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The Padre Pio Fraternity

Sponsored by the Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region

Elected Council Members:

Lay Minister:
W. Stanley Driscoll OFS
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Formation:
Joanne Jacovec, OFS
Treasurer:
Sharon Winzeler, OFS
Secretary:
Maureen Copan, OFS
Counselors
Suzanne Nelson, OFS
Ida Irwin, OFS
Frank Peluso, OFS

Spiritual Asst.:
Rev. Douglas P. Reed

BSSF Region:
Minister,
Jerry Rousseau, OFS,
Area 3 Councilors:
Frank Massey, OFS,
and
Marie Stephan, OFS



I love you this much!

The gatherings
are usually held
In Trinity Center
top floor 4th
Sunday @ 1:45 pm
(Subject to
change.)
@ St Michael Catholic
Church,
804 High House Road,
Cary, NC

Our Newly Elected Council



From left to right: Ida, Frank, Sharon, Mike, Father Doug, Stan, Maureen, Joanne, Suzie – *Congratulations from all of us.*

It is with immense joy that we announce our newly elected Council. Election presider was our Area Counselor Marie Stephan who came with her husband Chuck and is leaving tomorrow to attend the Transitus In Assisi. The Padre Pio Fraternity sponsored Marie's fraternity in Morehead City several years ago. We thank her very much for a well-run election.

Servant Leader's Prayer:

As you draw me deeper into your heart, dear God, I discover that my companions on the journey are the women and men loved by you as fully and as intimately as I am. In your compassion, you have provided me with a Franciscan community to support me and help me to serve you. Give me a share in your compassion, dear God, so that your unlimited love may become visible in the way I love my sisters and brothers. Take me by the hand and lead me so that others may recognize that my hands are the hands of Christ ready to serve you by serving others. Amen.



Celebrating Sr. Padre Pio's Feast



**Happy
Special Days**

Birthday

Joshua Champagne
Oct 4

Congratulations

**Mary Anne Steinis,
OFS**

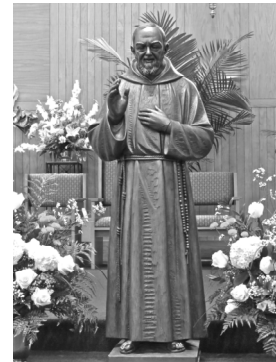
Profession

10/07/2007

Ida Irwin, OFS

Profession

10/09/1955



Some of us attended a dedication of a new St. Pio statue at Our Lady of Lourdes in Raleigh on September 23rd. After a mass devoted to the beloved saint, we joined parishioners for an Italian dinner at Capri Restaurant in honor of St. Padre Pio. Included in the dinner was a cake with St. Pio's picture on it. Our Lady of Lourdes also has a St. Padre Pio monthly Mass on the third Saturday of each month.

JPIC ~ From the Sisters of St. Francis (Clinton, Iowa): "In the past decade, Congress has spent \$117 billion of taxpayer dollars on immigration enforcement initiatives, yet the number of unauthorized immigrants in the country has grown to 11.2 million. Now some in Congress are calling for the mandatory expansion of E-Verify (the largely voluntary program which allows employers to electronically verify workers' employment eligibility with Government databases). The problem is that unless E-Verify's expansion is undertaken in the context of comprehensive immigration reform, it will hurt U.S. workers and our already weakened economy. Justice for Immigrants / US Conference of Catholic Bishops urges us to let our members of Congress know that unless and until the E-Verify program is improved and undertaken in the context of comprehensive immigration reform, it will hurt U.S. workers and our already weakened economy. Justice for Immigrants urges us to let our members of Congress know that unless and until the E-Verify program is improved and undertaken in the context of comprehensive immigration reform, we oppose its expansion and mandatory implementation."

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

By Saint Bonaventure

We beg the all-merciful Father through thee, his only-begotten Son made man for our sake, crucified and glorified for us, **to send upon our new council** from his treasure house the Spirit of sevenfold grace, who rested upon thee in all his fullness:

The spirit of wisdom, enabling them to relish the fruit of the tree of life, which is indeed thyself; the gift of understanding: to enlighten their perceptions; the gift of prudence, enabling them to follow in thy footsteps; the gift of strength: to withstand their adversary's onslaught; the gift of knowledge: to distinguish good from evil by the light of thy holy teaching; the gift of piety: to clothe themselves with charity and mercy; the gift of fear: to withdraw from all ill-doing and live quietly in awe of thy eternal majesty. These are the things for which we petition. Grant them for the honor of thy holy name, to which, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, thanksgiving, renown, and lordship forever and ever. Amen.

It's not my job to
steer the ship, _
The horn I'll never
blow._
It's not my place to
say how far_
The ship's allowed
to go._
I'm not allowed to
go on deck_
Or even clang the
bell_
But if this darn
thing starts to
sink_
Just watch who
catches hell!"
'Unknown via
James C. Hunter,
The Servant

"Judge not, that ye
be not judged."
_ Matthew 7:1



Friendship and Fraternity:



St. John wrote that God is love. "God is friendship," echoed St. Aelred. Like holiness, friendship is best understood when it is incarnated. One of the richest friendships in history is that of Francis and Clare of Assisi. They had only one meal they were to share together. They seldom saw one another. Yet their bond of friendship made them spiritual twins.

