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CALENDAR

April 1	Holy Thursday
April 2	Good Friday
April 3	St. Benedict the Black
April 4	Easter – He is Risen!
April 11 1:30 pm	Fraternity gathering (virtual) (Council to meet at noon)
April 16	St. Bernadette Soubirous
April 17	St. Benedict Joseph Labre
April 21	St. Conrad of Parzham
April 23	Blessed Giles of Assisi
April 24	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
April 28	Blessed Luchesius

FRATERNITY GATHERINGS

Fraternity gatherings are held the second Sunday of each month. Our April gathering will be held virtually on **Sunday, April 11, at 1:30 P.M.** (Watch for your email invitation).

Please call in if you can't join by video. **If you are not able to attend please contact Mary Jo beforehand.**

During our gathering we will be doing the candle ceremony at home. We will also have ongoing formation by reflecting on questions from the Lamb's Supper reading.

We invite all members and inquirers of St. Bonaventure Fraternity to our gatherings. If you are an inactive member but would like to attend or become active again, please let Mary Jo know.

FORMATION NEWS

Ongoing Formation: Please read **Part 2 Chapters 3-4** of "The Lamb's Supper" book for discussion at the April gathering.

APOSTOLATE

We are collecting puzzle books and other items to give to the friars at St. Francis Friary (Mt. Assisi). Contact Marie Bettwy if you wish to participate in this apostolate.



CELEBRATIONS!!

Happy Profession Anniversary to Anita Baumann (32nd) on April 29, Julie Crusciel (31st) on April 27 and Beth Woods (33rd) on April 15. **Happy Birthday** to Beth Woods on April 16.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OFS Summer Seminar St. Francis University via ZOOM **July 8-11, 2021** (tentatively)

The Quinquennial Congress confirmed date: **August 3-7, 2022**

LENTON DAY OF REFLECTION HELD

Lady Poverty Region sponsored a Lenten Day of Reflection on Saturday, March 27 from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM via ZOOM. The program presented two of the "Wild Goose" videos by Fr. David Pivonka, TOR as well as both small and large group discussion.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

Pace e bene (Peace and good)!

Last year a suggestion was made about regular "check-ins" with the Fraternity especially if you are not able to attend a gathering. Let us all know how you are doing through contacting Mary Jo or Fr. Kevin.

These are difficult days, so even if your health is fine, you may be experiencing stress, fear, sadness, etc. If we know you need prayers, we can all be praying for you, we can keep praying for each other, wherever we are.

Please do include other prayer intentions if you have them as well. Family or friends might be in need of our prayers as well.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, watch over you and keep you close in his care.

COMMON FUND REMINDER

Just a reminder that even though our fraternity has not been meeting face-to-face, we are still obligated to contribute as our means allow to the common fund.

The current balance of our Common Fund is \$2,171.87, which includes \$1,547.05 in certificates of deposit.

Please send your monthly contribution to Patricia Serotkin, OFS, Fraternity Treasurer at 1072 N. Center St. Ebensburg, PA 15931.

ST. BONAVENTURE FRATERNITY FACEBOOK PAGE

Our Fraternity has a Facebook page! Anyone can find this group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/652880388194184/?ref=share>

Watch for Fr. Kevin's minute meditations!

SUGGESTED READING

The Beekeeper's Apprentice by Laurie R. King. For fans of Laurie R. King, her venture into new territory featuring Sherlock Holmes may seem a bit weird, but perhaps it is stranger still for Ms. King to bring Holmes out of retirement to embark on a new sleuthing adventure with the aid of a precocious young girl possessing investigative talents of her own. Mary Russell is an orphan of only fifteen when she meets Holmes, who is quickly struck by her intellect and self-reliance. Holmes reluctantly takes her on as his apprentice, but soon finds that there is more to Mary's ability than meets the eye. When the family of a kidnapped young girl requests Holmes to investigate, he does not hesitate to enlist Mary's help with the case. While Holmes is the key figure in the story, Mary becomes the driving force in the investigation. This is the first in the series of Mary Russell novels by Laurie R. King, published in 1994. Since then, she has written sixteen more, so there is much still to invite your attention if you get hooked on the exploits of Mary Russell...and I think you will!

The book is available in paperback for around \$10 on Amazon, but can probably be purchased used for much less.

- Bill Duryea, OFS

ADMONITION..... Mary Jo, OFS

This year, unlike last we are blessed to attend all the liturgical events of Lent and Holy Week in person if so desired. I am looking forward to attending the Sacred Triduum services and Easter this year, Holy Week is the most solemn and glorious week in Christianity! The Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1168 and 1169 states:

“Beginning with the Easter Triduum as its source of light, the new age of the Resurrection fills the whole liturgical year with its brilliance. The economy of salvation is at work within the framework of time, but since its fulfillment in the Passover of Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the culmination of history is anticipated “as a foretaste,” and the kingdom of God enters into our time.”

“Therefore, Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the “Feast of feasts,” the Solemnity of solemnities,” just as the Eucharist is the “Sacrament of sacraments” (The Great Sacrament). St Athanasius calls Easter “the Great Sunday” and Eastern Churches call Holy Week “the Great Week.” The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subject to him.”

Richard Rohr, OFM writes that most of us grew up thinking the Resurrection was a one- time miracle about Jesus, an anomaly that proved he was God. He believes the resurrection is not a miracle as much as it is an enduring relationship. The best way to speak about the Resurrection is not to say “Jesus rose from the dead”—as it is a self- generated miracle, but to say, “ Jesus was raised from the dead” (as many early text did.) The Eternal Christ is the map, the blueprint, the promise, the pledge, the guarantee of what is happening everywhere, all summed up in one person so we can see it in personified form.

As Easter is not just a day, but a Season. Hallelujah! Christ is risen! May God Bless all of you and your families during this wonderful Easter Season.

