

PADRE PIO REACTIVATING FRATERNITY

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The gatherings are usually held
In Trinity Center top floor 4th
Sunday @ 1:30 pm (Subject to
change.) @ St Michael Catholic
Church, 804 High House Road,
Cary, NC

Next Gathering Nov. 17th

- 11:30 a.m. Candidate's formation in Library then Multi-Purpose Rm
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30. Orientation
- 2:30 p.m. Everyone gathers in in the Multi-Purpose Room

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise.

The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead by those who thought "well and religiously concerning the resurrection." It was believed that "they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them" and that "it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." We know that a defiled soul cannot enter into heaven.

Excerpted from *Liturgical Meditations*, The Sisters of St. Dominic

The Holy Father's Intentions for November

Suffering Priests. That priests who experience difficulties may find comfort in their suffering, support in their doubts, and confirmation in their fidelity.

Latin American Churches. That as fruit of the continental mission, Latin American Churches may send missionaries to other Churches.

Franciscan Saints for Nov.

1 Solemnity of All Saints

2 All Souls Day

3 Venerable Solanus Casey, I Order

4 St. Charles Borromeo, bishop of III Order.

5 Commemoration of all Deceased of the Franciscan Family. (I-II-III Orders)

7 St. Didacus of Alcala, rel., of I Or.

8 Bl. John Duns Scotus, I Order

13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin, III Order. Founder

14 St. Nicholas Tavelic, priest & comp., martyrs of I Order.

17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary
member and Patron

of the Secular Franciscan Order.

18 Bl. Salome, virgin of II Order.

19 St. Agnes of Assisi, virgin of II Order. (Optional for SFO)

25 Bl. Elizabeth of Reute, III Order

26 St. Leonard of Port Maurice, priest, I Ord.

27 St. Francis Anthony Fasani, priest of I Order.

27 Manifestation of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (OFM Conv.)

27 Bl. Humilis de Bisignano, OFM

28 St. James of the March, priest of I Order.

29 All Saints of the Franciscan Family.

Prayer for the Dead

God our Father,
Your power brings us to birth,
Your providence guides our lives,
and by Your command we return to dust.

Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end.

I pray in [hope](#) for Our Franciscan family,
and for all the dead known to You alone.

In company with Christ,
Who died and now lives,
may they rejoice in Your kingdom,
where all our tears are wiped away.
Unite us together again in one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever. Amen.
(Catholic Online)

Let Us Pray for the Repose of the Souls of Deceased Members of our Padre Pio Fraternity

Grace Lambert -Professed-
10/4/1984-Deceased 11/28/1985
A. Gordon Keating-Professed
11/25 /1945-Deceased 6/22/198
Daniel Skurski-Professed 12/4/1987-
Deceased 9/04/1994
Paul Rutz-Professed 12/7/ 1986-
Deceased 1/30/1995
Lesley Stinson-Professed
10/7/1995/-Deceased 2/13/1996-
Wally Bauer-Professed 9/7 1958-
Deceased 1/21/1997
Marie Grissi-
Professed 1959-Deceased
05/09/1999
Patricia Stapleton-Professed
5/05/1999-Deceased 11/30/2010
Ron Howe professed 10/2/1999-
-Deceased 1/19/2012
Jane Sullivan-Farris-
Professed 5/5/1996-Deceased
3/7/2012
Louise Friedman-
Professed-12/13/1953 -Deceased
07/24/2013

See our websight @ sfocentralnc.org

The feast day of St. Elizabeth-November 17th

The most famous legend of the **blessed St Elizabeth** is that one-day she snuck out of the castle whilst her husband was engaged in matters of state in order to take bread to the poor who have gathered below the walls. Her husband came upon her just as she was leaving the castle and ordered her to show him what was in her bag believing that the poor were taking advantage of her.

She replied that there were only roses in the bag and when her husband insisted on opening the bag to see for him self that what was there. This story is depicted all over Germany and in many of the pictorial images of the blessed Saint.

