

The Padre Pio Reactivating Fraternity

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NEWSLETTER

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The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread. ~Mother Teresa

Happy St. Valentine's Day ~ 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV) ~ 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. **5** It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **6** Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. **7** It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.



I love you this much!

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

Thoughts from Paula D'Arcy's journal...

As I write these thoughts I'm visiting a beautiful town in North Carolina. The region has had plentiful rainfall this year, and the resulting floods have uprooted trees and caused damage to many homes in low lying areas. In my home state of Texas we face the opposite challenge: a lack of sufficient rainfall, which for several years has made water rationing necessary. As our town lake and drinking water supplies grow lower, these realities are a quiet and powerful reminder of our intimate relationship with Nature.

I am aware that the issues faced by these two regions are not "theirs" alone, any more than the political situations in countries around the world are "separate" from our own lives. Somehow our identity has to shift until we aren't solely wed to the stories of our native regions, but also know ourselves as people inhabiting this one earth, people whose hearts all beat within a greater Heart. A deeper awareness of the love that unites us changes not only our hearts, but also moves us to act in powerful ways.

Years ago after the death of my family I visited briefly with the well-known minister, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. After listening to my story of loss with great kindness, he stated that my primary challenge was to discover the purpose of my life. I responded that I'd lost my life's purpose when my husband and daughter were killed. He replied very gently, "That was the purpose *you* wanted, but life itself has a greater purpose." His words were enormous then, and remain so today.

Beyond our personal wants and needs, and past our points of view, is the preciousness of life itself, and its potential and possibility. In the end I came to understand that life isn't a series of events. It's the deep summons of love in all our hearts. ~ Red Bird Foundation Fall 2013

Appointed Council Members:

Spiritual Asst.:
Rev. Douglas P. Reed
Lay Minister:
Joanne Jacovec, OFS
Vice Minister:
Marguerite Zombek, OFS

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Frank Peluso, OFS

BSSF Region:

Minister,
Jerry Rousseau, OFS,
Area 3 Councilors:
Frank Massey, OFS,
And
Marie Stephens, OFS

Epiphany Party at Marge Zombek's - January 4, 2014

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." ~ Maya Angelou

"Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." ~ Padre Pio



Louis, Marge, & Marie



Dianne, Fr. Doug, & Maureen



Ailen & Mike



Bernie, Josh, & Christian



Ida and Tom



Robert & Isabella

Franciscan Saints for February

1 St. Veridiana. (benedictine visited by St. Francis in 1211).

1 Bl. Andrew of Segni, mystic and hermit.

4 St. Joseph of Leonissa, priest of I Order.

6 Sts Peter Baptist, Paul Miki, and Comp.,
martyrs of I and III Order. (Opt. for SFO)

7 St. Colette of Corbie, virgin of II Order.

8 St. Giles Mary of St. Joseph I Order

15 Transfer of the Body of St. Anthony of
Padua

19 St. Conrad of Piacenza, hermit, III Order.

27 Bl. Sebastian of Aparicio, I Order



Joanne & Ginny

Many thanks to Marge



Suzie, Frank, & Sharon

~Important Bits and Pieces~

February 23, 2014:

- 11:45 - 1:00 Inquiry Formation in Library
- 11:45 - 1:00 Candidacy Formation in Pastoral Care Conference Room (adjacent to Multi-Purpose Room)
- 1:00 - 1:30 Everyone gathers in Library for lunch (or Multi-Purpose Room, if not occupied)
- 1:30 - 4:00 Fraternity Gathering in Multi-Purpose Room
- Ceremony of Introduction and Welcoming of Inquirers (during fraternity gathering in Multi-Purpose Room).

March 8, 2014: Lenten lunch social Saturday, from noon until 4pm, at The Meadows at Brier Creek in Raleigh, hosted by Ida.

July 13, 2014: Rite of Profession during 10:30 Mass in St. Michael's Church with Father Douglas Reed, Spiritual Assistant, presiding. Luncheon afterwards in honor of our newly professed in the Trinity Center Multi-Purpose Room. Family and friends are invited.

August 1 – 3, 2014: Annual Regional Gathering at Ridgecrest Conference Center. Our keynote presenter is Albert Haase OFM, a popular preacher in both Catholic and Protestant churches, a teacher of spiritual formation and spiritual direction, and the co-host of the weekly show, "Spirit and Life," heard in 16 states on the Relevant Radio Network.

August 10, 2014: Transitus of St. Clare of Assisi (during fraternity gathering).

September 23, 2014: Italian Dinner and Social in honor of St. Pio of Pietrelcina.

September 28, 2014: Padre Pio Fraternity Elections (during fraternity gathering).

October 3, 2014: Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi.

December 6, 2014: Annual Fraternity Retreat at Avila Retreat Center, Durham, NC.

Sunshine: Contact Suzie Nelson, OFS if someone is sick or has a death in the family.

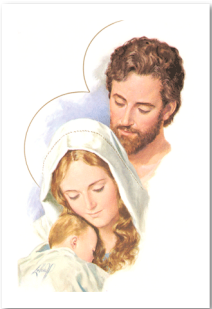
Prayer Requests: Contact Joyce Wesner, OFS.

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

Tri-Area Ministry: Everyone is encouraged to donate money for the ministry, any amount you are able to offer, at our fraternity gathering. With the reduction in food stamps for the unemployed and poor, the need for donations has significantly increased. Nearly 200 families go to the ministry each week.

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February, 2014 - Overview for the Month



The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. This year the entire month of February falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green, the symbol of hope, is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of February 2014

General: That the Church and society may respect the wisdom and experience of older people.

Missionary: That priests, religious, and lay people may work together with generosity for evangelization.

(See also www.apostleshipofprayer.net)