

# Padre Pio Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order

## Gathering Agenda

2:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023

[Zoom Link](#)

***We will recite the Angelus 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 . . .

**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. <b>Opening Prayer:</b> <b>Sharon Winzeler, Minister</b>	<b>2:30 p.m.</b>
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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. <b>Welcome Guests</b>
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### 3. **Ceremony of Sponsorship for New Inquirers:**

Courtney Cantrell, Rosemary Czejkowski, Chris Damico, Eyram Klu, Stacy Lewis, Debra Marusak, Barbara Redzich, Dorothy Pribish, John Price, Monica Kleimeyer, and Israel Pattison.

**4. Carolyn Townes, OFS, will present on “Understanding Unconscious Bias.”**

**Discussion Questions**

- *When did you refuse to see the divine seed in someone who was different from you?*
- *Moving forward, how will you consciously and mindfully disrupt your biases – witnessing to God’s grace in people who are different from you?*

**5. Fellowship time and celebration of June birthdays and our new inquirers.** Birthdays: 02 Marie Roccoforte, OFS; 07 Mercedes Cooley, OFS; 17 Mike Oeser, OFS; 18 Zubair Simonson, OFS; 19 Ellen Ferrone, OFS; 20 Jeanne Casciere, OFS; 25 Gail Halada, OFS

**3:30 p.m.**

**6. Fraternity business:**

**3:50 p.m.**

**Formation announcements.** Char Witosky, OFS  
(Formation director)

**Treasurer’s Report:** Zubair Simonson, OFS

- Contributions can be placed in an envelope with your name on it at the meeting or mailed to:  
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<p><b><u>Oak City Cares</u></b> - MaryLou Holloway, OFS. MaryLou needs a partner to coordinate Oak City. Our next hot meal service at Oak City Cares is on Saturday, Oct. 28.</p> <p><b><u>Outreach to Young Adults:</u></b> Anne Evangelista, OFS</p>	
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### Save the Dates:

- Our next retreat will be on **Sunday, Dec. 3**, at St. Francis. Fr. Jacek Orzechowski, O.F.M., will lead us on an Advent retreat.
- Sister Ilia Delio, OSF, will speak on **Saturday, Oct. 28**, at a Franciscan Convocation at St. Francis of Assisi parish. Sign-ups on
- If anyone is interested in presenting a talk on women Franciscan saints on **Sunday, Oct. 22**, at St. Francis of Assisi, please contact Sharon Winzeler.
- We will serve at a special centenary celebration of the 800th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi's creche at Greccio, Italy, at St. Francis of Assisi Church on **Friday, Dec. 15**.
- Fr. Steve Kluge, OFM, will lead our next retreat at St. Francis Springs on **May 10-12, 2024**.
- Ellen Ferrone asks that we remind St. Francis of Assisi parishioners that an information session about the Called and Gifted Program will be held Oct. 12 and 14. This program helps you discern the presence of charisms in your lives. This is a 2-day program, both Thursday evening and Saturday. Dinner is included on Thursday, and a light breakfast and lunch on Saturday.\* To register, go to Realm at <https://e.onrealm.org/events/05c287d3-98ab-454b-9159-b04b010a5388/meetings/d29e25c2-81e1-423e-b48c-b04b010a5392>

### Evening Prayer II