One notable example is in Budapest's Rozsak tere (Roses' Square) where there is a statue of Saint Elizabeth and a church dedicated to her.

Her shrine at one point rivaled *Santiago de Compostela* in Northern Spain. The magnificent golden shrine can still be seen in the Elizabeth Church in Marburg today despite the fact that this is now a protestant church (in respect of this arrangements have been made so that Catholics may still worship there)



St. Elizabeth, Patron of OFS

Welcome

The Holy Spirit has sent us 18 interested persons after our August *Come and See* program. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will also help them to discern their vocation properly. They are:

Joshua Champagne, Louis Coker, Bernie Dawson, Pat Grebe, Dianne Greet, Wayne Hicks, Robert Jakubowski, Judy Klimcheck, Barb Kocher, Kevin Kocher, Anna Lee, Carol Lenox, Gary Lenox, Maria Pimentel, Julie Moore, Robert Ochart, Marie Roccasorte, and Victoria Romero.

Tattooed Jesus a Hit

October 10, 2013 - *Catholic League*

Bill Donohue comments on a billboard in West Lubbock, Texas that features a tattooed Jesus, and an accompanying video on the website of Jesustattoo.org:

It is understandable that Christians who only see the billboard might be disconcerted. At first blush, the sight of a Jesus-figure, standing with his arms outstretched, covered with tattoos, is jarring; on his body are such words as "Outcast" and "Addicted." But the video offers a much more complete, and satisfying, picture of the intended message.

The video shows how Jesus forgives and transforms the life of sinners. It also shows how Jesus loves those who have been rejected by society, offering them hope. Indeed, the six-minute video shows how the promise of salvation awaits those who follow Jesus. As such, it is a positive and quite moving statement. We applaud this novel effort to showcase the power and glory of Jesus Christ.

To view the video go to: <http://jesustattoo.org/>

Important Bits and Pieces

Next Gathering – Gathering date change: The fraternity meeting date in November is the 3rd Sunday, not the 4th, because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. We'll gather on Sunday, November 17 at the regular times for orientation, formation and fraternity gathering. See front page for times.

Sunshine: Contact Suzie Nelson, OFS if you know someone is sick or has a death in the family; Contact Joyce Wesner, OFS for prayer requests.

Library: To obtain books CD's, and other materials contact Maureen Copan, OFS.

Tri-Areas Ministries: Everyone is encouraged to donate money for Tri-Areas Ministries, if possible. Marge will send \$20 each month from our Common Fund on behalf of the fraternity. Please make checks payable to Tri-Area Ministries.

Avila Center: We will postpone scheduling service dates at Avila until January 2014 due to all the activities planned from now until the end of the year.

Permanent Profession of W. Stanley Driscoll, OFS will be celebrated on Saturday, November 16 at 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Michael's with Father Doug as celebrant. Afterward, we will meet at Travinia's for dinner, 1301 Market Center Drive, Morrisville, NC (corner of Cary Parkway and Chapel Hill Road).

Dec 7, 2013 Keep this date open for our annual Fraternity Retreat at Avila Retreat Center, Durham facilitated by Joanita Nellenbach, OFS Regional Lay Spiritual Assistant (9:00am – 4:00pm). Lunch us included. Father Doug will celebrate mass.

Christmas social: Marge will be hosting the social at her home, but date yet to be announced.

Message from our Minister in Assisi on Oct. 4, 2013 - "Happy Feast Day! I have been thinking of you all today and offered my Mass for our fraternity. I am staying in a convent that is outside the Assisi city walls. We thought that we wouldn't have the chance to see Pope Francis because most the Assisi streets and piazzas are blocked. Then, we found out that the Pope was going to drive right by the entrance to the convent. We ran down the driveway and fortunately, one of the women had a cell phone and was able to take a photo. Pope Francis was less that 10 feet from us. He had an amazing smile and twinkle in his eye. We were so fortunate to see him up close! You are all with me today!! Pace e bene sempre," Joanne Jacovec, OFS



"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ." [Ephesians 1:3](#)

Thank you, Father, for having created us and given us to each other in our Franciscan family. Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, your companionship at our gatherings. Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow and for the whole of our lives. Thank you for friends, for health and for grace. May we live this and every day conscious of all of the creation that has been given to us.

