

## Padre Pio Reactivating Fraternity

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*I Love You this much!*

The gatherings are usually held  
**In Trinity Center top floor 4th  
 Sunday @1:30 pm (Subject to  
 change.) @ St Michael Catholic  
 Church, 804 High House Road,  
 Cary, NC**

### Next Gathering Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>

- 11:30 a.m. Candidate's formation in Library then Multi-Purpose Rm
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30. Orientation in Library
- 2:30 p.m. Everyone gathers in in the Multi-Purpose Room

### **October, The Month of the Rosary**

Repent, and believe in the Gospel!" (Mk 1:15)  
 These are the first words that Jesus spoke to mankind. The message of Fatima, in its basic concept, is a call to conversion and repentance, as in the Gospel. The call to repentance is linked with a call to prayer. In agreement with the tradition of many centuries, Mary's message indicates the Rosary as this call. The Gospel message is addressed to every human being in this prayer. The love of the Savior's Mother reaches every individual of our time and to all the societies, nations and peoples as a powerful weapon against evil.



See our websight @ [sfocentralnc.org](http://sfocentralnc.org)

### **Franciscan Saints for October**

- 3 St. John of Dukla, I Order
- 3 The **Transitus** of Our Holy Father Francis is traditionally celebrated in the evenings. *See article on next page.*
- 4 **Our Holy Father Francis**, founder of the Three Franciscan Orders.
- 6 St. Mary Frances of the Five Wounds, virgin of III Order.
- 10 Sts Daniel, priest, and companions, martyrs of I Order.
- 11 Bl. Mother Mary Angela Truszkowska, III O.
- 11 Bl. John XXIII, SFO (III)
- 12 St. Seraphin of Montegrano, relig., I O.
- 20 Bl. James of Strepar, bishop of I Order.
- 20 Bl. Contardo Ferrini, member of III O.
- 21 Bl. Josephine Leroux, virgin and martyr of II Order. (Optional for SFO)
- 22 St. Peter of Alcantara, priest of I Order.
- 23 St. John of Capistrano, priest of I Order.
- 25 Bl. Antonio de Sant'Anna Galvao, I O.
- 26 Bl. Bonaventure of Potenza, priest, I Order.
- 30 Anniversary of Dedication in Consecrated Franciscan Churches.
- 31 Bl. Angelo of Aciri, priest I Order

*Psalm 142 ~ Bring my soul out of this prison, and then I shall praise your name.*

**Congratulations**

Marge Zombek, OFS celebrated her 38th year as a Franciscan on Sept. 23. We congratulated a faithful servant.

Marge  
with Fr, Doug  
Reed, our  
spiritual assistant



(Picture by Ida Irwin, OFS)

**Pope Francis Moves to Improve the Conditions in the Vatican**

Archbishop Pietro Parolin, 58, currently nuncio in Venezuela, will become the **Vatican's** secretary of state – effectively the **Pope's** prime minister – on October 15, replacing Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, 78, who has been beset by a series of scandals, culminating in the theft and leaking of papal documents last year.

The Italian is a son of a farming equipment salesman and primary schoolteacher, "I feel the full weight of the responsibility placed upon me: this call entrusts to me a difficult and challenging mission, before which my powers are weak and my abilities poor," Archbishop Parolin said in a statement.

He brings a reputation as a good administrator and linguist, compared to Cardinal Bertone who lacked diplomatic experience and did not speak English.

**Happy August Birthday -**

**Many Blessings**

Mary Ann Baichan 10/10



**October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Transitus of Our Holy Father Francis is traditionally celebrated on the eve of his feast day.**

The Transitus is a Franciscan devotion to ritually remember the passing of Saint Francis from this life into God. This ritual takes place each year, the evening of October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Daniel Grigassey, OFM, wrote in an article that "the Transitus has become a significant and even necessary annual event. To ritually revisit the story of Francis' passing is vital; without it something significant is missing. It specifies the living memory of Francis; it intensifies our commitment to follow Christ in the way of the poor man of Assisi."



