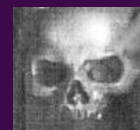


THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS REGION
SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

THE PADRE PIO FRATERNITY

GATHERING THIS MONTH, IS NOVEMBER 18TH THIRD SUNDAY.



We celebrate the Feast of All Saints of the Seraphic Orders on 29 November



“Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death,
from whom no one living can escape. Woe to those who die in mortal sin.
Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will,
for the second death shall do them no harm.” ~
Canticle of the Creatures

St. Francis of Assisi is often characterized with a skull at his feet because, like Shakespeare's Hamlet, he regularly contemplated death. Conversely speaking, the skull in Christianity epitomizes man's triumph over death.



Saint Francis consistently put a skull on the table at breakfast before his brothers came in for their meal. It is said he often emphasized the short-lived nature of our existence on earth.

“For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come.” (Hebrews 13:14)

Annual Fraternity Retreat

Date: December, 1, 2018 - Let Ellen know if you will attend.

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Where: Community of St. Francis, Founders Room

Suggested Donation: \$20.00 (Assistance available)

Theme: Canticle of the Creatures

Presenter: Joanita Nellenbach OFS. - Communio editor. She is a member of St. Francis of the Hills Fraternity in Hendersonville, N.C., and spiritual assistant to Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg Fraternity in Blairsville, Ga.

“Praise and bless my Lord, and give Him thanks and serve Him with great humility.” - *Canticle of the Creatures*

Let Us Pray for the Repose of the Souls of Deceased Members of our Padre Pio Fraternity

Grace Lambert, OFS -Professed-
10/4/1984-Deceased 11/28/1985

A. Gordon Keating, OFS-
Professed

11/25 /1945-Deceased 6/22/1986

Daniel Skurski, OFS-Professed
12/4/1987- Deceased 9/04/1994

Paul Rutz, OFS - Professed 12/7/
1986- Deceased 1/30/1995

Lesley Stinson, OFS-Professed
10/7/1995/-Deceased 2/13/1996-

Wally Bauer, OFS -Professed
09/7/ 1958- Deceased 1/21/1997

Marie Grissi, OFS-Professed
1959- Deceased 05/09/1999

Patricia Stapleton, OFS-
Professed 05/05/1999-Deceased
11/30/2010

Ron Howe, OFS professed
10/2/1999--Deceased 1/19/2012

Jane Sullivan-Farris, OFS-
Professed 5/5/1996-Deceased
03/7/2012

Louise Friedman, OFS-
Professed-1/2/1983 -Deceased
07/24/2013

Vincent McKone, OFS' -
Professed-12/13/1953 - December
20, 1927 ~ Deceased January 5th
2015

Jonetta Beresford, wife of Stan
Driscoll, OFS – Deceased
05/23/14

Father Linus DiSantis, OFM
Conventual – Deceased Dec. 1,
2015

Rosemary Ann Schneider OFS,
Deceased 04/22/2016

November Devotion

The month of November is dedicated to the poor souls in purgatory. All souls day falls on November 2nd, which is when we commemorate all the faithful departed.

The Holy Father's Intention for November

Universal – In Service of Peace

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

Prayer for priests: That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord in prayer and contemplation before the Holy Eucharist.

Franciscan Saints for November

01 All Saints Day

02 All Souls Day

03Bl. **Teresa Manganiello**, Italy is known as the corner stone of the Franciscan Immaculatine Sisters.

04 **St. Charles Borromeo** 1538-1584 was the cardinal archbishop of Milan from 1564 to 1584. Among the great reformers of the troubled sixteenth century, Borromeo, with St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Philip Neri, and others, led the movement to combat the inroads of the Protestant Reformation.

06 Bl. Alfonso Lopez, priest, and companions, martyrs.

07 **St. Didacus of Alcala** c. 1400-1463 was a Spanish lay brother of the Order of Friars Minor

13 **St. Frances Xavier Cabrini** 1850-1917 founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, a Catholic religious institute that was a major support to the Italian immigrants to the United States. She was the first citizen of the United States to be canonized by the Roman Catholic Church (July 7, 1946)

14 **St. Nicholas Tavelich** was a Franciscan missionary, who died a martyr's death in Jerusalem. He was the first Croatian saint.

18 **Blessed Salome** 1201-1268

19 **St. Agnes of Assisi** was the sister of St. Clare and her first follower.

22 **Christ, the King**

25 **Bl. Elizabeth of Reute**, virgin, III Ord

27 **St. Francis Anthony Fasini** OFM Conventual

28 **St. James of the March**, OFM helped spread devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus.

Nov. 17 St Elizabeth of Hungary 1207-1231

Patron of the Third Orders along with St. Louis IX of France.

