

Padre Pio Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order

Gathering Agenda

St. Francis of Assisi Founder's Room

[Zoom Link](#)

Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023

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: Speakers from L'Arche NC Laura Steed Lorino , Community Leader & Executive Director Tatum Tricarico is a student at Duke Divinity and a Disability rights activist on Instagram (@blind_person_in_area).	2:40-3:10 p.m.
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<p>4. Fellowship and celebration of February birthdays: Joan Monti, OFS, Feb. 2; Rachel Bongiorno, OFS, Feb. 4; Michael Hancock, OFS, Feb. 11; Sr. Kathy Ann Horvat, OSC, Feb. 20; Nkem Okereke, OFS, Feb. 21.</p>	<p>3:15 p.m.</p>
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<p>5. Fraternity business</p>	<p>3:45 p.m.</p>
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Formation announcements, Permanent profession date is July 15, 2023. Please mark your calendars. Char Witosky, OFS

- Fraternity retreat at St. Francis Springs is March 10-12 (Lee Cunningham, OFS)
 - Update on retreat leader
- Our next ongoing formation will be a session on Padre Pio.
- Update on pilgrimage to Assisi, Italy, in April 2024 (Chris Peffley)

Treasury Report, Zubair Simonson, OFS (Treasurer)

Contributions to the fraternity can be mailed to:
 Padre Pio Fraternity,
 % Zubair Simonson, OFS
 6300 Creedmoor Rd, Ste. 170
 Raleigh, NC 27612

Budget adjustment for purchase of diapers for Catholic Parish Outreach. (Sharon)

JPIC- Gladys Whitehouse, OFS

- **Oak City Cares** - Lee Cunningham, OFS, and Marylou Holloway, OFS. Our next food service is Saturday, March 25. Our fraternal visitor from the Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region will serve with us at Oak City Cares
- **L'Arche** feedback and updates

Announcements

- **March 10-12, 2023.** Annual retreat at St. Francis Springs. Please give your checks to Zubair today.
- We will have two visitors from the Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region at our next meeting on March 26. You will be receiving an email from the Region within the next week. Please complete and return the questionnaire to the Region. It will be a big help to the visitors from our region. These visits occur every three years. Please make our visitors feel welcome.
- **Saturday, July 15, 2023.** Permanent Profession will be held during an 11 a.m. Mass at St. Francis of Assisi of our candidates. Reception afterward. We want everyone in the fraternity to be present for this joyous occasion. We will not have a fraternity meeting in July.

Evening Prayer 2 (below)	4: p.m.
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Evening Prayer II for Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, Feb. 26, 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.

HYMN

Only This I Want Lyrics

[Chorus]

Only this I want: But to know the Lord
And to bear his cross, so to wear the crown he wore

[Verse 1]

All but this is loss, worthless refuse to me
For to gain the Lord is to gain all I need

[Chorus]

Only this I want: But to know the Lord
And to bear his cross, so to wear the crown he wore

[Verse 2]

Only this I want:
but to know the Lord,
and to bear his cross,
so to wear the crown he wore.

[Chorus]

Only this I want: But to know the Lord
And to bear his cross, so to wear the crown he wore

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 Worship your Lord and God; serve him alone.

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

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

Right: 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: Worship your Lord and God; serve him alone.

Ant. 2 This is the time when you can win God's favor; the day when you can be saved.

Presider: When Israel came forth from Egypt,

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

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

Left: 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?

Right: 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.

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

Right: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. 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: This is the time when you can win God's favor; the day when you can be saved.

Ant. 3 Now we must go up to Jerusalem where all that has been written about the Son of Man will be fulfilled.

Antiphonarian: Christ suffered for you,

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

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

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

Right: 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.

Left: 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 for ever. Amen.

All: Now we must go up to Jerusalem where all that has been written about the Son of Man will be fulfilled.

READING

Reader: While all the runners in the stadium take part in the race, the award goes to one man. In that case, run so as to win! Athletes deny themselves all sorts of things. They do this to win a crown of leaves that withers, but we a crown that is imperishable.

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

Stand

Ant. Watch over us, eternal Savior; do not let the cunning tempter seize us.
We place all our trust in your unfailing help.

Luke 1:46-55

Presider: *The soul rejoices in the Lord*

All: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
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: Watch over us, eternal Savior; do not let the cunning tempter seize us. We
place all our trust in your unfailing help.

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 for ever 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: Grant, almighty God,
through the yearly observances of holy Lent,
that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
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.