The Shrine of St. Anthony

A MINISTRY OF THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS CONVENTUAL

Ellicott City, MD



Dear Ray,

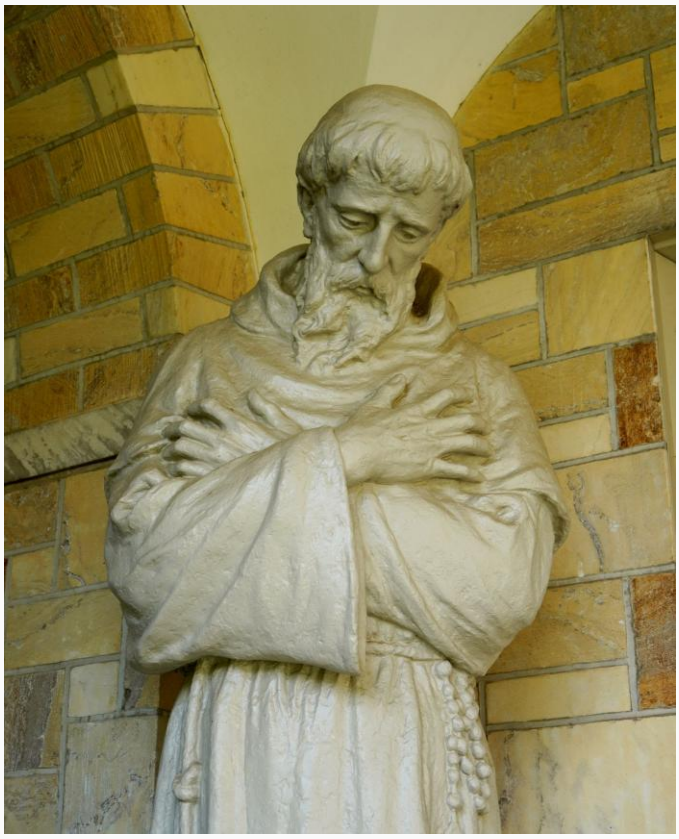
As I prepare to begin as the new Director of the Shrine of St. Anthony later this month, I thought telling you a little bit more about myself before I arrive would be a good place to begin. It was 50 years ago this year that I first came to Ellicott City as a novice, discerning my call to be a Franciscan. No one came and went from the property - this was a closed site at the time - and coming home to the Shrine which now welcomes thousands of pilgrims each year makes me feel as if everything has come full circle. I trust God has a plan for all of us, and I'm excited to see what it is.

I was born and raised in Springfield, Massachusetts and have one older brother. I professed my vows as a Franciscan Friar Conventual in 1977 and went on to study in seminaries in Massachusetts and New York before being ordained a priest in 1986. Other than a brief stint in teaching, I have served as a parochial vicar or pastor at several parishes in Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, and, most recently, for the last 16 years, was the pastor at St. Casimir in Baltimore. During this time of pastoral ministry, I served many diverse communities and even helped shepherd the faithful as they sought a sense of home in newly combined parishes in which I served. I look forward to bringing my love of Christ and priestly ministry to the Confessional and Chapel here at the Shrine in service to all pilgrims who journey here.

Once again, I am very much looking forward to this exciting new chapter as I return to where I began my Franciscan vocation. There is a very talented and dedicated group of people who staff and volunteer at the Shrine, and I'm honored to have the opportunity to serve alongside them. And perhaps, most importantly, I look forward to meeting many of the faithful who come to the Shrine to find refreshment and peace and a closer walk with the Lord. I ask that you keep me in your prayers in the weeks ahead as you will be in mine.

God Bless,

Fr. Dennis Grumsey, OFM Conv.



The Year of St. Francis is not over! Come celebrate the patron of our friars with us this weekend!

Blessing of the Animals | Saturday, October 3 | 2 p.m.

Bring your pets (leashed) for a special blessing to celebrate St. Francis, the patron saint of animals.

Transitus | Saturday, October 3 | 7-9 p.m.