Elizabeth appreciated her dignity from childhood on. She found her sweetest delight in being united with God by prayer and pious practices, and her favorite occupation was to serve God in His poor and sick members. Elizabeth was a princess of the Kingdom of Hungary and a greatly venerated Catholic saint who was an early member of the Third Order of St. Francis, by which she is honored as its patroness. Elizabeth was married at the age of 14, and widowed at 20. After her husband's death she sent her children to be with relatives and used her dowry to build a hospital where she herself and her servants served the sick. She became a symbol of Christian charity after her death at the age of 24 and was quickly canonized. *From Catholic Online*

“Lord, by Thy cruel death, and by Thy dear mother Mary, deliver these poor souls from their sufferings; Lord, by Thy five sacred wounds save us.” ~ *St. Elizabeth of Hungary*

“As in heaven, Your will is promptly done, so may it be done on earth by all creatures, particularly in me and by me.” ~ *Saint Elizabeth of Hungary*

Padre Pio and the Souls in Purgatory

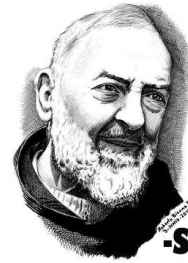
Padre Pio had a very particular relationship with the Holy Souls; indeed they were his frequent visitors - so much so that at one time he said: "I see so many souls from Purgatory that they don't frighten me any more." And on another occasion when questioned further on the matter, he replied: "More souls of the dead than of the living climb this mountain to attend my Masses and seek my prayers."

Padre Pio was one who offered his pains, prayers and sufferings for the release of those in a state of purification, and those souls never ceased to thank him for this. We must be truly grateful to Padre Pio for lifting the veil which separates this world from the next for a few instants and thereby helping us to understand and remember their real presence within the Church.

During his early years in San Giovanni Rotondo, he was in charge of the young students for the priesthood. He often spoke to them of the pains and sufferings of the souls in Purgatory and of our duty to help them with our prayers, mortifications, and other meritorious works. To encourage prayers and good works for the Holy Souls, Padre Pio would often relate to the seminarians his own personal experiences with deceased souls, telling them that these souls came to him to seek his prayers.

Indeed, as we know, nothing out of the ordinary had happened at all, for souls of the dead were frequent visitors to him during the

fifty-two years he spent at San Giovanni Rotondo.



**We must
empty
Purgatory
with our
prayers.
-St. Padre Pio**

St. Gertrude's Prayer

The Prayer of St. Gertrude, below, is one of the most famous of the prayers for souls in purgatory. St. Gertrude the Great was a Benedictine nun and mystic who lived in the 13th century. According to tradition, our Lord promised her that 1000 souls would be released from purgatory each time it is said devoutly.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

From: <https://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/prayers-for-souls-in-purgatory.html>

Prayer for Our Deceased Franciscan Family

O Lord, who art ever merciful and abundant with Thy gifts, look down upon the suffering souls in purgatory of our Franciscan brothers and sisters. Remember not their offenses and negligences, but be mindful of Thy loving mercy, which is from all eternity and may they soon be united with Thee in heaven. Amen

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Our Companions in Prayer ~ the Poor Clares at Travelers Rest, S.C.

Please keep the brides of Christ
in your prayers, and remember
their deceased in your prayers
this month.

To find out more about the Poor
Clares go to:
[http://poorclaresc.com/zzz/
who-we-are/staff/](http://poorclaresc.com/zzz/who-we-are/staff/).

Happy November Birthdays

16 Joyce Wesner, OFS
19 Lee Cunningham, OFS
27 Alexandria Rommell, OFS
27 Sister Kathy DeLancey, OSC
30 Ginny Conway, OFS



Congratulations

5th Year Anniversary
Of Profession

W. Stanley Driscoll, OFS
11/30/2013

Happy Thanksgiving Day

We thank you, Father, for the gift of Jesus
your Son who came to our earth and lived
like us but in a simple home. We have a
greater appreciation of the value and
dignity of incarnation which was a perfect
act of love to come and be with us. We
thank you for all of creation and the
apostolates we share. Bless us this day;
may we grow in love for each other in our
fraternity in our and families. We give
thanks to you who are Lord of all
goodness and love.



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Apostolates

For JPIC & Oak City
Outreach, Email Ellen
Ferrone, OFS
(OCOC is 11/24/2018)

For CPO or Library:
Email Maureen Copan,
OFS

For Hospitality:
Email Gladys Whitehouse
OFS

For Prayer Requests:
Email Joanne Jacovec, OFS

For the Scrapbook: Email
Lee Cunningham, OFS

For **Sunshine**:
Call Marge Zombek, OFS

For the Newsletter: Email
Frank Peluso, OFS OFS.

For the Website: Email
Sharon Winzler, OFS
We are on the web at:
<http://ofscentralnc.org>

Annual Retreat:
12/01/2018
Founders Room



I love you this much!

**Gathering this month, is
November 18th Third
Sunday.**

The Beatitudes and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

St. John Paul II in his encyclical on the Vocation and Mission of the lay faithful in the Church and in the World, wrote, “Life according to the Spirit, whose fruit is holiness, stirs up every baptized person and requires each to follow and imitate Jesus Christ, in embracing the Beatitudes, in listening and meditating on the Word of God, in conscious and active participation in the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church, in personal prayer, in family or in community, in the hunger and thirst for justice, in the practice of the commandment of love in all circumstances of life and service to the brethren, especially the least, the poor and the suffering.”

