



Padre Pio Fraternity – Newsletter

Secular Franciscan Order
Brother and Sisters of St. Francis Region



FRATERNITY ELECTIONS – NOMINATION PROCESS:

- Review OFS Essential Documents: General Constitutions Articles 76 to 82; NAFRA Statutes –Articles 7 to15 and “The Nuts and Bolts of Being on a Council”.
- Prayer and Discernment: Ensure adequate time for both before making nominations.
- Contact those you wish to nominate. Professed members and candidates may be nominated.
- Before responding, the nominees should discern, pray and consider the examples of servant leadership of Jesus Christ, St. Francis and St. Clare.
- Nominees respond to the call of the Holy Spirit.
- Inform the Nominations Committee of acceptance.

Our Chapter of Elections is over four months away, but preparation for it begins this month. Our focus should be to maintain an open mind and willing spirit as we spend time each day in prayer, reflection and discernment. Rather than focusing now on who we think would be a “good” choice for each office, we instead wholeheartedly turn to the Holy Spirit. We seek, acknowledge and embrace the workings of the Holy Spirit in our fraternity’s election process by listening to and accepting the guidance each of us receives. With much gratitude, we are then prepared to nominate to our fraternity’s Council whomever the **Holy Spirit** has chosen. *By Joanne Jacovec OFS Election Committee Chair*



CONGRATULATIONS

42 YEARS A SECULAR FRANCISCAN

Marguerite Zombek, OFS, AKA Marge was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania on April 13 th. She was professed in Italy on the 23 rd of September in 1975. She was attracted to the Secular Franciscans because of her devotion to Padre Pio. She came here from East Point, GA. in August of 2000. She belongs to St. Andrew, the Apostle Church in Apex, where she belongs to several ministries. The picture to the left shows her leading us in the Devine Office Evening prayer, as she does at every gathering.

'Much more is accomplished by a single word of the Our Father said, now and then, from our heart, than by the whole prayer repeated many times in haste and without attention.' ~ *St. Teresa of Avila*

THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER IS DEDICATED TO THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY.

Devotion to the sorrows of the Virgin Mary dates from the twelfth century, when it made its appearance in monastic circles under the influence of St. Anselm and St. Bernard. The Cistercians and then the Servites undertook to propagate it. It became widespread in the fourteenth and especially the fifteenth centuries, particularly in the Rhineland and Flanders.

The Seven Sorrows of Our Lady

1. *The Flight into Egypt*
2. *The Prophecy of Simeon*
3. *Loss of the Child Jesus*
4. *Meeting Jesus on the Way of
the Cross*
5. *The Crucifixion*
6. *Taking Jesus Down from the
Cross*
7. *The burial of Jesus*



FRANCISCAN SAINTS FOR SEPTEMBER

1 Bl. Beatrice of Silva, virgin, II Order, founder.

2 Bl. John Francis Burté, Bl. Severin Girault, Companions, martyrs, I, III O.

2 Bl. Apollinaris of Posat, priest & martyr of I Order

3 Bl. Claudio Granzotto, I order
14 Pedro de Corpa and Companions, the five Franciscan Martyrs

17 Stigmata of our holy Father Francis

18 St. Joseph of Cupertino, priest, I Ord. It is said that the life of this saint was marked by ecstasies and levitations. The mere mention of God or a spiritual matter was enough to take him out of his senses; at Mass he frequently floated in the air in rapture. Thus, he is known as "The Flying Saint" He is also the patron of those taking an exam.

22 St. Francis Mary of Campo-rosso, rel. I O.

22 St. Ignatius of Santhia, priest I Order

23 St. Pio of Pietrelcina, priest OFM Cap Padre Pio, also known as Pio of Pietrelcina was a friar, priest, stigmatist, and mystic, and, of Course our patron. See page 3.

24 Finding of the Body of St. Clare

24 St. Pacifico of San Severino (I Order)

26 St. Elzear of Sabran & Bl. Delphina of Glandenes, husband

&wife of III O.

26 Bl. Aurelio of Vinalesa, priest,

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Marie Roccoforte OFS 2-Sep

Stan Driscoll OFS 14-Sep

Michael Oeser OFS 17-Sep

Ellen Ferrone OFS 19-Sep



HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES OF PROFESSION

Marguerite Zombek OFS

September 23, 1975 42 years

Joanne Jacovec OFS

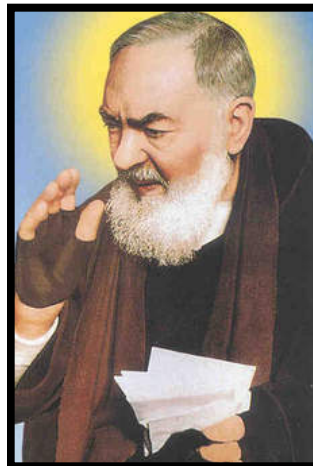
September 23, 2000 17 years



PADRE PIO MOMENTS - HE BAPTIZES A BABY UNDER MIRACULOUS CIRCUMSTANCES

A couple from Genoa visited Padre Pio to tell him they had no children. "*Bring him to me to be baptized when he is born,*" was his answer. He could often foretell the sex of an unborn child.