Saint Francis is said to have composed most of the **canticle** in late 1224 while recovering from an illness at **San Damiano**, in a small **cottage** that had been built for him by **Saint Clare** and other women of her **order**. According to tradition, the first time it was sung in its entirety was by Francis and Brothers Angelo and Leo, two of his original companions, on Francis' deathbed, the final verse praising "Sister Death" having been added only a few minutes before.

*"Be praised, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whose embrace no living person can escape. Woe to those who die in mortal sin! Happy those she finds doing your most holy will. The second death can do no harm to them.*

*Praise and bless my Lord, and give thanks, and serve him with great humility."*

**Come celebrate with us on Thursday, Oct. 3, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Church Catholic Church, in the chapel. Everyone is invited. Bring a friend.**

## The Holy Father's intentions for October

### General:

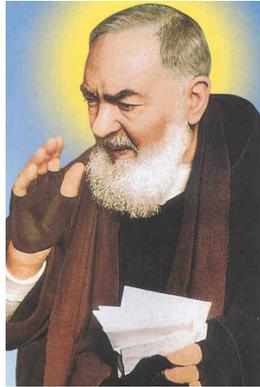
**People in Despair.** That those feeling so crushed by life that they wish to end it may sense the nearness of God's love.

### Missionary

**World Mission Day.** That the celebration of World Mission Day may help all Christians realize that we are not only receivers but proclaimers of God's word.

“My past, O Lord,  
to Your mercy;  
my present,  
to Your love;  
my future  
to Your providence.”

~ Padre Pio



## **About 100,000 took part in the Rome Vigil for Peace in Syria**

The move was answering Pope Francis' call for a grassroots cry for peace that was echoed by Christians and non-Christians alike in Syria and in conflicts around the world. This has made it one of the largest rallies in the West against proposed US-led military action against the Syrian regime following the 21 August chemical weapons attack near Damascus. Pope Francis spent most of the vigil in silent prayer, but during his speech he issued a heartfelt plea for peace. He denounced those who are "captivated by the idols of dominion and power" and destroy God's creation through war. Vatican officials have stressed that today's event was religious, not political.

Bishop Burbridge of Raleigh led an interfaith gathering at St. Francis' chapel of Our Lady of the Angels on the same day. Sept 7, the eve of Mary's birthday. The chapel was overflowing.

## Thomas à Kempis' Imitations of Christ

### Admonitions Profitable for the Spiritual Life

#### **Chapter I**

Of the imitation of Christ, and of contempt of the world and all its vanities He that follows me shall not walk in darkness, (1) says the Lord. These are the words of Christ; and they teach us how far we must imitate His life and character, if we seek true illumination, and deliverance from all blindness of heart. Let it be our most earnest study, therefore, to dwell upon the life of Jesus Christ.

2. His teaching surpasses all teaching of holy men, and such as have His Spirit find therein the hidden manna. But there are many who, though they frequently hear the Gospel, yet feel but little longing after it, because they have not the mind of Christ. He, therefore, that willfully and with true wisdom understands the words of Christ, let him strive to conform his whole life to that mind of Christ.

3. What doth it profit you to enter into deep discussion concerning the Holy Trinity, if you lack humility, and be thus displeasing to the Trinity? For indeed it is not deep words that make a man holy and upright; it is a good life that makes a man dear to God. I had rather feel contrition than be skillful in the definition thereof. If you knew the whole Bible, and the sayings of all the philosophers, what should all this profit you without the love and grace of God? Vanity of vanities, all is vanity, save to love God, and Him only to serve. That is the highest wisdom, to cast the world behind us, and to reach forward to the heavenly kingdom.

4. It is vanity then to seek after, and to trust in, the riches that shall perish. It is vanity, too, to covet honors, and to lift up ourselves on high. It is vanity to follow the desires of the flesh and be led by them, for this shall bring misery at the end. It is vanity to desire a long life, and to have little care for a good life. It is vanity to take thought only for the life that now is, and not to look forward to the things that shall be hereafter. It is vanity to love that which quickly passes away, and not to hasten where eternal joy abides.

