

Secular Franciscan Order

Saint Francis Fraternity
St. Cyril & Method Church

148 Clinton Street
Binghamton, NY 13905

February and March 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in St. Francis,

Ash Wednesday is February 18, a day which many people prepare for by deciding what to "give up" for Lent. Perhaps for Franciscans, of greater importance is considering how we can deepen our personal conversion during this time of grace.

IMPORTANT DATES		
Wednesday, Feb 11	1:00 PM	Council Meeting, Chow Office
Wednesday, Feb 18	12:30 PM	Inquiry Class, Hall CCD Room
Wednesday, Feb 18	2:00 PM	General Meeting: Hall, CCD Room
Wednesday, Feb 18	6:30 PM	Formation Class, Hall CCD Room
Wednesday, Feb 25	6:30 PM	General Meeting: Hall, CCD Room
Saturday, Mar. 7 (See below for details.)	8:45 AM	Franciscan Experience, St. Daniel Parish Hall in Syracuse
Wednesday, Mar 11	1:00 PM	Council Meeting, Friary
Wednesday, Mar 18	12:30 PM	Inquiry Class, Hall CCD Room
Wednesday, Mar 18	2:00 PM	General Meeting: Hall, CCD Room
Wednesday Mar 18	6:30 PM	Formation Class, Hall CCD Room
Wednesday, Mar 25	6:30 PM	General Meeting: Hall, CCD Room

February 18th & 25th Meetings:

The program will be praying the Stations of the Cross.

The gatherings will end with community sharing.

March 18th & 25th Meetings:

The gathering will begin with the Liturgy of the Hours and scripture reflection. Our program theme will be Holy Week, which begins the following week.

We will conclude with community sharing.

Annual Franciscan Day in Syracuse Saturday, March 7 8:45 AM-2:00 PM

The Sisters of St. Francis will present "Francis of Assisi & Francis of Rome," a look at how the mission and message of Pope Francis mirrors that of St. Francis of Assisi. Participants are invited to visit the St. Marianne Cope Shrine and Museum, 601 North Townsend St. Syracuse, NY, from 2:30 – 4:30 PM

The cost is \$25/ person or \$35/ couple (includes lunch). After February 16, the fee is \$30/ person.

Happy Birthday to Kay Baker (February 22), Shirley Uhrinec (February 27) Cathy Feholey (March 19), Madeline Marx (March 21), Agnes Horney (March 26), & Kay Corcoran (March 30).

Welcome to our new Inquirer, Eileen Esposito.

Anniversaries of Profession

Congratulation to the following members, who will celebrate the anniversary of their Profession in March:

Anne Bertoni March 16, 1980
Shirley Uhrinec March 25, 1993

Please remember to pray for all of our Franciscans who cannot attend our monthly gatherings.

In Memoriam

Please prayerfully remember our sister Lucy Kozak, who died on October 29 and our brother Phil Evans, who died on December 12.

May they rest in peace in the arms of their beloved Savior.

Feast Days of Special Importance to Franciscans	
February 6	Sts. Peter Baptist, Paul Miki, & Companions, Martyrs of I & III Orders
February 19	St. Conrad of Piacenza III Order
March 2	St. Agnes of Prague, II Order
February 18	Ash Wednesday
March 9	St. Frances of Rome, III Order
March 19	St. Joseph

Annual Fair Share Reminder

The "Fair Share," \$45.00 per professed member and \$25.00 per candidate, must be sent to the Regional treasurer this month from our Fraternity Common Fund. Monthly contributions from members may be brought to the meeting or sent to Sue Edwards, Fraternity Treasurer at: 176 Wilson Hill Road, Binghamton, NY 13905.

A Minister Minute

As you read this column, Lent 2015 will begin in just a few weeks. I don't know about my Franciscan sisters and brothers, but I always do spend some time in prayer thinking about Lent and what I can do to make it a time to get closer to God. As Secular Franciscans we have something readymade to help us on our Lenten Journey - our Rule! My suggestion for Lent 2015 is to spend some time each day with our "Little Red Book" with the goal in mind of understanding the Rule and more importantly how to integrate it in our lives. There should be no rush to this effort or need to feel that something must be accomplished in a given time, rather, let the Holy Spirit guide us in our contemplation of the Rule! When Easter comes we will have learned a great deal about our Vocation and ourselves.



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