

Padre Pio Reactivating Fraternity

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I love you this much

~ Come join us ~

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

Rite of Admission Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013 Congratulations

"This is the day that the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it."

Ps. 118



Front row: Mary Ann Baichan, Thomas Ryan, and Ailen Evaniuck
Back Row: Maureen Copan, Sharon Winzeler, Suzie Nelson, Maria Pimentel

We joyfully welcomed the following:

Mary Ann Baichan, Maureen Copan, Ailen Evaniuck
Suzie Nelson, Maria Pimentel, Thomas Ryan, and
Sharon Winzeler who asked "to enter the Padre Pio
Reactivating Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order,
so that we may live more intensely and faithfully the
grace and dedication of our Baptism by following Jesus
Christ according to the teachings and example of St.
Francis of Assisi. In this way, we intend to be of service
to all through our secular state of life for the glory of
God and to fulfill his plan of love in behalf of all
people."



Overview for the Month of March 2013

The month of March is dedicated to **St. Joseph**. The entire month of March falls during the liturgical season known as **Lent** which is represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The last day of the month is the beginning of the **Easter** season.

The Holy Father's Intentions for March 2013

The Apostleship of Prayer is the Pope's own "prayer group." It is, as Pope John Paul II wrote in 1985, "a precious treasure from the Pope's heart and the Heart of Christ."

- Respect for Nature. That respect for nature may grow with the awareness that all creation is God's work entrusted to human responsibility.
- Clergy. That bishops, priests, and deacons may be tireless messengers of the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Franciscan Saints for March

2 Bl. Agnes of Bohemia, virgin, II Order. The servant of God entered the Order of St. Clare in the monastery of St. Savior at Prague, which she herself had erected. She was elected abbess of the monastery, and became in this office a model of Christian virtue and religious observance for all.

3 Bl. Liberatus Weiss, Samuele Marzorati, and Michele Pio Fasoli (Martyrs, I Order) - These three friars lived together in Ethiopia. They were stoned to death because they refused to deny their Faith. They were Franciscan missionaries of Vienna.

5 St. John Joseph of the Cross, I Order

9 St. Frances of Rome, religious of III Ord. - She is honored as the principal patron of all Benedictine Oblates. But she is also one greatest saints who wore the habit of the Third Order of Saint Francis.

12 Bl. Angela Salawa, III Order - At her 1991 beatification in Kraków, Pope John Paul II said: "It is in this city that she worked, that she suffered and that her holiness came to maturity. While connected to the spirituality of St. Francis, she showed an extraordinary responsiveness to the action of the Holy Spirit"

18 St. Salvator of Horta, I Order

22 St. Benvenute of Osimo, I Order

23 St. Catherine of Genoa, III Order - saint and mystic, admired for her work among the sick and the poor. She was a member of the noble Fieschi family, and spent most of her life and her means serving the sick, especially during the plague which ravaged Genoa in 1497 and 1501. Her writings also became sources of inspiration for other religious leaders.

24 Bl. Ludovico of Casoria, I Order

24 Bl. Didacus Joseph Cadiz, I Order

30 St. Peter Regaldo, I Order, When his body was exhumed thirty-six years after his death, at the insistence of Isabella the Catholic, it was found incorrupt and placed in a more precious tomb.

Finally Some Decent Television

Finally some decent television coming to a set near you. This mini-series does not begin until March 3rd but this will give all of us a chance to tell as many people as possible about this series. Let's use this series to reach as many people as possible. *The Bible** is an epic five-week, 10 hour television mini-series premiering March 3, 2013 on the History Channel from Emmy Award winning husband and wife team, Mark Burnett and Roma Downey. For two hours each Sunday night millions of viewers will see the Bible come to life in a way never before seen. *The final episode of the series will air on Easter Sunday* and will feature the death and resurrection of Jesus. To help insure the accuracy of the miniseries, many Christian scholars served as advisors and hundreds of Christian leaders have given their endorsement. - (Outreach Magazine)

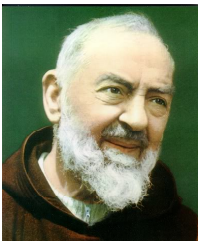


**How to Become a
Spiritual Child of St.**

Padre Pio

"I have made a pact
with the Lord: when
my soul has been
purified in the flames
of purgatory and
deemed worthy to be
admitted to the
presence of God, I will
take my place at the
gate to paradise, but I
shall not enter until I
have seen the last of
my spiritual children
enter."

