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Our Council meeting will be at Noon in the church hall.

We will gather downstairs in the meeting room around 1:15 pm for our meeting, extraction of saints, liturgy of hours.

Have a Blessed and Happy 2016!

Pax et Bonum

Carol

JANUARY 17, 2016

Thank you to all those who helped with the Christmas celebration... those who brought food to share; those who helped with the decorations; those who helped with the manger procession; the music; the singing; the joy of being together, especially Jean Jomidad. Three fraternities were present: Mary Our Queen; Little Flower and a

few members of St. Michael Fraternity.



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**St. Margaret of Cortona Region—**

**April 2, 2016 — Seventh Annual Day of Reflection for Inquirers, Candidates and Newly Professed.** St. Anthony Shrine, Ellicott City, Md.

**April 22-24, 2016 — Regional Retreat.** PriestField Retreat Center, Kearneysville, W.Va.

**June 30-July 4, 2016 — Quinquennial Gathering/National Congress.** Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.

If you have any canned foods or non perishable food items that you can donate to St. Clement's food pantry—please bring them to the meeting.

Thank you for helping those in need.

**SICK LIST — PRAYER REQUESTS**

**PRAYERS NEEDED:** Rosemarie Dick, Pat Hanges, Helen Cave, Sheila Stefonowicz, Gayle Pfeifer, Marge Pfeifer, Kathy Tumas, 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, Bill Lotz.

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, Walter Doleschal, Sophie Wiley and Julia Bonneville.

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**

Our sister Mary Gerry Prash died January 1, 2016. May she rest in peace.

**BIRTHDAYS/PROFESSION ANNIVERSARIES/CELEBRATIONS**

**End of January n beg. February —**

**Happy Birthday —**

- Jean Jomidad—1/2
- Shirley Sapp—1/21



**Happy Profession Anniversary:**

- Barbara Countryman-Mochi—1/9/94
- Joseph Mantegna—1/18/04
- Carol Purwin—1/14/07
- Phyllis Fowler—1/14/07
- Margaret Pfeifer—1/18/04
- Mark Porter—reprofessed 1/9/94



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS PLEASE**

**Our meeting dates:**

- Jan. 17, 2016—Gathering
- Feb. 21, 2016—Gathering
- March 20, 2016 –Gathering
- April 17, 2016 –Gathering

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**FOOD & RAFFLE**

- Feb. 21—need volunteer
- March 20—need volunteer
- April 17—need volunteer



SAINTS AND FEASTS

Jan. 1—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Jan. 31—St. John Boscoe
Jan. 3—Most Holy Name of Jesus	Feb. 1—St. Veridiana
Jan. 6—Bl. Diego Jose of Cadiz	Feb. 4—St. Joseph of Leonissa
Jan. 7—St. Angela of Foliano	Feb. 5—St. Agatha
Jan. 8—Bl. Eurosia Fabris	Feb. 6—Sts. Peter Baptist, Paul Miki and companions
Jan. 12—Sts. Berard and Companions	Feb. 7— St. Collette of Corbie
Jan. 18—St. Charles of Sezze	Feb. 8—St. Giles Mary of St. Joseph
<b>Jan. 23— St. Maryanne Cope</b>	Feb. 10—ASH WEDNESDAY
Jan. 24—St. Francis de Sales	Feb. 15—transfer body of St. Anthony of Padua
Jan. 26 —Sts. Timothy and Titus	Feb. 19—St. Conrad of Piacenza
Jan. 27—St. Angela Merici	
Jan. 28—St. Thomas Aquinas	
Jan. 30—St. Hyacintha of Mariscotti	YEAR OF MERCY

Marianne Cope, O.S.F., also known as Saint Marianne of Moloka'i, (January 23, 1838 – August 9, 1918) was a German-born American nun who was a member of the Sisters of St Francis of Syracuse, New York and administrator of its St. Joseph's Hospital in the city. Known also for her charitable works, in 1883 she relocated with six other Sisters to Hawai'i to care for persons suffering Hansen's Disease on the island of Moloka'i and aid in developing the medical infrastructure in Hawai'i. Despite direct contact with the patients over many years, Cope did not contract the disease.

In 2005 Cope was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI.[1] Cope was declared a saint by the same pope on October 21, 2012, along with Kateri Tekawitha, a 17th-century Native American.

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**VOCATION PRAYER FOR 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.

- 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.

When requested to go to Hawaii—she responded:

“I am hungry for the work and I wish with all my heart to be one of the chosen Ones, whose privilege it will be, to sacrifice themselves for the salvation of the souls of the poor Islanders... I am not afraid of any disease, hence it would be my greatest delight even to minister to the abandoned ‘lepers.’ “

**“In the Autumn of My Life” by Jaye Lewis**

In the autumn of my life  
The world still is fresh and green,  
And the rainbow in the heavens  
Is the prettiest I’ve seen.

In the autumn of my life  
I thank God for every day,  
And the sunset in the evening  
Simply takes my breath away.

In the autumn of my life  
I find laughter more than tears,  
And I find that I’m undaunted  
By the lengthening of my years.

In the autumn of my life  
God is closer to me now;  
With my hand in His, I’m certain  
That I’ll make it through somehow.

In the autumn of my life  
I can feel my heart rejoice,  
When the stars light up the heavens  
And I hear my Savior’s voice.

In the autumn of my life,  
Life is sweeter year by year;  
I find my path made straighter,  
And the way ahead is clear.

In the autumn of my life  
I am not afraid of death.  
I rejoice in every moment  
And thank God for every breath.

In the autumn of my life,  
I’m more thankful for God’s grace,  
For my daughters’ sweet devotion,  
And my husband’s smiling face.

In the autumn of my life  
Though my hands are wracked with pain,  
I am thankful for the sunshine,  
And I smile through the rain.

In the autumn of my life  
I still have hopes and dreams.  
This miracle of life  
Is as joyful as it seems.

In the autumn of my life  
I no longer fear tomorrow.  
God fills my life with wonder,  
And He comforts every sorrow.

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