

The Porter

St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, MD
Secular Franciscan Order – June 2017
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The Porter deadline for the June issue is July 6th. Please send news, prayer requests, poems, or interesting things that you think other members may enjoy to: Joan Faltot, 8217 Grainfield Rd, Severn, MD 21144, or send by email.

 Fraternity Meeting	<p>Saturday, June 17, 2012 at 11:00 am Picnic at the Emily McGeady's Pier. (Map on last page of newsletter) Friends and Family Welcomed</p> <p>If it rains... we are obviously not praying enough... Alternative plans will be sent by email.</p>		
 Refreshments	Bowie/Crofton/Severna Park will supply paper products. Glen Burnie/ Pasadena will be next, so please arrange to take the supplies home, restock if necessary, and return them at the next meeting. <i>Please remember to bring your own cup!</i>		
Program	Overeat, badminton, bocce, and any lawn game you wish to bring.		
Liturgy	Judith will lead us in renewing the St. Francis Pledge to pray, act, and advocate to solve climate change from the CatholicClimateCovenant.org		
 Prayer Requests	<p><i>For our sick and/or homebound members:</i> (Please help us update this list.) Joan's husband, Bill Kvetas for recovery from surgery. Mandy (Kathleen Sievers' niece), Teri Egan, Br. Walt Robb OFM Cap, Michael Benso (Laura's husband), Emily McGeady's son Matthew, Denise Miente, Jude Dodge, Kathy Duffy's daughter Lynne, Sister Mater Mundi (missionary in Mexico), Capuchin Bishop William Fey, Msgr. Jeremiah Kenney</p>		
Birthdays	Lita Millan – 6/22		
Profession Anniversaries	Emily McGeady – 06/12/1979 John Cobis – 06/12/2005	Susan Burns -- 7/13/2013 Judith Tyrrell – 7/14/1991	
Treasury	Common Fund balance is \$691.72.		

Outreach	Lighthouse Shelter Lunches: Next sandwich-making will be on Thursday, July 20th at 9:30 a.m., at home of Joan Kvetkas. Contact Denise if you plan to come. Phoenix Academy: No backpacks till September
Council Meeting	Date/Time to be determined at Tyrrell's home
Upcoming Events	
July 6-9	8th Summer Seminar for Secular Franciscans at St. Francis University in Loretto PA, July 6-9, entitled "Multiculturalism and Diversity: Who is My Neighbor?" For information & registration form: https://sites.google.com/francis.edu/ofsummerseminar
July 21-23	SECULAR FRANCISCAN CONFERENCE: The Development of the Franciscan Person PRESENTER: Fr. David B. Couturier, O.F.M., Cap. St. Bonaventure University, 3261 West State Road, St. Bonaventure, NY 14778 http://www.sbu.edu/academics/schools/franciscan-studies/summer-2017-conferences
July 27-30	Animate Peace Gathering (Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation Conference). Renaissance Hotel, St. Louis Missouri. Addition information at https://sites.google.com/site/jpic4ofs/home
October 6-8	Formation Directors Weekend October 6-8. Loyola Retreat House, Faulkner, MD

COMMUNITY



Minister's Minute: Dear Brothers and Sisters of Penance,

I urge you to consider other people as unrepeatable images of God.

Last week, I was reading the chapter of Fr. Benet Fonck's book of commentary on the Secular Franciscan Rule about Rule 13 (& 14), which declares that "Secular Franciscans with a gentle and courteous spirit accept all people as a gift of the Lord and an image of Christ..., [and] place themselves on an equal basis with all people, especially with the lowly..." (Fonck, Benet A., OFM, *Called to Follow Christ*, Franciscan Press, 1997, p. 65). It reminded me of some language I found about five years ago in a book of daily reflections which really struck me at the time (Fr. Francis Fernandez, *In Conversation with God*, Scepter Publications, 1993). The language of the Rule and the quotes below are particularly relevant now as we focus this year's continuing formation on the theme of unity and fraternal harmony (Rule 19) in the context of learning the truth about poverty, racism, and immigration in our country and the world. Here is what Fr. Fernandez says:

A humble person avoids "negative judgments about other people. The knowledge of our own weakness will prevent us from entertaining 'a bad thought about anyone, even if the words or conduct of the person in question give good grounds for doing so.' * * * Humility disposes us to patience, and helps us to be patient with our own defects and with the defects of the people around us.... If we try to see others as our Lord sees them, it will be easy to accept them as He accepts them" (Fernandez, Vol. 1, pp. 203-04). We should "consider other people as unrepeatable images of God" (Fernandez, Vol. 3, p. 37). These texts challenge me to be Christ for others and to look for Christ in others--always. But I fail. And I get up and I try again.

