

# Padre Pio Reactivating Fraternity

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## BSSF Region

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I love you this much

~ Come join us ~

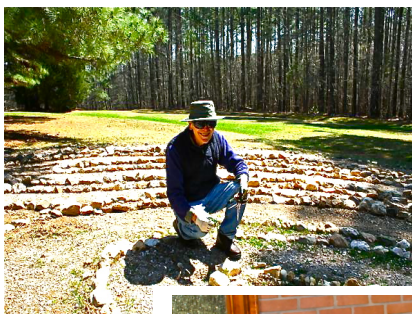
The gatherings  
Are usually held  
In Trinity Center top  
floor 4th Sunday  
@ 1:30 pm  
(Subject to change.)  
@ St Michael  
Catholic Church, 804  
High House Road,  
Cary, NC



Mary Ann helps beautify the yard. The  
Apostolate for Integrity of the Environment.  
*Pictures by Sharon Winzeler*



Maureen, Joanne and Frank do the dishes. The  
Apostolate of service to our neighbors in this case  
Baptists and Catholics who were in retreat.

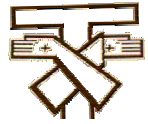


## Villa Retreat Cebter Apostolate

Fifty mem-  
bers volunteered on April  
13 to help the needs of the  
Avila Retreat Center in  
Durham. Mary Ann  
Baichan, Thomas Ryan,  
Eugene Nagy, and Sharon  
Winzeler assisted by  
weeding and straightening  
up the large labyrinth.  
Maureen Copan, Joanne  
Jacovec, and Frank Peluso  
helped set tables, serve  
food, and wash dishes in the  
kitchen. Ginny Conway,  
Marguerite Zombek, and  
Maria Pimentel offered  
inter-cessory prayers in the  
chapel. Sister Carol Ann  
May and Sister Damian  
Jackson were extremely  
grateful for our volunteer  
service. Our members  
enjoyed the day.

Eugene Nagy  
coordinated our group  
apostolate. Our next sche-  
duled date for Avila is May  
18<sup>th</sup>. Please put it on your  
calendar.

Left: Eugene doing yard-  
work at Avila, Ginny,  
Maria, and Marge in the  
Apostolate of Intercessory  
prayer.



### Franciscan Saints for May

3. [Bl. Arthur Bell, Henry Heath, John Woodcock, et al.](#), priests, martyrs of England, I Ord. There were **Forty Martyrs of England and Wales** comprise a group of Catholic men and women who were executed for treason and related offences in the Kingdom of England between 1535 and 1679. Many were convicted at show trials or even without a trial. All were subjected to the religiously oppressive regimes of the Tudor and Stuart periods. They were canonized on 25 October 1970 by Pope Paul VI.
7. [Bl. Agnellus of Pisa](#), religious, I Ord. was an Italian Friar Minor and founder of the Franciscan Order in England.
8. [Bl. Jeremiah of Valacchia](#), religious, I Ord.
9. [St. Catherine of Bologna](#), virgin, II Ord.
10. [St. Ivo of Brittany](#), III Ord.
11. [St. Ignatius of Laconi](#), religious, I Ord.
11. [Bl. Antonio of St. Anne Galvoa](#), I Ord.
12. [St. Leopold Mandic](#), priest, I Ord.
16. [St. Margaret of Cortona](#), III Ord. The Magdala of the Franciscans. She was possessed of rare beauty, and before long this became a snare for her. For the space of 9 years she gave herself up to a life of sin and scandal. After the murder of the man with whom she was living, she returned repentant to her native town of Laviano. In a penitential garb, her hair cut short, a cord around her neck, she knelt at the door of the church and publicly asked the entire congregation to forgive the scandal she had given. After 3 years of penitence, she was accepted into the Third Order.
17. [St. Paschal Baylon](#), religious, I Ord.
18. [St. Felix of Cantalice](#), religious, I Ord.
19. [St. Crispin of Viterbo](#), religious, I Ord., and [St. Theophilus of Corte](#), priest, I Ord.
20. [St. Bernardine of Siena](#), priest, I Ord.
21. [Bl. Franz Jägerstätter](#), Martyr, III Ord. - when repeatedly called up for military service, he declared himself bound to refuse by conscience and because of the commandment of the love for God and one's neighbor, for "we must obey God rather than people". Condemned to death in 1943 for undermining military discipline, he was beheaded
24. [Dedication of the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi](#)
28. [St. Mariana of Jesus de Paredes](#), virgin, III Ord. She received the habit of the Third Order from the Franciscans in her native town of Quito, Ecuador, and in consideration of her great virtue, she was permitted to take the three vows of religion. Then she repaired to her home where she led a life hidden in God and devoted to prayer and penance.
30. [St. Ferdinand, king](#), III Ord. King of Leon and Castile, was buried in the great cathedral of Seville before the image of the Blessed Virgin, clothed, at his own request, in the habit of the Third Order of St. Francis. His body remains incorrupt. Many miracles took place at his tomb, and Clement X canonized him in 1671.
30. [St. Camilla Batista of Varano, OSC](#)

