

THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

SAINT THOMAS MORE FRATERNITY

WE GATHER ON THE 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AT:
CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
3435 TRINDLE ROAD, CAMP HILL, PA 17011

APRIL 2014 ~ ST. JOSEPH
EDITOR: PATRICIA WOLF OFS

FRATERNITY MEETING - May 18th:

May 18th, The 3rd Sunday, our meeting begins at 1:30 PM in the All Purpose Room.

May Snacks:

Betsy Dum & ?Open Drinks:
Elsie Arnold (both slots) We still have one snack slot to fill for May. [No meeting in April] In order to cover all the dates, each professed member needs to sign up for 2 slots of each type. If you would like me to include your name on the snack sign up, please contact me. Here is the link for the sign up:

<http://bit.ly/1eOyTw7>

EVENING PRAYER – Fifth Sunday of Easter.

Please bring your *Blue Gregorian Chant Folders* which will have all the hymns and prayers you will need for the Evening Prayer, ~ even if we do not sing.

Formation for April :

No meeting in April - Happy Easter! We would like everyone to gather at the Divine Mercy devotions at Holy Name of Jesus parish in Harrisburg. Divine Mercy Sunday is April 27th. More information to follow.



Pope Francis
April prayer intentions:

Ecology and Justice. That governments may foster the protection of creation and the just distribution of natural resources.

Hope for the Sick. That the Risen Lord may fill with hope the hearts of those who are being tested by pain and sickness.

<http://goo.gl/vFnIF9>

PROFESSION ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL:

- *Maryanne Fischer - 4/22*
- *Fred Fischer - 4/22*
- *Tana Dale - 4/22*

BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL:

- *Loretta Washington 4/16*

PROFESSION ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY:

- *None*

BIRTHDAYS IN MAY:

- *Steve Wolf - 5/12*

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES - APRIL:

FRATERNAL DAY OF

PENANCE:

Please remember our Fraternity's **April & May** intention in your monthly penitential activities:

For our family and friends, both living and deceased.

You can submit your intention on a card or by email to Steve

Hurtak, our Vice-minister.

MONTHLY MASS:

Sat May 15th at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Harrisburg - 8 am: for all living and deceased members of the Fraternity.

FUN MANUAL MEETINGS:

April : Chapter 16 - Understanding Franciscan Theology, Tradition, and Spirituality, by Fitzsimmons .

The Hummelstown Group meets at the Soda Jerk for lunch on your own, on Wednesday. (Next meeting is April 23rd) Contact Steve Wolf. The Harrisburg group meets at Loretta's house, please contact Loretta. For those that work during the day, please contact Dave Artz.



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PRAISED BE YOU MY LORD, THROUGH
OUR SISTER, BODILY DEATH, FROM
WHOM NO ONE LIVING CAN ESCAPE.
~ ST. FRANCIS

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED MEMBERS IN APRIL:
*Teresa Bruscia 4/5/1954, Mary McCarthy 4/29/1954, Martha Singleton
4/15/1988, Anna Serrapere 4/11/2001, Lydia Ocamb 4/13/2007 .*

Please pray for our Priests; for those who currently serve us, for the seminarians and for vocations - especially Franciscan ones! Here is prayer written by the soon to be Saint John Paul II for priests: From 1992 Apostolic Exhortation Pastores Dabo Vobis

O Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ and Mother of priests, accept this title which we bestow on you to celebrate your motherhood and to contemplate with you the priesthood of your Son and of your sons, O holy Mother of God.

O Mother of Christ, to the Messiah - priest you gave a body of flesh through the anointing of the Holy Spirit for the salvation of the poor and the contrite of heart; guard priests in your heart and in the Church, O Mother of the Savior.

O Mother of Faith, you accompanied to the Temple the Son of Man, the fulfillment of the promises given to the fathers; give to the Father for his glory the priests of your Son, O Ark of the Covenant.

O Mother of the Church, in the midst of the disciples in the upper room you prayed to the Spirit for the new people and their shepherds; obtain for the Order of Presbyters a full measure of gifts, O Queen of the Apostles.

O Mother of Jesus Christ, you were with him at the beginning of his life and mission, you sought the Master among the crowd, you stood beside him when he was lifted up from the earth consumed as the one eternal sacrifice, and you had John, your son, near at hand; accept from the beginning those who have been called, protect their growth, in their life ministry accompany your sons, O Mother of Priests. Amen.

To watch special video coverage of the canonization ceremonies with Fr. Barron, in Rome, on Divine Mercy Sunday, email sign up here: <http://wordfromrome.com/>

COMING EVENTS & NEWS:

† If you need a monthly contribution envelope, they will be on the table next to the sign in sheet for your convenience.

† **Saints:** Please find the Saints for the month in your St. Joseph Guide to Evening Prayer and also on our website.

† Andy Gubicza is our Infirmarian - contacting the sick and homebound of our fraternity. Should you need prayer, please contact him and he will get the word out to the rest of us. Also, please let him (or me) know if you would like your name printed in the "Please Pray" for section of the newsletter which is sent to everyone in the Fraternity and posted on the web.

† **April no meeting - Easter is on the 3rd Sunday.**

This is not confirmed, we have no information from the parish yet, but we will contact everyone once more information is available - We will gather at Holy Name of Jesus Church for the Divine Mercy Novena on Sun. April 27th. More information will be sent as available.

† July 10 - 14th - The 6th OFS Summer Seminar, Spiritual Assistance, St. Francis U. Loretto, PA . More information to come.

† September 26-28, 2014 - Chapter of Mats- Priest Field Retreat Center, Kearneysville,

W.VA. More information to come.



The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order Chapter 2, VII

United by their vocation as "brothers and sisters of penance," and motivated by the dynamic power of the Gospel, let them conform their thoughts and deeds to those of Christ by means of that radical interior change which the Gospel itself calls "conversion". Human frailty makes it necessary that this conversion be carried out daily. On this road to renewal the Sacrament of Reconciliation is the privileged sign of the Father's mercy and the source of grace.