

# The Shrine of St. Anthony

A MINISTRY OF THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS CONVENTUAL  
Ellicott City, MD  
ST. ANTHONY



It is worth noting that here at the Shrine of St. Anthony our Franciscan roots run deep, especially in the year 2026. You may have heard by now that Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed this year

as the Year of St. Francis, recognizing Franciscan churches and holy sites as places of pilgrimage during this year of grace. Here at the Shrine of St. Anthony, we're excited to be on that list!

What does it mean to have a Franciscan identity? It's my sincere hope that you see here at the Shrine and in our other Maryland ministries that friars serve the poor, live our vow of poverty, embrace Gospel brotherhood, care for creation, act for social justice, and find joy in contemplative prayer. Here, and everywhere we minister, we seek to do all these things in gratitude and praise for the God who loved us first.

In my ministry here as Shrine Director, I also like to highlight ways to keep the connection between our Order, founded by St. Francis of Assisi, and one of his most famous followers, our great patron, St. Anthony Padua. Like St. Francis, St. Anthony preached a life of conversion. He believed that following Jesus meant celebrating this world as a wonderful gift from God. He even used animals, such as the donkey we see in the statue out front, to help him proclaim his message. As we begin our Lenten Season this month of February, may this specifically Franciscan emphasis on conversion allow us to grow more in union with God's will.

Stay tuned to this monthly newsletter, our website, and bulletin boards for news about different ways that we hope to celebrate this special Year of St. Francis with you. Of note, like the Jubilee Year of Hope, we can once again offer a plenary indulgence to pilgrims who come to pray here. Be on the lookout for printed guidelines for obtaining that special gift of the Church. As always, feel free ask any questions to a friar that you pass in the Shrine or to one of our friendly staff members or volunteers.

May this special year help us to follow our Franciscan patrons' example of conversion of heart in Jesus Christ our Lord. In this way may we be better able to offer with St. Francis, St. Anthony, St. Clare and St. Maximilian Kolbe more fitting thanks and praise to our loving God.

All Franciscan Saints, pray for us.

Peace,

Friar Gary

Friar Gary Johnson, OFM Conv.

### **It's Year of St. Francis!**

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed the Jubilee Year of St. Francis, a special Holy Year of grace (Jan. 10, 2026 to Jan. 10, 2027). This year's Jubilee is in recognition of the 800th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi's death, and his powerful witness to living the Gospel that is still relevant today. The Shrine of St. Anthony is a Pilgrimage site where visitors may experience spiritual renewal and seek plenary indulgence. We welcome all hopeful pilgrims from near and far to visit the chapel and grounds throughout the year.

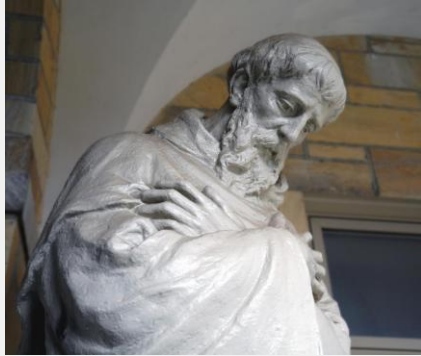


### **Did You Know?**

St. Francis was a living example of the Beatitudes. He was meek, a peacemaker and merciful. He was especially clean of heart. This expression, clean of heart, actually means single minded (for ancients believed the heart is where one thought). So clean of heart meant that one always kept one's mind upon God.

St. Francis always sought to keep his thoughts on the Lord and his wondrous ways. He had given up everything in this world so

that he could enjoy everything around him without feeling that he had to possess or control it. Every bird, every flower, every lamb, and even every worn reminded him to the one whom he loved without limit, Christ our Lord.



### **Follow along for more**

Every week, we'll be sharing short anecdotes like this from St. Francis's life and ministry that relate to the Sunday Gospel. Tuesdays will similarly be dedicated to St. Anthony. Follow us on our social channels for more!

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## **Postulants Visit Ellicott City**



The Shrine of St. Anthony was blessed to welcome Adan Orellana and Lou Salvador who are currently in formation, formally discerning life in Franciscan ministry. The pair is pictured here for Farmer Matt Jones of Little Portion Farm during one of their many tours of our friar ministries around

Maryland. Especially as February 1 is World Day of Consecrated Life, we ask for your continued prayers for all discerning a call to Franciscan ministry, especially Lou and Adan.

For more information about vocations and discerning life as a Franciscan Friar Conventual, [please get in touch](#).

## Lent at the Shrine

### Ash Wednesday Masses

Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 8 a.m. and 12 p.m.

### Friday Stations of the Cross

Fridays, 1 p.m.