### **Our Library**

We wish to thank Maureen Copan for organizing our library. It is quite extensive since the majority of it was donated from Jane Sullivan –Farris' library. It includes 30 cassettes, 30 CD's, and 116 books. Contact Maureen for borrowing.



**Prayer for the  
Intercession of St.  
Padre Pio of Pietrelcina**

Dear God, You  
generously blessed Your  
servant,

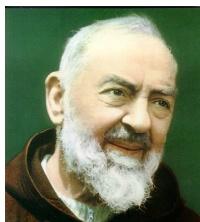
St. Pio of Pietrelcina,  
with the gifts of the  
Spirit.

You marked his body  
with the five wounds  
of Christ Crucified, as a  
powerful witness  
to the saving Passion and  
Death of Your Son.  
Endowed with the gift of  
discernment,

St. Pio labored endlessly  
in the confessional  
for the salvation of souls.  
With reverence and  
intense devotion  
in the celebration of  
Mass,  
he invited countless men  
and women  
to a greater union with  
Jesus Christ  
in the Sacrament of the  
Holy Eucharist.

Through the intercession  
of St. Pio of Pietrelcina,  
I confidently beseech  
You to grant me  
the grace of (*here state  
your petition*). Amen.

Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit, as  
it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen (Say three times)



**May 2013 - Overview for the Month**

The month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary. The first 19 days of the month fall within the liturgical season of Easter. The remainder of the month (beginning the Monday after Pentecost) is in Ordinary Time.

**The Holy Father's Intentions  
For the Month of May 2013**

General: That administrators of justice may act always with integrity and right conscience.

Missionary: That seminaries, especially those of mission churches, may form pastors after the Heart of Christ, fully dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel.

(See also [www.apostleshipofprayer.net](http://www.apostleshipofprayer.net))



**St. Francis of Assisi's Prayer  
Honoring Mary**

Francis, dwelled for some time in the church of the Virgin Mother of God, pouring forth continual prayers to her who had conceived the Eternal Word, full of grace and truth, that she would concede to be his advocate, and now, by the merits of the Mother of Mercy, he conceived and brought forth the spirit of evangelical truth.

The following is his prayer praising the Blessed mother:

Hail, holy Lady, most holy Queen, Mary, Mother of God, ever Virgin. The Most High Father in heaven, consecrated by Him, with His most Holy Beloved Son and the Holy Spirit, chose you. On you descended and still remains all the fullness of grace and every good.

Hail, His Palace. Hail His Tabernacle. Hail His Robe, Hail His Handmaid. Hail, His Mother and Hail, all holy Virtues, who, by grace and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, are poured into the hearts of the faithful so that from their faithless state, they may be made faithful servants of God through you.

