will be provided. Please

bring a side dish/drink and, if you wish, a lawn chair.

In the event of rain, the picnic will be canceled.

MOQ -

Please note this is the same day as our Fraternity Meeting. If you attend the picnic, it will count as attending our gathering. Let us know.

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This is the prayer that Father Mychal said daily and many from his Province are now saying:

“Lord, take me where you want me to go; let me meet who you want me to meet; tell me what you want me to say; and keep me out of Your way.”

On 9/11, God took Father Mychal exactly where he wanted him (to the Twin Towers), and that was his doorstep to heaven.

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.



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, Father Berard, Nancy Cappellini

Also please continue to pray for our sick family members and friends: Rebecca Stepke, Bobby, Gerry Kuchta, John Tumminello, Marge & Francis Lotz, Janie Jackson, 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, Christo Mochi, Nancy Tina Cappellini, Gloria Strong, Rose Countryman, Renzo Anthony Mochi, Reyner Frieson, Walter Doleschal, Riley Brooke

Griffith and Len Purwin. Pray for our members, their families and all OFS members.

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 OCTOBER:

Happy Birthday —

- Lud Jones—10/1
- Dorothy Gostomski—10/20
- Phyllis Fowler—October

Happy Profession Anniversary:

- Sandy Asendorf—profession 10/18/09
- Nancy Cappellini—profession 10/16/83
- Jeannette Doleschal —profession 10/18/09

- Dorothy Gostomski—profession 10/20/02
- Lud Jones—profession 10/18/09
- Regina Lovejoy—profession 10/4/99
- Gayle Pfeifer—profession 10/20/02
- Joan Popp—profession 10/21/12
- Eileen Culatta—profession 10/21/12



MARK YOUR CALENDARS PLEASE

FOOD & RAFFLE

Sept. 20—need volunteer for munchies

Oct. 18— need volunteer



Our meeting dates:

- Sept. 20 —MOQ regular meeting
PICNIC—St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity—Ellicott City
- Oct. 18—meeting
- Nov. 15— Recollection MOQ
- Dec. 20—Christmas gathering

Dates to remember:

- Dec. 5, 2015—Annual Chapter Ministers' meeting—TBD
- April 22-24, 2016- Annual Regional Retreat—PriestField Retreat Center

SAINTS AND FEASTS

<p>Sept. 21—St. Matthew, apostle Sept. 23—St. Padre Pio da Pietrelcina Sept. 26 –Sts. Cosmas and Damian Sept. 27 –St Vincent de Paul Sept. 28—St. Wenceslaus Sept. 29 –Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels Oct. 1 –St Therese of Lisieux Oct. 2– Feast of our Guardian Angels Oct. 4—St. Francis of Assisi Oct. 6—St. Bruno Oct. 7 –Our Lady of the Rosary Oct. 8—St. John Leonardi Oct. 10 –St. Francis Borgia</p>	<p>Oct. 12 –St. Seraphin of Monte-granaro Oct. 15 –St. Teresa of Avila Oct. 16—St. Margaret Mary Alacoque [some calendars have 10/13] Oct. 17 –St. Ignatius of Antioch Oct. 18—St. Luke St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God,</p>	<p>thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen</p> <p><i>Angel of God my Guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day [night] be at my side—to light, to guard, to rule and to guide. Amen</i></p> <p>"May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem." <i>(Rite for Christian Burial)</i></p>
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NEW PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO O.F.S.

O God, when the world was growing cold, you called blessed Francis to enkindle your love in the hearts of men. Increase in us the warmth of your Holy Spirit.

We also pray that you will increase the number of our brothers and sisters in the

Lay Order of St. Francis, so that through them and all others living a Christian life, the world may be worthy to receive your Peace and Goodness and give glory to you. Through Christ, Our Lord. 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 **Mary Stepke at 410-615-4263** or **Joe Mantegna at 443-743-0948**. 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. **PRAYERS FOR NANCY TO HEAL COMPLETELY.**

- 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. Please contact Mary or me [Carol] to help with snacks.

Revelations at the Beach *by Friar Jeremy Harrington, O.F.M.*

It was an idyllic scene. It could have been an Impressionist's painting of families vacationing at the beach: August sun, white sand, gentle surf of the Gulf, blue sky, fathers building sand castles with their daughters, mothers lathering their sons with lotion, people of all ages walking the beach. It was peaceful and serene. In the evening, grown-ups in beach chairs faced the west to watch the sun go down. When there are clouds, the sunset seems to span the Gulf of Mexico in a spectacular array of colors.

Looking at this scene, I realized that, even though I did not know the vacationers on the beach, I was connected with them. Each of us is a child of God, the Creator who had separated dry land from the waters, made the sun and the sky, and brought beauty to the formless wasteland. Our Father wanted us to enjoy his gift of the world and to live in harmony. "Let everything that has breath give praise to the Lord" (Psalm 150).

I was moved by the wonder. I thought of St. Francis of Assisi seeing each person as his sister or brother, praising God for Brother Sun and Sister Lark.

One Family

I remembered from *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander* the famous revelation of Thomas Merton at the corner of Fourth and Walnut in Louisville in 1958: "I was suddenly overwhelmed with the realization that I loved all those people, that they were mine and I theirs, that we could not be alien to one another even though we were total strangers. And if only everybody could realize this! But it cannot be explained. There is no way of telling people that they are all walking around shining like the sun."

I know I was only seeing a snapshot that day. It was real, but not the whole picture. I was at the beach because my sister-in-law let me use her condo for a week. Others in our society are not that fortunate: seniors who can't afford their bills, hungry children during the summer months without school lunches, workers who do not get a vacation, refugee families from Iraq or Syria living in stark poverty.

If from my spot in the shade I could see all the people there as my sisters and brothers, how would I see them when I left the beach? There I was relaxed with leisure time to pray, read, and think. Would I be patient with the driver who cut me off in traffic, the shopper at the supermarket who couldn't find her credit card? Would I greet and express my gratitude to my sisters and brothers collecting the trash? They are all children of God.

As it reads in Psalm 8: "O Lord, our Lord, how awesome is your name through all the earth!"