ASSISI, Italy — It was clear from the moment that Pope Francis began his first visit to the town of St. Francis of Assisi that he would use personal, intimate gestures to send a strong message to the world at large.



Pool photo by Filippo Monteforte

Pope Francis waved on Friday as he arrived at the St. Francis Basilica to lead a mass in Assisi, Italy.

.....With the world's media as his megaphone — officials said more than 1,000 journalists were accredited for the visit — Pope Francis spread a message that would have reverberated with St. Francis, who was entrusted nearly 800 years ago by God to **“repair my house.”**

“It is very moving to be in Assisi on the Feast Day of St. Francis with Pope Francis, there is great expectation and joy in the church,” said Cardinal Sean Patrick O’Malley, the archbishop of Boston, one of the eight advisers, who were all present in Assisi on Friday.

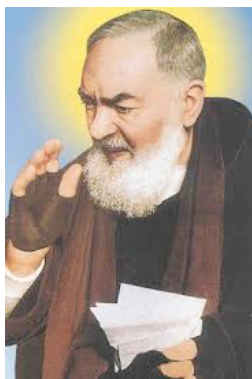
The cardinal accompanied the pope to his visit at the Serafico Institute for children.

“The Holy Father wanted to present to people in their moment of need, to show the merciful face of God in a moment when they are suffering,” the cardinal said. “That’s why his presence is so important. It challenges us to love more deeply.” ~ *Vatican news, Oct. 4, 2013*

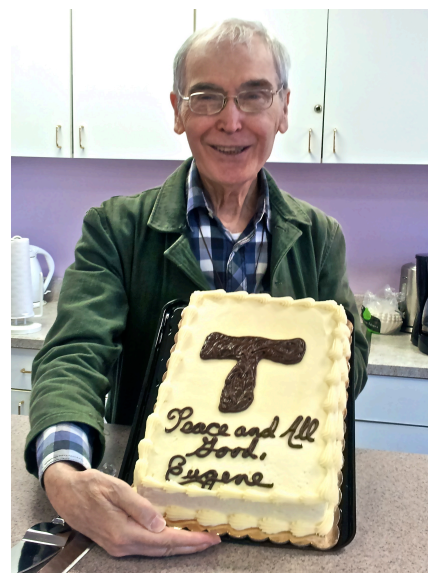


*Happy
November
Birthdays*

Maria Pimentel,
OFS
11/14
Joyce Wesner,
OFS
11/16
Ginny Conway,
OFS
11/30



“Who can assure us that we will be alive tomorrow? Let us listen to the voice of our conscience, to the voice of the royal prophet: ‘Today, if you hear God’s voice, harden not your heart.’ Let us not put off from one moment to another what we should do because the next moment is not yet ours.”
~ St. Pio



Eugene Nagy, OFS

After our October 27th gathering, we met at the Mellow Marshmallow in Cary, NC to bid farewell to our Vice Minister, who has faithfully and excellently worked diligently for the success of the Padre Pio Reactivating Fraternity. Eugene will be relocating to Indiana where his grandson, Cody hopes to attend Perdue University. It is with great sadness but much appreciation for his efforts that we bid farewell. After the gathering, we met at the Mellow Mushroom in Cary for food and good fellowship.

“May the church be the place of God’s mercy and love, where everyone can feel themselves welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live according to the good life of the Gospel. And in order to make others feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged, the church must have open doors so that all might enter. And we must go out of those doors and proclaim the Gospel.” — Pope Francis