St. Pio



O Saint Padre Pio,
holy bearer of the
Wounds of Christ,
accept us this day as
your spiritual
sons and daughters
and keep us
always on the narrow
path
by your intercession.
And do thou, O our
Spiritual Father,
stay there at the Gates
of Heaven until
all of your spiritual
children have entered
through, even and
including us.
Through Christ our
Lord,
Amen.

Infinite Presence

Winter in her spotless blanket,
Romps from freeze to mild Fahrenheit
Highlighting God's unceasing love,
Mindfully He watches from above.

Golden rays push powder-puff clouds
Onward, upward a new dawn bows.
Revealing clear, baby blue skies,
Spring, God's promise is in the wings.

Standing sentinel in the still air,
Flora and fauna wilt in – sun's stare,
No reprieve except a shady bench,
Expecting mercy God's timely quench.

Autumn in her bright foliage gown,
Shades of burgundy, orange and brown,
Reflect God's grace of enduring light –
Memories of warmth through winter's might.

Canticle by Mary Ann Baichan

**God Teaches Humans
through Nature**

Job 12:7-10. But ask the
animals, and they will
teach you; or birds of the
air and they will tell you;
or speak to the earth and it
will teach you; or let the
fish of the sea inform you.
Which of all these does
not know that the hand of
the lord has done this. In
His hand is the life of
every creature and the
breath of all mankind.

Nature
Reflects
God's
Enduring Light

There is Hope

Where there were questions, _Jesus came along and answered
them- *Yes, I love you. Yes, there's hope. Yes, all things are
possible in peace, in rest...in Me.* _Trieste Van Wyngarden

Celebrating the awesome Yes of Jesus..._
and praying you're blessed by His joy and love_
at Easter and always.





Take Five

"Take five extra minutes to pray before a crucifix.

What is it that Christ wills for you this Lenten season? Write down three ways that you might become a more faithful follower of Christ through St. Francis and the Blessed Virgin.

Keep the list in a journal for



Happy March Birthdays

Christine Murray
3/12

Suzie Nelson
3/12

Ailen Evaniuck
3/15

"A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows."

~ St. Francis
of Assisi

Prayer for Pope Benedict XVI

O God, true shepherd of all the faithful, look with kindness on your servant Pope Benedict XVI, whom you set as head and shepherd of Your Church. We give you thanks for your grace at work in him as he had led us by word and example: in his teaching, in his prayer and in his great love. Grant him your strength in frailty, comfort in sorrow, and serenity amid the trials of this world; and guide your Church, built on the rock of Peter, with the power of your Spirit as we continue on the path that leads to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Thou art Peter, and upon this Rock, I will build My Church.

Prayer for the Election of a New Pope

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflection by Joanne Jacovec OFS, Appointed Minister:

At the conclusion of the Rite of Admission, as is written in our *Ritual*, I joyfully said to our new candidates, "Padre Pio Reactivating Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order gladly promises to help you in your journey with friendship, prayer and the witness of our lives. You, on the other hand, strengthen our fraternity in numbers, by virtue of your presence and participation, and through the sharing of your special gifts. You are most welcome!"

What a blessing it is to journey with our seven faith-filled and joyful candidates who have embraced the Gospel way of life so enthusiastically! Jane Sullivan Farris OFS received our new candidates into initial formation in August 2011. It is a privilege to recognize Jane's servant leadership and dedication to our fraternity as our minister, devoted friend and gifted formator. In the year since Jane entered eternal life, we have all striven to honor her legacy and be grateful to the Holy Spirit who continually guides and enlightens us. We also fondly recognize our brother, Ron Howe OFS who enriched our lives during the years he served our fraternity as a formator and leader. Surely, Jane and Ron are smiling down on us all!