

Padre Pio Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order
Gathering Agenda

Please remember to bring donations for the food pantry at St. Bernadette's in Fuquay Varina.

[Zoom Link](#)

Sunday, May 22, 2023

The gathering will be in Clare Hall this month.

A candidate will lead the recitation of the Angelus at 2:15 p.m. right before the opening prayer. If it is a desire of your heart, 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

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. Opening Prayer: Sharon Winzeler, OFS	2:20 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	2:25 p.m.
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3a. Rite of Admission of Candidates: Debbie Wickwar, Judy Newell and Marianne Norris. (Bob and Maria Marge are out of town and will be welcomed at the June meeting.) <u>Program for the Welcoming of Candidates.</u> 3b. Formation. <u>Group discussion on ways to expand observance of Four Pillars within the fraternity.</u>	2:30 p.m.
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4. Fellowship time and celebration of May birthdays and our new candidates. Birthdays: 5/17 Travis Bongiorno, OFS; 5/22 Theresa Flynn, OFS; 5/24 Anna Rzewnicki, OFS; 5/28 Maureen Copan, OFS; 5/29 Brian Denison, OFS; 5/31 Dave Abell, OFS; 5/31, Alma Hammer, OFS	3:20 p.m.
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5. Fraternity business	3:40 p.m.
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Announcement of a new committee on fraternity life and the Four Pillars.

Save the Date: Our ARG is Aug. 11-13, 2023, at the Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC. This is a meeting of all of the Secular Franciscans in our region, and we are fortunate to have it within driving distance. The registration deadline is July 7. The cost is \$320 for a single; \$191 for a double; \$154.57 for a triple; and \$136.50 for a quad. This covers your room and meals for the weekend. Payment is made at Ridgecrest when you check-in.

Save the Date: Fr. Steve Kluge, OFM, will lead our next retreat at St. Francis Springs on May 10-12, 2024.

Formation announcements, Char Witosky, OFS (Formation director)

Ongoing Formation: Next month Fr. Hugh Macsherry, OFM, will present on “Listening” as part of our study of the “Listen, Discern, Go Forth” theme.

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
6300 Creedmoor Rd, Ste. 170
Raleigh, NC 27612

JPIC- Gladys Whitehouse

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

Our next hot meal service at Oak City Cares is Saturday, May 27.

6. Liturgy of the Hours: Led by Char Witosky The Ascension of Our Lord	
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Evening Prayer II
The Ascension of Our Lord
May 21, 2023

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. Alleluia.

HYMN

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 He purified us from our sins, and is seated on high at God's right hand, alleluia.

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 for ever. 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:. He purified us from our sins, and is seated on high at God's right hand, alleluia.

Ant. 2 The Lord has redeemed his people, alleluia.

Antiphonarian: I will thank the Lord with all my heart

Right: in the meeting of the just and their assembly.

Great are the works of the Lord;
to be pondered by all who love them.

Left: Majestic and glorious his work,
his justice stands firm for ever.

He makes us remember his wonders.
The Lord is compassion and love.

Right: He gives food to those who fear him;
keeps his covenant ever in mind.

He has shown his might to his people
by giving them the lands of the nations.

Left: His works are justice and truth:
his precepts are all of them sure,
standing firm for ever and ever:
they are made in uprightness and truth.

Right: He has sent deliverance to his people
and established his covenant for ever.
Holy his name, to be feared.

Left: To fear the Lord is the first stage of wisdom;
all who do so prove themselves wise.
His praise shall last for ever!

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 for ever. Amen.

Psalm-prayer

Presider: Merciful and gentle Lord, you are the crowning glory of all the saints. Give us, your children, the gift of obedience which is the beginning of wisdom, so that we may do what you command and be filled with your mercy.

All: The Lord has redeemed his people, alleluia.

Ant. 3 Alleluia, our Lord is king; let us rejoice and give glory to him, alleluia.

Antiphonarian: Alleluia.

Right: Salvation, glory, and power to our God:
Left: his judgments are honest and true.

Antiphonarian: Alleluia.

Right: Sing praise to our God, all you his servants,
Left: all who worship him reverently, great and small.

Antiphonarian: Alleluia.

Right: The Lord our all-powerful God is King;
Left: Let us rejoice, sing praise, and give him glory.

Antiphonarian: Alleluia.

Right: The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun,
Left: and his bride is prepared to welcome him.

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 for ever. Amen.

All: . Alleluia, our Lord is king; let us rejoice and give glory to him, alleluia.

READING

Reader: Jesus offered one sacrifice for sins and took his seat forever at the right hand of God; now he waits until his enemies are placed beneath his feet. By one offering he has forever perfected those who are being sanctified.

RESPONSORY

Reader: The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete, alleluia, alleluia.

All: The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: He will teach you all things,

All: alleluia, alleluia.

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

All: The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete, alleluia, alleluia.

CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. I will send you the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father. When the Paraclete comes he will bear witness to me, alleluia.

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 for ever.

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

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

All: I will send you the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father. When the Paraclete comes he will bear witness to me, alleluia.

INTERCESSIONS

Presider: We do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself prays for us with inexpressible longing. Let us then say:

All: *May the Holy Spirit pray on our behalf.*

Presider: Lord Jesus, shepherd in glory, give wisdom and counsel to our shepherds,

All: to lead your flock more surely to salvation.

Presider: You are exalted in heaven, and are rich in mercy,

All: look with compassion on the poor and needy on earth.

Presider: You were conceived by the Virgin Mary by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit,

All: sustain those vowed to virginity in the spirit of their self-offering.

Presider: You are our priest, offering praise to the Father in the Holy Spirit,

All: unite all mankind in your sacrifice of praise.

Presider: May the dead enter into the glorious freedom of God's children,

All: and the fullness of redemption for their bodies.

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: Graciously
hear our supplications,
O Lord, so that we,
who believe that the Savior of the human race

is with you in your glory,
may experience, as he promised,
until the end of the world,
his abiding presence among us.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

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

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
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. Registration deadline July 7.
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