In Christ & St. Francis, Pat

Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration

As you were advised email recently, the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration house in DC has closed. The Sisters of Life will be moving in if they haven't already. You can still visit Sr. Inez, PCPA, Sr. Patricia, PCPA, and Sr. Shawna Marie, PCPA, who will be staying in the area at Carroll Manor Nursing Home, 1150 Varum Street NE, Washington, DC 20017 (where they've been for a number of months). The address for the Ohio monastery where Sr. Rita and Mother Angela will be moving to is 4108 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland OH 44103 (216-361-0783; www.thepoorclares.com).

*"Behold, How good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity"
Psalm 133:1*

Blessing of Statues

St. Francis and St. Anthony



Join us on June 13th for our Noon Mass and following as we celebrate the Feast of St. Anthony by blessing our new statue depicting St. Francis and St. Anthony in the Shrine courtyard! After the blessing, all are welcome to also join us for a FREE Hot Dog lunch in the Shrine Dining Room. For more info call our front office at 410-531-2800 or visit our website at www.ShrineofStAnthony.org

June 13th, 2017
Noon Mass and Following
The Shrine of St. Anthony

THIS NEWSLETTER IS YOURS

Please send/email me interesting tidbits, thoughts,
poems, book reviews, upcoming parish activities
to me to be included in *The Porter*.

(contact information on page 1)

JPIC –JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION—JUDITH TYRRELL

“Let there be PEACE on earth and let it begin with me”—How does it begin with me? I can choose to sit with the God of PEACE and not with pain, anger, hatred, bitterness, resentment, despair or violence. I can allow God to transform every feeling, every emotion, every experience and come away consoled, loved, strengthened and ready to move on. (The Nonviolent Life by John Dear) I can make the choice to “let go and let God”. I can choose to forgive. I can choose to LOVE. Proverbs 25:21-22 “If your enemy be hungry, give him food to eat, if he be thirsty give him to drink, for the live coals you will heap on his head, and the Lord will vindicate you.” New American footnote: Charity is invaluable in resolving enmities and restoring peace. Let us be PEACEMAKERS. Blessed are the peacemakers they will be called children of God (Matthew 5:9). The peacemaker is the one who seeks the good of the other in Pope Benedict’s World Day of Peace message 2013 entitled Blessed Are the Peacemakers. He says “Encountering Jesus Christ shapes peacemakers, committing them to fellowship and to overcoming injustice.” We need to “enter into the mess” bringing unconditional love and mercy, and not run away. Your friend has hurt you, been silent—you reach out with the call, the card, the email, the visit, the little gift and start the process of reconciliation. You let the PEACE begin with YOU.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live. A place where saints
and children tell how hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, Rock
of faith and vault of grace. Here the love of
Christ shall end divisions.

All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone. To heal and
strengthen serve and teach and live the word
Serve and teach and live the word
They’ve known. Where the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God’s face
Let us bring an end to fear and danger...

Recycling Tip from Joan Faltot

Rumor has it that the landfill does not recycle plastic air pillows that are used in packaging. A terrible waste of both plastic and landfill space. I separate all my packaging material. Cardboard and paper is recycled. Plastic air pillows, bubble wrap, and peanuts (of any material) I separate by type and store in garbage bags. When full, I take them to a local UPS or mail box store... anywhere where they package items for shipment. They have never refused my offer to take them, in fact one of the stores in Columbia would give me a business card and with a note offering 5% off packaging materials next time I needed some.

Disposing of Household Hazardous Products Safely



Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Days provide opportunities for County residents to safely dispose of products containing harmful chemicals.

Items accepted include:

- Oil-based paints & staining agents
- Paint solvents
- Pesticides
- Household & automotive cleaners
- Oil and antifreeze contaminated with water or other products
- Pool chemicals
- Gasoline, Kerosene & other fuels
- Hand-held signal, smoke & roadside flares
AERIAL & PARACHUTE FLARES ARE NOT ACCEPTED
- Asbestos / Asbestos shingles & tiles
MUST BE WETTED AND DOUBLE-BAGGED.
LIMIT = FOUR 40 lb. BAGS per RESIDENT per EVENT.