Saint Francis died just after sunset on October 3. This event is solemnly recalled each year by Franciscans to honor their holy Father's transition to eternal life. This year, Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore will join us and share a special reflection. The prayer service will be in the Shrine Chapel, followed by light refreshments in the Dining Hall.

Your RSVP helps us plan for Transitus!

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi | Sunday, October 4

We will have coffee and doughnuts in the Dining Room after the noon Mass.

Workshops in the Shrine Glassroom

Spiritual workshops and Bible Studies offered in the Shrine Glassroom are livestreamed on the Companions of St. Anthony YouTube page. If you plan to attend in person, please let us know at the links below so we can adequately plan.



The Book of Genesis

Friar Jude Winkler, OFM Conv.

Saturday, October 24

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Register Here



Spirituality of Caregiving

Friar Jude Winkler, OFM Conv. and **special guest speaker, author Ruth Shea**

Tuesday, October 27

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Register Here



The Book of Exodus

Friar Jude Winkler, OFM Conv.

Saturday, November 7

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Register Here



Exploring Magnifica Humanitas

Friar Dennis Mason, OFM Conv.

Thursday, November 12

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Register Here

Contemplative Prayer Group: New Time!

This group hosted by Fr. Terence Bateman, OFM Conv. meets every Friday in the Shrine Library from **9:45-10:45 a.m.** Join us to grow deeper in prayer.

Join Email List

Shrine Gift Shop

Looking for a great gift or addition to your kitchen? Check out our delicious local honey, straight from the Shrine beehives. Shrine Gift Shop gift cards are now also available for purchase!



Gift Shop Hours
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sundays, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

The Shrine Gift Shop will be open through the entire festival, Wine at the Shrine, on Oct. 10.

Exciting Accessibility Update

All attending Mass at the Shrine can now listen to the live Chapel audio through hearing aids (Bluetooth-enabled) or headphones. Interested users need to download the ListenWifi app on their smartphone and connect to Shrine wifi network Franciscans_GUEST wifi (password: peace1226). Chapel audio will then play through

hearing aids or headphones. We also have headsets to borrow for those without smartphones. Please see someone in the Shrine Office if you have any questions.

Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, October 10 | 9 a.m.-6 p.m.



Join the friars on an all-day pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Pilgrims will have the opportunity to explore the Basilica's grounds, gather with other pilgrims, hear inspiring words, and pray. Fr. Michael Heine, OFM Conv. will celebrate Mass at the Basilica to end the day.

This pilgrimage is sponsored by the Marian Apostolate of Our Lady of the Angels Province.

Bus tickets are $30.

Click the button below for more information, a schedule for the day, and to register.

Register

Wine at the Shrine

October 10, 2026 | 1-6 p.m.



Bring the whole family for a day of fall fun at the Shrine, complete with food trucks, live music, games, hayrides, pumpkin picking, beer, wine, and mocktail tastings, raffles, and more! All proceeds from this event are shared between Little Portion Farm and the

Franciscan Center of Baltimore. Together, these two organizations are bringing nutritious, farm-fresh food to our neighbors in need.

Can't make the festival, but still want to support our partners in ministry? Raffle tickets can be purchased online. Winners do not need to be present to win!

Tickets



Coming Up at Carrollton Hall



Families and Freedom at Folly Farm and Beyond

Wednesday, October 21 at 1 p.m.

Landscape and Agriculture at Carrollton Hall

Wednesday, October 28 at 1 p.m.

RSVP

Night with the Saints

Sunday, November 1 at 6 p.m.



Celebrate the Feast of All Saints with your family at the Shrine! Learn about the lives of many Franciscan saints, gather some sweet treats, pray the Litany of the Saints, and end the night with a cozy bonfire. All are encouraged to dress as your favorite saint. Please bring one bag of candy per two children, and don't forget a flashlight!

