The Shrine of St. Anthony

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Dear Raymond and Dawn,

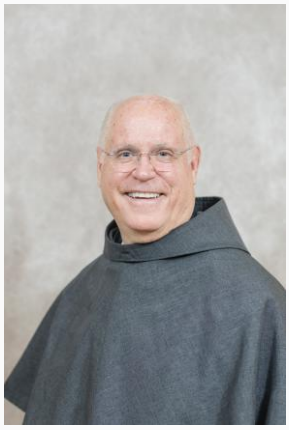
It is hard to believe that the beautiful autumn season is upon us, and with it, three particularly meaningful celebrations for me: the Feast of All Saints, All Souls' Day, and Thanksgiving.

On the **Feast of All Saints and All Souls' Day**, I always remember my grandmother. She lived with my parents and

brother when I was growing up, and every day she took our dog for a long walk, wearing a beautiful dress and a pinned decorative handkerchief. When she died, those handkerchiefs took on a special meaning for me, becoming a reminder of this very humble and holy woman. Relics are like that: physical reminders of the holy men and women who came before us and now intercede for us around the throne of God. I hope you'll take an opportunity to pray in a special way before the relics we will have on display on All Saints Day and, of course, the ever-present relic of St. Anthony in our Chapel. I also invite you this month to reflect on the saints in your life. If they are now with God, how do you pray for and to them? May we all find comfort in our faith and hope in the promise of eternal life.

And lastly, as we celebrate **Thanksgiving** and our liturgical year nears its end, may we all find time to count our blessings and express our gratitude to God, especially for the blessings we sometimes take for granted.

As we embark on this month, may the saints intercede for us, may the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace, and may God fill our hearts and homes with His abundant blessings. It is in my prayers, and those of all the friars here at the Shrine, that these special occasions strengthen our faith, deepen our love for others, and remind us all of the importance of prayer, forgiveness, generosity, and gratitude.



May God bless us all, today and always.

With prayers, love, and heartfelt gratitude,

Fr. Dennis Grumsey, OFM Conv.

Director of the Shrine of St. Anthony

Relics Available for Veneration

A collection of over 50 relics from various saints, including **Francis, Anthony, Maximilian Kolbe, Mother Teresa, and Faustina** will be on display in the Shrine Chapel for the first two weeks of November. A relic of the **True Cross** will also be displayed. All are welcome to venerate these sacred relics.



Advent and Christmas at the Shrine

We hope you will join us in worship this Advent and Christmas season! Check out the Shrine Gift Shop for Advent candles, calendars, and wreaths, Nativity scenes, and more.

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses: 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass: 12 p.m.

*There will be no Confessions offered on Christmas Day.

Fr. Terence Bateman, OFM Conv. will offer a presentation called "Waiting with Mary: Come and Wait in Joyful Hope with Our Blessed Mother" on Saturday, December 5 at 9:30 a.m. For more information and to register, click here.



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 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



The Gospel of Mark

Friar Jude Winkler, OFM Conv.



The Old and the New Covenants

Saturday, November 28

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Register Here

Friar Jude Winkler, OFM Conv.

Wednesday, December 2

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Register Here

Contemplative Prayer Group

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

Christmas is just around the corner! Ready to start your shopping? Check off your list at the Shrine Gift Shop. With symbolic statues, sturdy rosaries, ceramic mugs, beautiful sacred jewelry, books, framed prints, and so much more, the Shrine Gift Shop is your one-stop shop for all your gift giving! Not sure what to pick out? A gift card is perfect for any loved one!



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 closed on Thanksgiving Day.

Rebuild My Church: A Franciscan Pilgrimage of Hope

Saturday, November 21 | 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.



Join us for our final Franciscan Pilgrimage of Hope of the year, where we will learn about the history of the San Damiano cross. St. Francis was praying in front of this cross when he received the Lord's call to rebuild the church.

Registration is capped at 50 pilgrims, so secure your spot today via the button below.

Register

Special Blessings

Blessing of Cars | Tuesday, November 3

Immediately following noon Mass, Fr. Jude Winkler, OFM Conv. will offer a blessing over cars for protection and safety.

Sacrament of Anointing | Thursday, November 12

Immediately following noon Mass, Fr. Jude Winkler, OFM Conv. will offer the Sacrament of Anointing to those who wish to receive.

No RSVP is necessary for the events above.

Greccio

Saturday, December 12 from 7-8:30 p.m.



Join us at the Big Red Barn for our annual live Nativity, a great way to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus on Christmas! No RSVP necessary.

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

Coming Up at Carrollton Hall



Three Centuries of History at Folly Quarter
Tuesday, November 17 at 10 a.m.

Art and Agriculture at Carrollton Hall
Wednesday, December 9 at 5:30 p.m.

Families and Freedom at Folly Farm and Beyond
Tuesday, January 19 at 10 a.m.

Landscape and Agriculture at Carrollton Hall
Wednesday, February 10 at 1:30 p.m.

More Information and RSVP

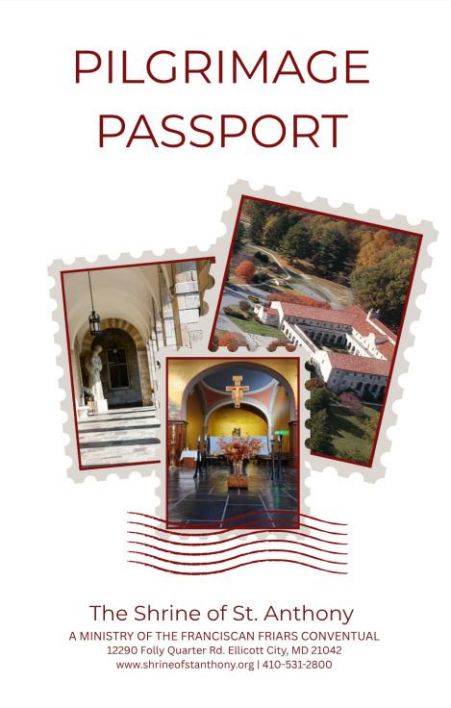
Historical Tours of the Shrine

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, November 22 at 1 p.m. *No RSVP required.*

Accessibility

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.

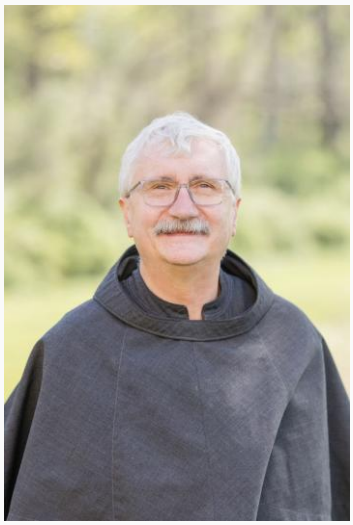


Pilgrimage Passport

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.

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