

Padre Pio Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order

Gathering Agenda

Sunday, March 26, 2023

[Zoom Link](#)

A candidate will lead the recitation of the Angelus at 2:30 p.m. right before the opening prayer. If it is your heart's desire, please join us in prayer.

The Angelus

L: The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:

All Respond: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

All Pray: Hail Mary, full of grace (etc.)

L: Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

All Respond: Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

All Pray: Hail Mary...

L: And the Word was made Flesh.

All Respond: And dwelt among us.

All Pray: Hail Mary...

L: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

L: Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.

Amen

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer: Sharon Winzeler, OFS	2:30 p.m.
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Ritual, pages 35 – 36

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Minister: Most high, all-powerful, good God, praise, glory, and honor, and all blessings are yours.

All: Praise and bless my Lord, and give Him thanks, and serve him with great humility.

Minister: Let us pray. (Pause)

Most high, glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of our hearts
and give us right faith, firm hope, and perfect charity,
with wisdom and insight, O Lord,
that we may accomplish your holy and true will.

All: Amen

2. Welcome Guests: Betti Longinotti, OFS, and Georgette Schraeder, OFS, from the Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region.	2:35 p.m.
3. Ongoing Formation: Joanne Jacovec <u>Embracing Mary in Your Daily Life in the Manner of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Padre Pio, and Pope Francis.</u> <i>Rule 9. The Virgin Mary, humble servant of the Lord, was open to his every word and call. She was embraced by Francis with indescribable love and declared the protectress and advocate of his family. The Secular Franciscans should express their ardent love for her by imitating her complete self-giving and praying earnestly and confidently.</i>	2:40 p.m.

<p>Discussion questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We aren't sure why the founders of our local fraternity chose to name it after Padre Pio. What qualities of his life do you think attract people to him? Which ones do you admire? 2. All three holy men discussed—Pope Francis, Padre Pio, and St. Francis of Assisi—venerated our Blessed Mother. What type of relationship do you have with Mary? 3. Rule 9 focuses on our love and imitation of the Blessed Mother. What are some ways we can practice this? 4. What new understanding of St. Padre Pio do you have after today's discussion and presentation? 	
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<p>4. Fellowship Happy birthday: 5th Char Witoski, OFS, 12th Suzie Nelson, OFS, 15th; Dave Shick, OFS, 21st; Sr. Susanna Boylston, OSC ,24th; Sr. Annemarie Dudek, OSC 24th; Gladys Whitehouse, OFS, 24th</p>	<p>3:20 p.m.</p>
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<p>5. Fraternity business</p>	<p>3:40 p.m.</p>
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Stations of the Cross: 7 p.m., Friday, March 31, at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Our fraternity members will lead the Stations and use the social justice version written by Fr. Steve Kluge, OFM.

Formation announcements, Char Witosky, OFS (Formation director)

Ongoing Formation:

- Next month, we will focus on discernment as Secular Franciscans in light of the national theme "Listen, Discern, Go Forth."

Treasury Report, Zubair Simonson, OFS (Treasurer)

Contributions can be placed in an envelope with your name on it at the meeting or mailed to:

Padre Pio Fraternity,
% Zubair Simonson, OFS
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JPIC-(Gladys is away this month)

Oak City Cares - Lee Cunningham, OFS, and Marylou Holloway, OFS.

Our next hot meal service at Oak City Cares is Saturday, April 22.

Other apostolates:

- **Brown Bag Lunches** (Ellen Ferrone, OFS)
- **Refugee resettlement** (John Price)

Announcements: Please look at the important dates on our calendar at the end of the agenda. Note that our May meeting will be on the third Sunday because of Memorial Weekend.

6. Liturgy of the Hours: Led by Char Witosky	
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Evening Prayer II

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Presider: God, come to my assistance.

All: Lord, make haste to help me.

Presider: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

All: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

HYMN

Refrain:

Deep within, I will plant my law,
not on stone, but in your heart.
Follow me; I will bring you back.
You will be my own, and I will be your God.

Verse 1

I will give you a new heart,
a new spirit within you,
for I will be your strength.

Refrain:

Deep within, I will plant my law,
not on stone, but in your heart.
Follow me; I will bring you back.
You will be my own, and I will be your God.

2. Seek my face, and see your God,
for I will be your hope.

Refrain:

Deep within, I will plant my law,
not on stone, but in your heart.
Follow me; I will bring you back.
You will be my own, and I will be your God.

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 As the serpent was lifted up in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up.

Antiphonarian :The Lord's revelation to my Master:

Right: "Sit on my right:
your foes I will put beneath your feet."

Left: The Lord will wield from Zion
your scepter of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes.

Right: A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

Left: The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
"You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old."

Right: The Master standing at your right hand
will shatter kings in the day of his great wrath.

Left: He shall drink from the stream by the wayside
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

Right: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

Left: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm-prayer

Presider: Father, we ask you to give us victory and peace. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and King, we are already seated at your right hand. We look forward to praising you in the fellowship of all your saints in our heavenly homeland.

All:. As the serpent was lifted up in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up.

Ant. 2 The Lord of hosts protects us and sets us free; he guides and saves his people.

Antiphon: When Israel came forth from Egypt,

Right: Jacob's sons from an alien people,
Judah became the Lord's temple,
Israel became his kingdom.

