

St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Fraternity  
Saecularis  
St. Margaret of Cortona Region

Ordo Franciscanus

**Next Fraternity Gathering**

August 27, 2018  
St. Joan's Meeting House

**AGENDA**

7:30 pm: **Opening Prayer** page 35 of Ritual Book  
**Followed by a moment of Silence before we begin the Liturgy**

**Liturgy of the Hours:**

**Presider: Ginger Bahr**

**Antiphonarian: Margaret Wise**

**Reader: Stan Glodek**

**Monday St. Monica( Mem)**

God Come to My Assistance: P.723

**Hymn: The Church's One Foundation\_#155**  
page 1677

Following Hymn go to Common of Holy Women  
**P.1466**

**Ant. For the Canticle of Mary – P. 1238**

**Intercessions: p1469**

Our Father

**Prayer as in Morning Prayer p.1238**

**Please note we will have a moment of silence before we begin the Liturgy to recollect ourselves. In preparation, it would be helpful to have your LOH Books ready with ribbons in place on designated pages before the meeting.**

**Ongoing Formation:** Gospel of John

Session Seven, Read John Chapters 13-17.

9 pm: Closing Prayer

**Prayer Intentions**

**The Simmons Family:** Mary, Ed, Brian,  
Mary Anne, Cecelia, Eliot, Ed Jr., and Noel

**Mary Rose Scelsi**

**Pierre LaCour**

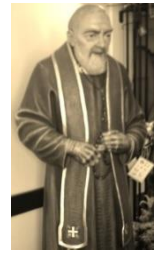
**Jeffrey Teller Jr.**

**Eleanor, Barbara's sister in law**

**For all those in our Intention Book**

**Members of our Fraternity and their families**

St. Francis and St. Clare pray for us!



August Profession - Br. Lawrence 8/15

**Apostolate for August**

\$20

Padre Pio Foundation

**Upcoming Event**

**St. Joseph Cupertino  
Multi Fraternity Picnic**

**Location:**

Shrine of St. Anthony, 1229 Folly Quarter Rd.

Ellicott City, MD 21042

**Date: Sunday, September 16, 2018**

**Mass at 12 Noon** followed by picnic

**Time: 1pm to 4pm**

Food will be provided but feel free to bring a dish to share.

**Please let Bonnie Ng know by September 6<sup>th</sup>** if you will attend so she can give St. Joseph Cupertino the number of attendees from our fraternity.

**Birthday Blessings**

Mary Simmons 8/12

Anne Dulik 8/13

Donna Willard 8/17

Barbara Teller 8/24

## One of Our Apostolates The Missionaries of Charity

The Missionaries of Charity were “urged to establish an order in Baltimore by Cardinal William H. Keeler to run an Aids hospice in 1992. In addition to the hospice, the sisters and their volunteer corps run a summer Bible camp, an afterschool program for neighborhood children during the academic year, visit death row inmates, provide weekly companionship to patients at The Johns Hopkins Hospital and residents of Ravenwood Nursing and Rehab Center, deliver groceries to shut ins and participate in organized prayer five hours each day. The Missionaries of Charity shun self-glorification and the sisters never solicit donations for their countless charity programs. They rely instead on divine providence to fill their coffers with contributions. The Missionaries of Charity take the traditional three vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and a fourth vow of wholehearted free service to the poorest of the poor.”

From: The Catholic Review, January 19,2012  
Submitted by Stan Glodek

## A Greeting from The Poor Clares Wappingers Falls, New York

To all of our relatives and friends, scattered in every direction of our beloved country, each of us sends you a greeting of peace and love! Usually that’s the greeting we send to each other at Christmas but what better time than the bright months of summer which fills us with sunshine, family get-togethers and perhaps the beach!

Which of us doesn’t enjoy going out into the sunshine on perhaps a crisp ( not too hot) sunny day, closing our eyes, breathing life in deeply and just letting the sun envelop us with its warmth? There is something in all that akin to our longing for God: light, quiet peace, the fresh breath of life. Silence for prayer is one of the essentials for our life. No, please believe that none of us here in the Monastery are exempted from the busyness and struggles of everyday life! But if pausing regularly to restore inner quiet and peace are essential for our life of prayer, is it any less important for each of you who must handle so many daily concerns?

