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MAY 18, 2014

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Our afternoon gathering will include: prayers, meeting, teaching from Father Berard, if his health allows him to attend, health updates. Rosary for the month of May and crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary— thank you Jean for helping with this.

The **June 22** gathering we will be attending the *Little Flower Fraternity meeting at St. Clement at 1:30 pm*. Please make every effort to attend this meeting and if someone you know is interested in the Secular Franciscans— invite them also.

This will give us a chance to share with another fraternity and to get input as to how others conduct their meetings. I am very excited to be breaking words and bread with them.

I hope all my sisters enjoyed a Lovely Mother's Day

Have a blessed May,

*Pax, Carol*

NEW ADDRESS:

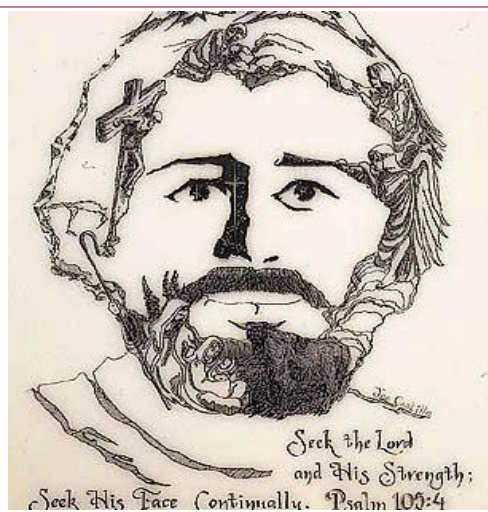
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If you can bring non-perishable items to the gathering, it will be donated to St. Clement food outreach program.

Cans of tuna, veggies, soup, pasta, peanut butter, cereal, pop tarts, 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, Janie Frieson, Theresa Lotz, Mark Porter, Joan Popp, Lud Jones, Bernadine Kordaz, Joseph Mantegna, Donna Aldrich, George Snyder, Eileen Culatta, Dot Gostomski, Toni Sterner, Phyllis Fowler

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, James Benbow, 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 Capelini, Gloria Strong Rose Country-

man and Renzo Anthony Mochi.

Please call **Jean Jomidad, infirmatory 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 May and June**  
**Happy Birthday —**  
 Bernie Kuchta—May 4  
 Pat Hanges—May 11  
 Mary Stepke—May 27  
 Toni Sterner—June 10  
 Sandy Asendorf—June 14  
 Regina Lovejoy—June 24  
 Sheila Stefonowicz—June 28

Mark Porter—June 30  
**Happy Profession Anniversary —**  
 Bernardine Kordaz—Profession 5/21/72  
 Bernie Kuchta—Profession 6/12/60  
 Bill Lotz—profession 6/9/57  
 Father Berard celebrating 60 years as a priest 6/24/54.  
*Congratulations and Best Wishes to our sisters and brothers!*



MARK YOUR CALENDARS PLEASE

**May 18**—Regular Meeting  
**June 22**— Attending 'Little Flower' Fraternity meeting at St. Clement at 1:30 pm  
**July 20**—Regular meeting  
**August 17**— meeting and picnic foods  
**Sept. 21**—Regular meeting

**Dates to note:**  
**July 10-14**—6th OFS Summer Seminar, Spiritual Assistance—St. Francis University, Loretto, PA  
**Sept. 26-28**—Chapter of Mats—Priest field Retreat Center, WV—replaces regional retreat.

**FOOD & RAFFLE**

**May**—Lud Jones for snacks  
 Toni Sterner—raffle  
**June**—Help with Little Flower refreshments  
**If someone would like to bring munches or a raffle item, please tell me.**  
**Thanks**

SAINTS AND FEAST S

<p>May 18—St. John I</p> <p>May 20—St. Bernardine of Siena</p> <p>May 21—St. Christopher Magalanes and companions</p> <p>May 22—St. Rita of Cascia</p> <p>May 25—Sts. Bede the Venerable, Gregory VII and Mary Magdalen de Pazzi</p> <p>May 26—St. Philip Neri</p> <p>May 29—The Ascension of Our Lord</p> <p>May 31—Visitation of the BVM</p>	<p>June 1—St. Justin</p> <p>June 2—Sts. Marcellinus and Peter</p> <p>June 3—St. Charles Lwanga</p> <p>June 5—St. Boniface</p> <p>June 6—St. Norbert</p> <p>June 11 St. Barnabas</p> <p>June 13—St. Anthony of Padua</p> <p>June 15—Most Holy Trinity</p> <p>June 24—Nativity of St. John the Baptist</p>	<p>June 27—Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</p> <p>June 28—The Immaculate Heart of the BVM</p> <p>June 29—Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles</p> <p>June 30—The First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church</p>
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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 Gos-  
 pel 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.

May 11, 2014

Fifth Sunday of Easter

## Let Yourself Be Built Into a Spiritual House

We continue our journey through the Easter season with our readings this fifth Sunday of Easter. For some reason the first three sentences in the second reading from 1 Peter 2 are left out of the reading. The chapter starts with "Rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, insincerity, envy, and all slander; like newborn infants, long for pure spiritual milk so that through it you may grow into salvation, for you have tasted that the Lord is good." You have to wonder why these three sentences were left out of the reading. In fact on Sunday we will hear the reading start with the word 'Beloved' as if this was the beginning of the letter from Peter. However in the actual letter, the word beloved is not used. The reading goes on to say: "let yourselves be built into a spiritual house." It doesn't say we should build spiritual houses, but rather we should be the spiritual houses. St Francis of Assisi understood this when he heard God calling him to "repair my church." At first, Francis thought that God was calling him to physically repair the buildings. He then realized that God didn't mean building physical buildings but rather to help every person become a spiritual house. The first sentence of 1 Peter 2 tells us how we can do that. We need to rid ourselves of all malice, envy, deceit, insincerity and slander. That is easier said than done.

In Sunday's Gospel Jesus says: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these." Imagine if you stood up at Mass on Sunday and announced to the whole congregation that you are going to do

greater works than Jesus. You would quickly be ushered out of the church. You would be called a heretic maybe even be excommunicated. Yet there it is in black and white straight from the mouth of Jesus. Why is it that we have such a hard time believing what Jesus tells us? My pastor and friend Father Tom often asks the question "How many times in the Gospel does Jesus tell us to worship him?" The answer is none, not once in the Gospels does Jesus tell us to worship him. Yet we spend most of our time worshipping Jesus. We do that because it is so much easier to worship Jesus than it is to pick up our crosses and be Jesus. Maybe if we stopped worshipping Jesus and started to be just like Jesus we would start doing "greater ones than these."

Peace and All Good

Patrick Carolan, FAN Executive Director

Suggested Petitions:

May we have the courage to open our hearts to Jesus' word and allow Him to build us into spiritual houses, Let us pray...

May the Word of God resonate within and guide us to carry out the actions Jesus encourages us to do, Let us pray...