**Telegram from the Pope**

The Vatican sent a telegram to Boston Cardinal Sean O'Malley, in which Pope Francis expresses sympathy for the victims of the marathon bombings and urges Americans to "combat evil with good."

Here's the full text of the telegram, as provided by the Vatican:

His Eminence Cardinal Sean O'Malley Archbishop of Boston

*Deeply grieved by news of the loss of life and grave injuries caused by the act of violence perpetrated last evening in Boston, His Holiness Pope Francis wishes me to assure you of his sympathy and closeness in prayer. In the aftermath of this senseless tragedy,*

*His Holiness invokes God's peace upon the dead, his consolation upon the suffering and his strength upon all those engaged in the continuing work of relief and response.*

*At this time of mourning the Holy Father prays that all Bostonians will be united in a resolve not to be overcome by evil, but to combat evil with good (cf. Rom 12:21), working together to build an ever more just, free and secure society for generations yet to come.*

Cardinal Dolan of N.Y. said: the deaths and injuries of people in Boston calls on all of us to pray for the souls of Those Killed the healing Of Those injured and the restoration of peace for all of us unsettled by the bombings at a world renowned sporting event.

Let us continue to pray for the victims of the Boston Marathon Bombing. Our secular patron saint against jihad is St. Ferdinand III, King of Spain.



## Words of Encouragement from Joanne Jacovec OFS



**Happy May Birthdays**

**Rev. Douglas  
P. Reed  
5/22**

**Maureen  
Copan  
5/28**

Some people, no matter how old they get, never lose their beauty - they merely move it from their faces into their hearts.  
~ Martin Ruxbaum

"Men do not fear a powerful hostile army as the powers of hell fear the name and protection of Mary."  
--St. Bonaventure

"Always stay close to this Heavenly Mother, because she is the sea to be crossed to reach the shores of Eternal Splendor."  
-- St. Padre Pio,

An essential element of Franciscan life and piety is joy. Thomas of Celano remembers the love and joy St. Francis felt towards the Virgin Mary when he states: "Towards the Mother of Jesus, he was filled with inexpressible love, because it is she who made the Lord of Majesty our brother. He sang praises to her, poured out prayers to her, offered her his affection. St. Francis had deep filial devotion to Mary, Mother of God, Mother of the Church, Queen of Peace and Queen of Angels." (2 Celano)

Nowadays, it is impossible to turn on your television or computer without viewing news coverage of terrorist attacks, wars, threats of nuclear bombs, denial of human rights, violence against children and other atrocities. During this special month dedicated to Mary, chosen by St. Francis to be the Protectress of our Order, I encourage you to pray to our Blessed Virgin Mother to intercede for peace and justice for our world.

### Prayer to Mary, Queen of Peace

Most holy and immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus and our loving Mother, you shared in his universal kingship. The prophets and angels proclaimed your son, King of Peace. With loving fervor in our hearts, we honor you as Queen of Peace. We pray that your intercession may protect us and all people from hatred and discord, and direct our hearts into the ways of justice and peace which your Son proclaimed and exemplified. We ask your maternal care for our Holy Father Francis who works to reconcile all nations in peace. We seek your guidance for our President and other world leaders as they strive for justice and peace. Queen of Peace, grant us peace in our hearts, harmony in our families and accord throughout the world. Immaculate Mother, watch over us and protect us with your unconditional love. Amen.

+ **Let us pray daily** +

Guardian Angel, watch over our Franciscan brothers and sisters. Guard over them with every care and make their way easy and their labors fruitful. Dry their tears if they weep; sanctify their joys; raise their courage if they weaken; touch up their hope if they lose heart, bring back their health if they be ill, restore truth if they err, give them repentance when they fail.

Watch, O Lord, with those who weep tonight, and give Your angels and saints charge over those who mourn the victims of the Boston bombings. Tend to the injured ones, in Jesus name, Amen.

(Consider dedicating one decade of your daily Rosary specifically for the intentions of everyone in our Fraternity)