Special Notes:

- Alkaline batteries (A,C,D) may be disposed of in your regular trash.
- NiCad (rechargeable), camera and watch batteries may be recycled at any convenience center year round.



Mercury

Mercury is a silver colored, heavy metal that can change from a liquid to a gas. Mercury has many uses, but it can also be harmful to humans and wildlife.

The following mercury containing items are accepted:

- Thermometers
- Thermostats
- Button batteries
- Fluorescent light tubes
- Mercury vapor lamps

SCHEDULE

July 22, 2017

Millersville Landfill and Resource Recovery Facility
389 Burns Crossing Road; Severn, MD 21144

September 16, 2017

Southern Recycling Center
5400 Nutwell Sudley Road; Deale, MD 20571

October 21, 2017

Northern Recycling Center
100 Dover Road; Glen Burnie, MD 21060

HOURS: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

During the events, trained personnel will ask you to remain in your car while they unload the HHW from your trunk. To make unloading safe for staff and fast for you:

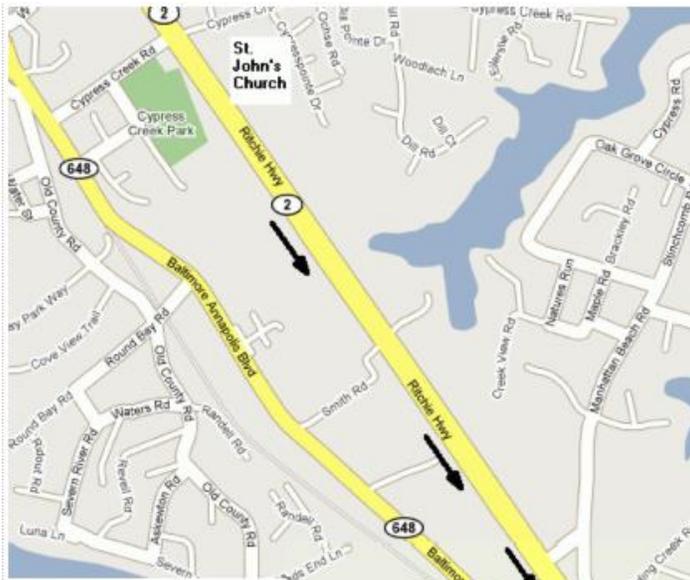
- Tightly secure all container lids to avoid leaks and spills then set your HHW in plastic totes or boxes to contain accidental spills during transport.
- Keep materials in their original packaging, when possible, and label any material that had to be packed in alternative containers. Never mix different types of HHW in one container.
- Make sure items can be easily accessed. Never cover or block your materials under other items like trash or yard waste.

For more information on the household hazardous waste program, visit:

www.aacounty.org/services-and-programs/household-hazardous-waste-drop-off-days

or call 410-222-7951.

Map for Picnic at the Pier



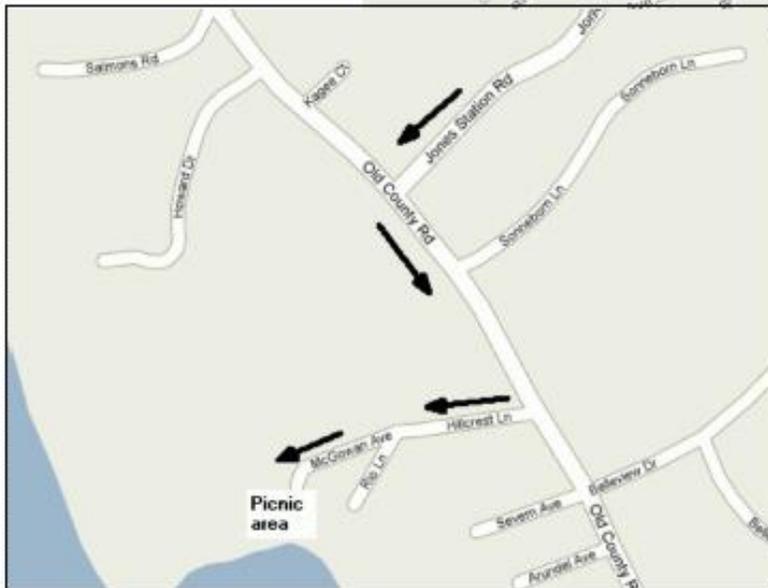
Directions:

From St. John the Evangelist Church

Go south on Richie Hwy

Turn right on Jones Station Rd. W

At end of road, turn left.



Turn right on Hillcrest Lane.

At bottom of road stay to the right.

Park in the field.

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