Through Francis' example, Clare had renounced her wealth years before and embraced strict poverty. Through the years when Francis had doubts about his own path, he turned to Clare. After Francis' death, Clare was instrumental in preserving the purity of the ideals she shared with Francis. More than 800 years later, the First, Second and Third Orders continue to exemplify those Franciscan ideals.

Come and See

October 26, 2014

at

St. Michael the Archangel Church,
Trinity Center

Multi-

Purpose Room,

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Invite your family,
friends and church
parishioners to find
out who we are!

Transitus Mass, Friday Oct. 3,
7: 00 pm in St Mary's of the
Angels Chapel, St. Francis
Church, Leesville Road.

Secular Franciscan Retreat

@ the Avila Retreat
Center, Durham
October 3-5

Retreat leader is.

Joanita M. Nellenbach,
OFS

Title:

*A Little Portion in Time
with St. Francis at the
Portiuncula.*

Transitus led by Joanita
on Friday at 7:00 pm

**St. Francis Feast Day
Mass** on Saturday 3:00
Fr. David McBriar OFM

Message from Our Regional Minister before Elections

Dear brother Frank,

Blessings! It was great to see you at the ARG. While I don't respond each month, just wanted you to know that I enjoy your newsletter each time I receive it. You have a beautiful gift and talent. Thank you for being willing to share it with your fraternity and the Region.

Am praying for your upcoming chapter of elections. Joanne has shared her talents with all of you for many years (especially since Jane's passing). It is now time for all the professed brothers and sisters of Padre Pio Fraternity to let the Spirit lead and allow themselves to be placed in nomination as servant leaders. All are called to serve in one capacity or another. God does not call the qualified; He qualifies those who are called.

- "In various ways and forms but in life-giving union with each other, they intend to make present the charism of their common

Seraphic Father in the life and mission of the Church." (Our Holy Rule, article 1)

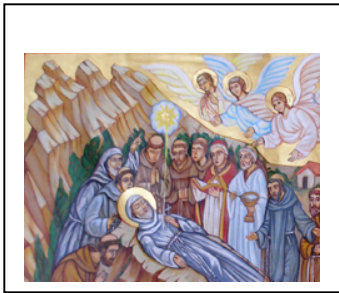
- "Mindful that anyone who follows Christ, the perfect man, becomes more of a man himself, let them exercise their responsibilities competently in the Christian spirit of service. (Article 14)
- Their service, which lasts for a definite period, is marked by a ready and willing spirit and is a duty of responsibility to each member and to the community. (Article 21)
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- **All of us who have been called to this vocation (way of life) must allow the Holy Spirit to work and to be willing to serve... this is what we professed.....this is what I want.....**

Peace and All Good,

Jerry Rousseau, OFS BSSF Region Minister

In the footsteps of Christ, Francis did what was his to do.

Let us celebrate this gift and go forth in the footsteps of Francis, to do what is ours to do!



What is the Transitus?

A devotion familiar to all Franciscans which has survived the test of the last three decades is the Transitus. Each year on **the third evening of October**, we ritually remember the passing of Francis of Assisi from this life into God. In fact, the Transitus has become a significant and even a necessary annual event.

To ritually revisit the story of Francis' passing is vital; without it something significant is missing. It specifies the living memory of Francis; it intensifies our commitment to follow Christ in the way of the poor man of Assisi.

“Be praised, my Lord, through our sister Bodily Death, from whose embrace no living person can escape.

Woe to those who die in mortal sin!

Happy those she finds doing Your most holy will.

The second death can do no harm to them.

Praise and bless my Lord, and give thanks, and serve Him with great humility.”

We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://sfocentralinc.net/contact-us/>

Fraternity Servant Leadership Coordinators

Marie Roccoforte	Hospitality
Marge Zombek	Sunshine
Sharon Winzeler	JPIC & Website Administrator
Frank Peluso	Newsletter
Ailen Evaniuck	Coffee hostess
Coordinator needed	Prayer Requests: Please contact Stan to volunteer.

Thanks for all your dedication and servant leadership.

Franciscan Saints for October

04 Our Holy Father St. Francis

06 St Mary Francis of the Five Wounds 1715-1791

10 St. Daniel and Companions

12 St. Seraphin of Montegrano 1540-1604

20 Blessed James of Strepar

20 Blessed Contardo Ferrini 1859-1902

21 Blessed Josephine Leroux 1748-1794

22 St. Peter of Alcantara 1499-1562

23 St. John of Capistrano 1385-1456 **See Article below.**

26 Bl Bonaventure of Potenza -1711

October, 2014 - Overview for the Month

The month of October is dedicated to the **Holy Rosary**. The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7. October falls during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green.'

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

General: That the Lord may grant peace to those parts of the world most battered by war and violence.

Missionary: That World Mission Day may rekindle in every believer zeal for carrying the Gospel into all the world.

(See also www.apostleshipofprayer.net)

When the Swallows Come Back to Capistrano

Cliff swallows winter each year in Argentina and then fly back to The Mission of San Juan Capistrano each March. They make their nests in the eaves there until October when their migration cycle starts again. People from all over the world are known to visit, especially on the March 19 feast day of St. Joseph when these small birds return at dawn to settle back into their mud nests at the ruins of the Great Stone Church. Damaged by the earthquake of 1812, this Franciscan church is now famous for housing these birds. On the feast of San Juan Capistrano, Oct. 23, the small birds are known to take flight again for their winter destination.

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