The following year the fortunate couple returned to the monastery Church with their new baby boy, but in the Church of Our Lady of Graces there was such a large crowd that it was impossible to reach Padre Pio who was hearing confessions and then reciting the evening prayers. The mother remained in the parish house of San Giovanni Rotondo one mile away, whilst the father went to the monastery to talk to Padre Pio's fellow priests, telling them that Padre Pio had invited them to come there and that they were to meet with him; hoping to try to arrange a meeting with him in the next few days. Since by then it was getting quite late, he was told to come back in the morning. So, he returned to his wife at the parish house and when he arrived his wife informed him that Padre Pio had come to baptize the baby earlier in the evening. "But how is that possible!" he replied, because at the time specified Padre Pio was without a doubt in the Church reciting the evening prayers and hearing confessions of the many people assembled there.



PADRE PIO QUOTE

"Essentially, you must persist in Christian justice, and in the principles of kindness, of virtue, from which humility explicitly stems. Internal and external humility, more internal than external; deep-felt, rather than demonstrated; profound, rather than visible." - *St. Padre Pio*

APOSTOLATES

For **CPO** or **Library**

E-mail

Maureen Copan, OFS

For **Prayer Requests**

Email

Laurie Wilburn, OFS

For the **Newsletter**

Email

Frank Peluso, OFS

For **Hospitality** Email

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For the **Scrapbook**

Email

Lee Cunningham, OFS

For the **Website** Email

Michael Hancock, OFS.

For **JPIC** & Oak City

Outreach, Email

Ellen Ferrone, OFS

Oak City - 9/23/17

For **Sunshine**

Call Marge Zombek,

OFS

We are on the web at:

<http://ofscentralinc.org>

Next Gathering

September 24, 2017



PUT THESE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR

October 3, 2017: Transitus to be held at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, in Our Lady of the Angels Chapel at 7:00 pm. A reception will follow in the Assisi Community Center, Padua Room (building adjacent to the Chapel).

October 6 to 8, 2017: Secular Franciscan Retreat "Exploring the Cantic of the Creatures," at Avila Retreat Center in Durham. (Directions below) Joanita Nellenbach OFS, editor of the Communio, will be the facilitator.

Nov. 18, 2017: Padre Pio Secular Franciscan Fraternity Annual Retreat Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the **Avila Retreat Center in Durham**; Lunch and beverages will be provided **Directions:** Some guests have had issues with certain map sites leading them to dead ends etc. Try going to www.maps.google.com and type in "711 Mason Rd. Durham, NC 27712." Then click "directions" on left side and put in your starting address. That seems to work accurately most of the time...**Retreat Facilitator:** Carolyn D. Townes, OFS National Animator Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation U.S. Secular Franciscan Order; Board Member, Franciscan Action Network **Topic:** Mindful Communication **Cost:** \$40.00. Financial assistance is available from the Endowment Fund.

December 2, 2017: Rite of Permanent Profession and 11:00 Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Our Lady of the Angels Chapel. A reception will follow in Anthony Hall, the Founders Room.

PRAYER FOR ELECTION OF A NEW COUNCIL (January 28, 2018)

Pray this daily - please.

Oh my dear GOD, we pray for the guidance of your Most Holy Spirit as we review in our minds the personal attributes required by the various Council positions.

Illumine for us our own strengths, and those of our fellow members, that YOU may inspire us to recognize who it is YOU desire to serve YOUR fraternity.

Dear Francis, we also ask for your guidance as we seek a new Council. Lead us to those who will help who will help us to grow in your virtues — humble, polite, peacemakers and ardent lovers of our Crucified Lord. Help each of us to discover "What is ours to do." Not our will Lord, but Thy will be done. Amen. "Oh breath of God, unite us in action!"

A PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF THE DISASTROUS STORM HARVEY BY CARDINAL DI NARDO OF HOUSTON, TEXAS

May God, the Lord of mercy and compassion, protect all who are still in danger, and bring to safety those who are missing. May He care in a special way for those who were already homeless, or without support and resources, before this disaster. We pray in thanksgiving for the first responders who are risking their lives to save others at this very moment. We include in our intentions the everyday heroes reaching out to help their neighbors in need, those who, like the Good Samaritan, cannot walk by a person in need without offering their hand in aid.

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