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More From Our Campus

Worship at the Shrine

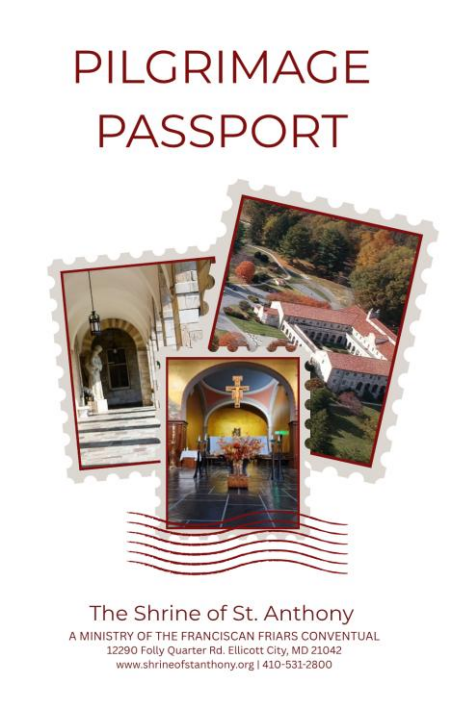
There are many opportunities to pray and praise God at the Shrine of St. Anthony. Mass is celebrated daily at noon, the Sacrament of Confession is offered Monday-Saturday at 11 a.m., and more.

Click Here for Worship Opportunities and Schedules

Historical Tours of the Shrine

Step into history with a guided tour of the Shrine grounds. Learn more about this sacred pilgrimage site, our venerable relic, and our beloved patron, St. Anthony. Tours occur monthly, and begin in the courtyard after noon Mass.

The next tour will be Sunday, October 25 at 1 p.m. *No RSVP required.*

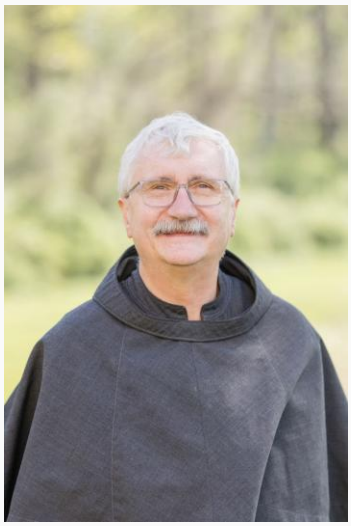


Pilgrimage Passport

Have you picked up your copy of the Shrine Pilgrimage Passport? Enjoy a self-guided tour and activity guide for the grounds as we celebrate the Year of St. Francis!

Pick up a copy in the Shrine or download before you visit.

Download Passport



Daily Reflections from Friar Jude Winkler, OFM Conv.

Fr. Jude shares helpful reflections on Gospel readings every day. Listen in to learn, be inspired, and grow in your faith.

Listen



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our knitters and crocheters in the Prayer Shawl Ministry meet on the second Tuesday of every month in the Shrine Library. All skill levels are welcome! Contact the Shrine Office if interested in joining.



Become a Companion

The Companions of St. Anthony help to support the friars in their ministry of serving the people of God in all walks of life through prayer and almsgiving. Read more about the Companions here.

Become a Companion

Taking Photos?

The Shrine of St. Anthony is a popular destination for milestone photography, including birthdays, proms, graduations, engagement photos, and family photo sessions. All are welcome to capture the beauty of our grounds in their photographs, but we do ask visitors be respectful of the holy site and residents here. Free will offerings are encouraged to help us maintain the grounds and gardens for enjoyment of thousands of visitors each year.

When visiting our campus for photography, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- No photography in the courtyard or in front of the Shrine building between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to respect our visitors coming to the Shrine for Confession and Mass.

- The grounds are open from dawn to dusk. We ask visitors not linger after dark.

- Mind where you park to ensure emergency vehicle access. There is no parking on the grass in front of the building.

There are times in which the Shrine is not accessible to visitors due to a private event. If signage indicates a private event is in progress, we hope you'll consider returning another time.

Photo Gift

Pray for Vocations



We invite our community to continue to pray for vocations to the Franciscan Order.

For more information about vocations and discerning life as a Franciscan Friar Conventual, click the button below.

Learn More

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The Shrine of St. Anthony

The Shrine of St. Anthony is a ministry of the Franciscan Friars Conventual of Our Lady of the Angels Province. Your gift ensures a strong ministry in the Franciscan tradition continues here for years to come.

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