### Important Bits and Pieces

**Transitus of St. Francis:** Thursday, October 3, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Church Catholic Church. 804 High House Road, Cary, North Carolina.

**The Immaculate Heart of Mary** - Pope Francis will consecrate the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at a Vatican ceremony on October 13.

**Next Gathering** – Sunday October 27th at 1:30 in the upper room at St. Michael's.

**Sunshine:** Contact Suzie Nelson, OFS if you know someone is sick or has a death in the family; Contact Joyce Wesner, OFS for prayer requests.

**Library:** To obtain books CD's, and other material contact Maureen Copan, OFS. New additions to the library include: *Mother Angelica The Remarkable Story of a Nun*, *Her Nerve and a Network of Miracles* by Raymond Arroyo, *Mother Angelica's Little Book of Life Lessons and Everyday Spirituality* by Raymond Arroyo, *Who's Raising Your Child?* by Laura Buddenburg and Kathleen McGee, *Beatitudes Eight Steps to Happiness* by Raniero Cantalamessa. *St. Francis of Assisi* by G.K. Chesterton, *The Book of Confidence* by Thomas De Saint-Laurent. *Woman After God's Own Heart* by Elizabeth George. *St. Anthony The Saint of the World* by Lush Gjergji, *Angels Among Us* Guideposts, *An American Conversion* by Deal Hudson, *A New Look at Grace a Spirituality of Wholeness* by Bill Huebsch, *Saint Anthony of Padua Fire and Light* by Margaret Kerry and Mary Tebo, *Diary* by Maria Faustina Kowalska, *Did Pope Pius the XII Help the Jews?* by Margherita Marchione, *Jesus of Nazareth* by Joseph Ratzinger, *The Holy Man on the Mountain - Padre Pio and the Americans Who Discovered Him* by Frank Rega, *Oh God, Why Did I Get Married?* by Jude Senieur

**Tri-Areas Ministries:** Everyone is encouraged to donate money for Tri-Areas Ministries, if possible. Marge will send \$20 each month from our Common Fund on behalf of the fraternity.

**Avila Center:** We will postpone scheduling service dates at Avila until January 2014 due to all the activities planned from now until the end of the year.

**Permanent Profession** of W. Stanley Driscoll, OFS will be celebrated on Saturday, November 16 (Tentative)

**Dec 7, 2013** Keep this date open for our annual Fraternity Retreat at Avila Retreat Center, Durham facilitated by Joanita Nellenbach, OFS Regional Lay Spiritual Assistant (9:00 – 4:00)

**Gathering date change:** The fraternity meeting date in November is the 3rd Sunday, not the 4th, because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. We'll gather on Sunday, November 17 at the regular times for orientation, formation and fraternity gathering.

**Christmas social:** Marge will be hosting the social at her home, but date yet to be announced.

### **Why do displeasing things happen to innocent people; why suffering is necessary and redemptive in Catholic beliefs?**

By [Bryan Cross](#)

God, who exists for all eternity with no beginning or end, is all knowing all powerful and all loving. He created the universe out of nothing. He created man (and each individual human being) out of the superabundance of His love. He created man as good, but with a free will so that man could choose freely to love God, and not simply be compelled to love. Evil came into the world through Man's disobedience (Man freely chose his own will against God's will -Original sin). Jesus Christ, the second person of the Trinity (so therefore God - "begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father") becomes man as part of God's plan for man's salvation, because God loves us and wants us to be united to Him. Jesus Christ reveals the Father to us, who is love and mercy, and shows us through his death and resurrection that our suffering and death is not meaningless but redemptive when united with his. He does heal people physically and spiritually, out of love, and to show that God has absolute power. Precisely because he is loving and merciful, God uses the suffering and misery in the world to draw us closer to Him,.....