### Outdoor Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 3 at 12 p.m.

### Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4 at 10:30 a.m.

### Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 2 at 7 p.m.

### Good Friday Veneration

Friday, April 3 at 3 p.m.

### Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 4 at 7 p.m.

### Sunrise Mass

Sunday, April 5 at 6 a.m.

### Easter Sunday Mass

Sunday, April 5 at 12 p.m.

*The Companions of St. Anthony will be praying an Easter Novena in the nine days leading up to the Feast. To receive the daily prayers to your inbox, [please sign up here](#).*

## Books, Journals, and More

Stop by the Shrine Gift Shop to browse a large selection of items to support your Lenten journey. We are also selling the the 2026 Hallow Lent40 book "The Brothers Karamazov."

The Shrine Gift Shop is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. *The Gift Shop will be closed Monday, Feb. 16, all day.*





## Daily Reflections with Friar Jude Winkler, OFM Conv.

Friar Jude offers food for thought every day on his daily podcast, available on Soundcloud. Click the link below to listen and subscribe.

[Daily Reflections with Friar Jude](#)



## Upcoming Bible Studies and Workshops

You're invited to join us for our Bible Studies and spiritual workshops with Friar Jude Winkler, OFM Conv., and Friar Terence Bateman, OFM Conv. All sessions are offered in

person, and available for livestream on the [Companions of St. Anthony YouTube page](#). Please bring your Bible!

### **Bible Study: St. Paul's Letters**

*Friar Jude Winkler, OFM Conv.*

Wednesdays, Feb. 4 to Feb. 25 from 9:30 a.m.— 11:30 a.m.

### **Workshop: Pathways to Contemplation**

*Friar Terence Bateman, OFM Conv.*

Fridays, Feb. 20 to March 27 from 9:30 a.m.— 11:00 a.m.

### **Understanding and Living a Fruitful Lent**

*Friar Jude Winkler, OFM Conv.*

Saturday, Feb. 21 from 9:30 a.m.— 11:30 a.m.

### **The Passion Accounts**

*Friar Jude Winkler, OFM Conv.*

Wednesday, March 18 from 9:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m.

### **The Resurrection Accounts**

*Friar Jude Winkler, OFM Conv.*

Saturday, April 11 from 9:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m.

[Register](#)

## Franciscan Pilgrimages of Hope in 2026



Each day-long experience includes a themed tour of the Shrine, time for Confession and Mass, a lunch break, and an afternoon activity on the grounds. *Pilgrimage of Hope attendance is capped at 50 participants. Free Will Offerings accepted, but not required, to attend. Register at link below.*

### **A Light in the Dark**

Saturday, March 28, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Theme: St. Clare of Assisi

### **Finding Hope That's Been Lost**

Saturday, June 6, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

OR Tuesday, June 9, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Theme: St. Anthony of Padua

### **Hope From Our Mother**

Saturday, August 15, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

\*There will be a Mass for the Assumption at 12 p.m.

Theme: St. Maximillian Kolbe

### **Rebuild My Church**

Saturday, October 3, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Theme: San Damiano Cross and St. Francis's Call

[Sign up](#)

## SAVE THE DATE





## Open Tours of Carrollton Hall

Carrollton Hall, an historic site on the grounds of the Shrine, tells the inclusive history of all the people who have inhabited our site. Monthly tours will be available after the Noon Mass.

Tours are limited to 20. Please reserve your space at the links below.

- [Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 1 p.m.](#)
- [Monday, March 16 at 1 p.m.](#)



## Volunteers Welcome

Volunteers work on **Little Portion Farm** all year round to plant and harvest food for people in need. Even during the colder months, volunteers are cultivating the land and working in the greenhouses. No prior experience is necessary.

[Learn More](#)

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Our prayerful knitters and crocheters in the Prayer Shawl Ministry meet on the second Tuesday of every month in the Shrine Library. Patterns are started or worked on during meetings and finished at home.

If you'd like to get involved (all skill levels welcome) or are interested in supporting this ministry in other ways, please contact the Shrine office.



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## **Mass**

Sunday-Saturday, 12 p.m.

## **Adoration**

Tuesdays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

## **Confession**

Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

## **Gift Shop Hours**

Weekdays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sundays, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

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The Franciscan Friars Conventual have owned, lived, and ministered on this 236 acres of land in scenic Howard County, Maryland since 1928. What once was a private novitiate for friars in formation, is now a thriving campus of activity, with opportunities for visitors to find space for contemplation, reconciliation, companionship, service, and renewal.

The ministries of the friars in Ellicott City, including the Shrine, are embodiments of Franciscan values, as the friars live in and serve the community through evangelization and corporal works of mercy.

## Make a Gift



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