Left: The sea fled at the sight:
the Jordan turned back on its course,
the mountains leapt like rams
and the hills like yearling sheep.

Right: Why was it, sea, that you fled,
that you turned back, Jordan, on your course?
Mountains, that you leapt like rams,
hills, like yearling sheep?

Left: Tremble, O earth, before the Lord,
in the presence of the God of Jacob,
who turns the rock into a pool
and flint into a spring of water.

Right: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

Left: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm-prayer

Presider: Almighty God, ever-living mystery of unity and trinity, you gave life to the new Israel by birth from water and the Spirit, and made it a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a people set

apart as your eternal possession. May all those you have called to walk in the splendor of the new light render you fitting service and adoration.

All: The Lord of hosts protects us and sets us free; he guides and saves his people.

Ant. 3 He was pierced for our offenses and burdened with our sins. By his wounds we are healed.

Antiphonarin: Christ suffered for you,

Right: and left you an example
to have you follow in his footsteps.

Left: He did no wrong;
no deceit was found in his mouth.
When he was insulted,
he returned no insult.

Right: When he was made to suffer,
he did not counter with threats.
Instead he delivered himself up
to the One who judges justly.

Left: In his own body
he brought your sins to the cross,
so that all of us, dead to sin,
could live in accord with God's will.
By his wounds you were healed.

Right: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

Left: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

All: He was pierced for our offenses and burdened with our sins. By his wounds we are healed.

READING

Reader: My brothers, it was to us that this message of salvation was sent forth. The inhabitants of Jerusalem and their rulers failed to recognize him, and in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets which we read Sabbath after Sabbath. Even though they found no charge against him which deserved death, they begged Pilate to have him executed. Once they had

brought about all that had been written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. Yet God raised him from the dead.

RESPONSORY

Reader: Listen to us, O Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.

All: Listen to us, O Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.

Reader: Christ Jesus, hear our humble petitions,

All: for we have sinned against you.

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

All: Listen to us, O Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.

CANTICLE OF MARY

All Stand

Ant. When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself.

Presider: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

All: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

All: When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself.

INTERCESSIONS

Presider: All praise to God the Father who brought his chosen people to rebirth from
imperishable seed through his eternal Word. Let us ask him as his children:

All: *Lord, be gracious to your people.*

Presider: God of mercy, hear the prayers we offer for all your people,

All: may they hunger for your word more than for bodily food.

Presider: Give us a sincere and active love for our own nation and for all mankind,

All: may we work always to build a world of peace and goodness.

Presider: Look with love on all to be reborn in baptism,

All: that they may be living stones in your temple of the Spirit.

Presider: You moved Nineveh to repentance by the preaching of Jonah,

All: in your mercy touch the hearts of sinners by the preaching of your word.

Presider: May the dying go in hope to meet Christ their judge,

All: may they rejoice forever in the vision of your glory.

All: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Concluding Prayer

Presider: By your help,
we beseech you, Lord our God,
may we walk eagerly
in that same charity with which,

out of love for the world,
your Son handed himself over to death.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

— Amen

7. Closing blessing by Father Hugh, Deacon Phil or Deacon Cyril.

Upcoming Events on the Fraternity Calendar

Most meetings are held on the fourth Sunday of the month. We work at our apostolate at Oak City Cares on the fourth Saturday of the month. Sometimes both occur on the same weekend.

Event	Date	Location	Discussion Topic
Stations of the Cross	March 31	7 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church	Led by several fraternity members
Oak City Cares	April 22	1430 S. Wilmington St, Raleigh, NC	Monthly Food Service
Gathering	April 23	St. Francis of Assisi	Practicing Discernment/ Materials from national OFS.
Gathering*	May 21 *Note this is third Sunday	St. Francis of Assisi,	Welcome new candidates
Oak City Cares	May 27	1430 S. Wilmington St, Raleigh, NC	Monthly Food Service
Oak City Cares	June 24	1430 S. Wilmington St, Raleigh, NC	Monthly Food Service
Gathering	June 25	St. Francis of Assisi	TBA
Permanent Profession Ceremony	11 a.m., Saturday, July 15	St. Francis of Assisi	Mass followed by reception
Oak City Cares	July 22	1430 S. Wilmington St, Raleigh, NC	Monthly Food Service

Annual Regional Gathering (ARG)	Aug. 11-13	Ridgecrest Retreat Center, Black Mountain NC	Save the date. Details coming.
Oak City Cares	Aug. 26	1430 S. Wilmington St, Raleigh, NC	Monthly Food Service
Gathering	Aug. 27	St. Francis of Assisi	TBA
Oak City Cares	Sept. 23	1430 S. Wilmington St, Raleigh, NC	Monthly Food Service
Gathering	Sept. 24	St. Francis of Assisi	TBA
Gathering	Oct. 22	St. Francis of Assisi	TBA
Oak City Cares	Oct. 26	1430 S. Wilmington St, Raleigh, NC	Monthly Food Service
Gathering	Nov. 19	St. Francis of Assisi	TBA
Oak City Cares	Nov. 25	1430 S. Wilmington St, Raleigh, NC	Monthly Food Service
Retreat	December	TBA	TBA
Oak City Cares	Dec. 23	1430 S. Wilmington St, Raleigh, NC	Monthly Food Service