There is a story in the Old Testament about the prophet Elijah whom God invited to the mouth of the cave he was in, to hear His voice.(1Kings 19:11-12).A great and powerful wind came, but God wasn’t in that noise; then came an earthquake, but God did not speak in the earthquake, then a fire, but God did

not let His voice be heard in its magnificence. “ And after the fire came a gentle whisper” and it was in this gentle whisper that God spoke to Elijah. Now first, let me be clear about something, God speaks to us in everything that happens in our lives: earthquake, fire, death, illness, joys and struggle. The point here is to recognize that in order to hear Him, we must recapture that inner quiet and stillness. God doesn’t want us to face our troubles alone; He is a near and constant Companion, longing to hear from us, to share our life, our hopes to help us solve our problems. So yes, to those of us who can enjoy the sunshine, but then must return to face our daily problems, my encouragement is this: DON’T DO IT ALONE! The God behind that sunlight is also in the rain, the wind and the earthquake, but without taking those few moments to quiet our troubled hearts and share our lives with Him, we leave ourselves alone for He never leaves us.

So from all of us here, our wish for you is that “peace that surpasses all understanding” the peace that comes with having God as Friend-Someone we can trust no matter what happens.

May all of you enjoy a beautiful Feast of St. Clare and a happy continuation of these summer days!

Sister Regina and all the Sisters

The Poor Clares have been one of our apostolate donations too. They have been praying for our Fraternity. We thank them for their prayers. As members of the Franciscan family, let us remember the Sisters in our prayers as well.

### Picnic with St. Michael’s Fraternity

The Picnic at Cindy and Mark Evans’ home was a fun afternoon. Al Gigel, Mike Huether and Kelly Frederick were also in attendance from Little Flower Fraternity. Our Fraternity was represented by Bonnie, Joy, Margaret and Mary Simmons and her husband Ed. Deacon Vic Petrosino, a member of St. Michael’s, started off the gathering with a reflection of the Sunday’s Gospel followed by Grace Before Meals led by Cindy and Mark. God provided glorious summer weather with low humidity, a breeze and a day without rain. The food was great and plentiful. Some took a dip in the pool. It was fun to intermingle and get to know our neighboring Franciscan brothers and sisters. Cindy and Mark exemplified true Franciscan hospitality. A great time was had by all!

## Minister's Message

Like good Catholics everywhere, my heart was deeply troubled by the painful news of allegations and the report from the Grand Jury of Pennsylvania concerning the Diocese of Harrisburg. My heart was furthered saddened because I served two terms on the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council under the leadership of the late William Cardinal Keeler. Archbishop Lori in his letter August 14<sup>th</sup> to the people of the Archdiocese regarding this stated that in 2002 Cardinal Keeler disclosed a list of credibly accused priests and the Cardinal wrote the following words, "The simple painful truth is that the Church did not go far enough to protect children from sexual abuse. I humbly ask forgiveness for my mistakes. Please pray for me so that I may better serve."

When such revelations took place in Boston and elsewhere, I heard reports that Catholics were leaving the Church because of these scandals and even years later heard people say they no longer attended Mass or lost their Faith because they no longer trusted Church leaders.

As horrifying and painful the sexual abuse scandal is, I think of Jesus telling the people gathered about him that His flesh is true food and His blood true drink and whoever feeds on Him will live and many disciples walked away from Him. "He turns to the Twelve and says "Do you too wish to turn back"? Simon Peter answered him. Lord, who would we go to? You have the words of eternal life and we've believed and come to know that you're the Holy One of God." (John 6:66-69). Those who despair over this abuse situation might answer the question "To whom would we go or where would we go"?

We are following Jesus Christ and the Church belongs to Him. The Catholic Church was established by Christ and is the only Church that has a line of succession back to St. Peter, the

first Pope. It contains the fullness of Faith, with richness in Liturgy, Devotions, Sacraments, the Magisterium, the Saints and most of all the Eucharist. We are where we are meant to be because we have the Lord with His Body and Blood who humbly abides with us through this Blessed Sacrament.

We live in a time where Faith and God are under attack and Satan is busy at work. We need to pray for the Church and for our priests and Bishops. We must pray for the victims. The Evil One wants us to be discouraged and despair. But we remain strong because we have Jesus with us always! As Franciscans we must build up the Church in whatever ways we can. Our Lady of Fatima said we must pray the rosary for reparation. Padre Pio says the rosary is the weapon against evil. Let us go to Mary who is the Mother of the Church. There is the temptation to be angry with the Church. We must never lose sight that it is Christ who is our Shepherd and head of the Church, His Mystical Body. As Christ loves the sinner, let us love the Church in spite of her sins!

In Francis and Clare  
Bonnie Ng, O.F.S.  
Minister

**"Let not your hearts be troubled!  
Believe in God and believe in me."  
John 14:1**

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