The Ignatius Catholic Study Bible of the Gospel of Matthew notes that the beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12) follow distinct pattern and logic. Each blessing builds upon the one before it; the beatitude of spiritual poverty is the foundation for all of them. Morally the first seven beatitudes correspond to the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. According to this arrangement, the eighth beatitude summarizes the first seven.

- 1.The “poor in spirit” exercise the fear of the Lord, a gift of reverence for God that awakens the soul to its weaknesses and foster a childlike fear of the Father. With a humble spirit, they live inwardly detached from earthly goods.
- 2.Those who “mourn” exercise knowledge, the gift that imparts a correct evaluation of created things and their relative value before God. They recognize the injustices of this world and grieve over their sins.
- 3.The “meek” exercise piety, the gift of intimate love for God that moves the soul to worship. It protects against the hardening of one’s heart in the midst of trials. Meekness is not weakness but humility and faith in God.
- 4.Those who “hunger and thirst for righteousness” exercise fortitude, the gift of firm resolution to pursue holiness despite obstacles. Thus, the meek are not satisfied with being on earth but long for a heavenly inheritance.
- 5.The “merciful” exercise counsel, the gift that assists decision making and helps to guard against carelessness; as an interior guide, it assists one to counsel others and to extend compassion to them. They imitate God by forgiving their neighbor and seek to remedy injustices in the world.
- 6.The “pure in heart” exercise understanding, the gift of insight into the mysteries of faith. It is not mere intellectual understanding but the spiritual awareness of the heart. The inwardly pure behold God in the simplicity of faith. They will see Him face to face in heaven.
- 7.The “peacemakers” exercise wisdom, the gift of contemplative reflection on the love for divine things. It enables one to assess the world by revealed truths and instills peace in the soul. They seek to extend this gift to others by advancing the gospel.
- 8.The peacemakers who spread the gospel inevitably encounter persecution. They suffer maltreatment for their unwavering fidelity to God and their denunciation of personal and social evil.

Jesus tells us what love is through the beatitudes. He teaches transformation of the inner person. This transformation takes place with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

This transformation of the Beatitudes have an eschatological meaning, that is, we are promised salvation - not in this world, but in the next. And, scholars agree that the beatitudes give us a portrayal of Jesus, thus a way to imitate Christ. They emphasize what we sense in our Secular Franciscan rules. Imitating Christ is what St. Francis really wanted and this is what all Christians should desire also. *By the Editor*

Transitus of St Francis Oct.3, 2018 Community of St. Francis,Raleigh

The Transitus opened with a procession into the church led by Fr. Steve Patti, OFM, Fr. Steve Kluge, OFM and Fr. Jim Sabak, OFM followed by members of our Padre Pio fraternity.

The altar steps were adorned with a life size cross and a Franciscan habit and a set of candles that fraternity members Joan Monti, OFS and Dave Shick, OFS lighted.

The congregation sang *All Creatures of Our God and King*, and the service was opened by Fr. Jim Sabak, OFM, with a prayer. Sharon Winzeler, OFS, read the introduction by Brother Elias followed by a narration of Francis's death by Victoria Romero, OFS, and Tim Hetzel, Jennifer Fiduccia led in the singing of the responsorial psalm. Deb Royals-Mizerk read from the gospel of John.

Father Jim gave a sermon on the life of St. Francis. Music director Jim Wahl sang the hymn *O Sanctissima* in Latin and also provided the organ music.

After, there was a prayer by Father Jim. Candles were lit from the pascal candle and the participants processed out, singing *Jesus Remember Me When I Come into Your Kingdom* to the church prayer garden where Father Jim gave us the blessing of St. Francis.

Then the permanently professed went back into church and renewed their Secular Franciscan promises.



For Your Calendar

10/27/18 Oak City Outreach as you signed up.

10/28/18 Gathering this month

11/1/2018 FrIar Cookies Dough

preparation.at St. Andrews from, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

11/05/2018 Cut and decorate FrIar Cookies at St. Andrews from, 5:30 on.

11/10-11/2-10 Fair Trade Market host table as you signed up.

11/22/18 Thanksgiving

11/24/2018 Oak City Outreach as you signed up.

12/01/2018 Fraternity Retreat - see page 1

12/22/18 Oak City Outreach

October Gathering

John and Gail H. speak to the candidates about being a Franciscan in the everyday world. Louis Coker, OFS formation team member said, "They had some positive words to share. I was very impressed with their witness. They focused on their lives as Secular Franciscan husband and wife."

In the absence of the minister, Victoria Romero, OFS quite ably chaired the meeting. Marge Zombek, OFS gave a presentation on the Angels and Sharon Winzler, OFS gave a presentation on Secular Franciscan Rule Article Seven. "United by their vocation as "brothers and sisters of penance" and motivated by the dynamic power of the gospel, let them conform their thoughts and deeds to those of Christ by means of that radical interior change which the gospel calls 'conversion.' Human frailty makes it necessary that this conversion be carried out daily."