

Padre Pio Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order

Gathering Agenda

St. Francis of Assisi Founder's Room

[Zoom Link](#)

Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022

A candidate will lead the recitation of the Angelus at 2:30 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 (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. Opening Prayer: Sharon Winzeler, OFS	2:35 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!	2:35 p.m.
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3. Ongoing Formation: Gladys Whitehouse, OFS, on Contemplation and Reflection Reflection Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When have I experienced God’s presence in an intimate way? • What do I need to declutter in my life, even in my spiritual practices to make time to sit with God? 	2:40-3:30 p.m.
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<p>4. Break and fellowship with the celebration of August birthdays: Henry Simms, OFS – August 10 Kiki McAllister, OFS – August 14 Valorie Davis, OFS – August 31</p>	<p>3:30 p.m.</p>
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<p>5. Fraternity business</p>	<p>3:50 p.m.</p>
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- **Council updates**

Ellen Ferrone is the newly elected minister of the Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region which covers five states. Also elected to the regional council were Zubair Simonson as treasurer and Lee Cunningham as Region 3 Councilor. Former formation director Lynn Oeser was elected regional formation director. Because regional guidelines prevent Ellen from holding office on the local council while minister of the region. Dave Shick is your new vice minister. Please congratulate and pray for all of our new servant leaders!

- **Updates from Annual Regional Gathering and the Quinquennial**

Please find more information at the regional and national websites:
<http://www.bssfso.org/> and <https://www.secularfranciscansusa.org/>

Formation announcements, Char Witosky, OFS (Formation director)

- Come and See for people seeking to learn about the Secular Franciscan Order will be held from 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 25. We will need your help. Begin today by taking a brochure to share with someone who might be interested in us.

Save the Date: Saturday, Dec. 3.

- Joanne Jacovec, OFS, will lead us in our annual day of contemplation, learning, and prayer, followed by Mass celebrated in the chapel by Fr. Hugh Macsherry, OFM.

Treasury Report, Zubair Simonson, OFS (Treasurer)

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

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JPIC- Ellen Ferrone

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

Prayer and Spirituality-

- The Third Order Dominicans are sponsoring a retreat at Immaculate Conception with Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10. The title of his presentation is “God Has A Story To Tell Us.” All are welcome. Here’s a link for registration:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/come-god-has-a-story-to-tell-us-tickets-382910013157>

Announcements:

- Our next meeting is Sunday, Aug. 28 (fourth Sunday).
- We will sponsor a Come and See for people seeking to learn more about Secular Franciscans at our Sept. 26 meeting. Please tell anyone interested to join us. We will need some of you to help as greeters, speakers, and hospitality providers. It will begin at 2:30 p.m. just like our regular meeting.

Evening Prayer 2	4 p.m.
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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 will occur on the same weekend. The 2022 **dates for our apostolate** are: 9/24, 10/22, 11/26, 12/24.

Event	Date	Location	Discussion Topic
Gathering	Aug. 28, 2022,	St. Francis of Assisi	Reflection and Meditation by Gladys Whitehouse, OFS
Gathering	Sept. 25, 2022,	St. Francis of Assisi	Come and See
Gathering	Oct. 24, 2022,	St. Francis of Assisi	TBA
Gathering	Nov. 28, 2022,	St. Francis of Assisi	TBA
Retreat	Dec. 3, 2022	Founders Room	Joanne Jacovec will present on the conversion of Sts. Francis and Clare