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PACE E BENE

TAU FRATERNITY

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Minister's Message

Peace and good!

Last formation we talked about the Pope Francis' Ash Wednesday Homily. We are nothing but dust. Our worldly ambitions mean nothing. Yet we are precious dust that is loved. "Holiness is not achieved by our efforts, for it is Grace!" I've been contemplating what does Holiness look like. If all is ephemeral, what really matters? Joy matters and this is at the heart of Holiness. I've long made a distinction between happiness and joy. The distinction I make starts with the identification of a short lived sugar high, the thrills of life. Let's call it happiness. Now, contrast that with a peace that emanates to those around us. Let's call that joy. If I'm joyful, I cannot be wistful of an imagined better time in my life or fanciful about imagined better circumstances. If I'm joyful, I enjoy the passing things of this life but without preoccupation or attachment.

Part of this is a recognition that following Catholic Doctrine and the Franciscan Rule is not a burdensome duty but rather key instructions on how to unlock deeper peace. Because when we are joyful, we are our true selves. I'm grateful for Tau and for the reminders I have received on the importance of joy from all of you.

Like the butterfly effect, the joy that we emanate is not passing but echoes long after our death.

Josh

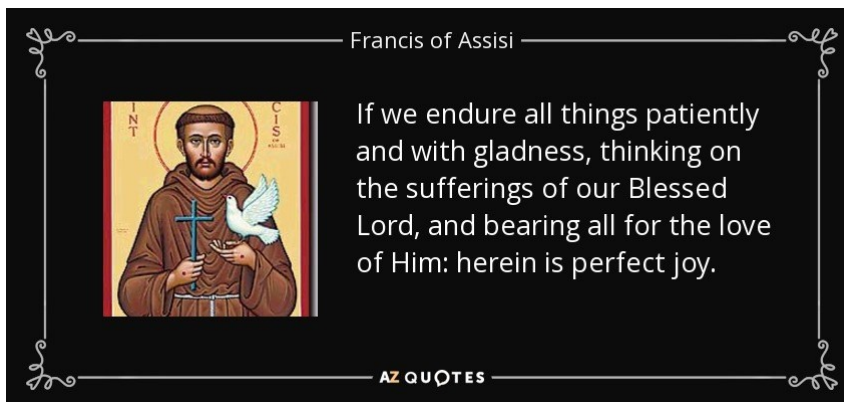


Image from [Francis of Assisi quote: If we endure all things patiently and with gladness, thinking...](https://www.azquotes.com/quote/1000000) (azquotes.com)



Organization

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St. Joseph Catholic Church
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Pace e Bene

The Tau Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order was canonically established on June 21, 1992. The Fraternity is affiliated with the Third Order Regular of St. Francis, Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Tau Fraternity is in the St. Margaret of Cortona Region of the Secular Franciscan Order.

The Tau Fraternity Council currently includes the following officers:

- Minister—Josh Goldberg, OFS
- Vice Minister—Liz Welborn, OFS
- Formation Director—Bill Richey, OFS
- Secretary—Barbara Slivers, OFS
- Treasurer—Joe Boyle, OFS
- Councilor—Kimberley Heatherington, OFS



COMMITTEES

If you are interested in participating actively in one of our Committees, take a moment to chat with the chair:

Hospitality Committee—Veronica O'Donnell, OFS
Interfaith/Ecumenical Committee—Kimberley Heatherington, OFS
Infirmary Committee—Sharon Goldberg, OFS
Multicultural Committee—Sally White, OFS
Recruitment Committee—Vacant
Technology Committee—John Ata, OFS



Recap of Last Gathering

March 5, 2023

OPENING PRAYER:

Sharon Goldberg, OFS offered a prayer:

Psalm 15

O Beloved, You invite us to rest
in the abode of your Heart,
to forgive our weaknesses
and renew our love.

Who will respond with hearts
opened wide to Love?

Those who walk with integrity, who
are in harmony with your Word,
and sing the heart's song;
Whose tongues speak truth
judging not others and
seeking only the good;
Whose eyes behold not the outer
garments of the body,
but see within the inner robe
of Love;

Whose own weaknesses are acknowl-
edged
and brought to light in prayer;
Those who are just in all affairs of life
and take not advantage of another.

Those who dwell in the Heart of Love,
who act justly, with integrity,
will join the Dance of Life,
will sing the Songs of Joy!
Their family, friends, and indeed,
the world
will be blessed by their love.

ONGOING FORMATION:

Bill Richey, OFS led a discussion on Pope Francis' 26 February 2020 homily *Holy Mass Blessing and Imposition of the Ashes*. The first paragraph explains we receive ashes to remind us we are dust and to dust we shall return. We are weak, frail, mortal; dust in the universe, yet loved by God. We are meant to love. Earthly possessions are useless, but the love we share will save us as it will endure forever.

- Penance needs to be an ongoing, day-to-day conversion which is a thing of joy, not sadness.
- Louis Pasteur stated, 'Chance favors the prepared mind.' Bill R reminded us that grace favors the prepared heart.

Bill reviewed True and Perfect Joy from the Ritual of the Secular Franciscan Order, pp. 79-80. St. Francis spoke of true joy being found in rejection. He was so grounded at a deep level that being rejected in the cold of night after traveling from Perugia did not upset him. He was grounded in prayer life and in an awesome, holy patience. Words can hurt; therefore, we need to be alert to people who hurt us, how they hurt us, and what we need to do to grow in the Holy Spirit. St. Francis was confident in the Lord and persisted by knocking three times at the door of his brothers, even though he was callously rejected each time.

PRESENTATION:

Sharon Goldberg, OFS and Barbara Slivers, OFS gave a presentation entitled *In the Arms of God: Respect for Life*. Globally regarding respect for all life, Sharon did focus on inclusion of the LGBTQ+ community. Barb spoke of babies born with Atypical Genitalia, a difference of sexual development (DSD). Although rare, it prompts bigger questions. What else don't we see? What else is invisible to the naked eye that affects individual, human development? Sharon & Barb weren't calling for consensus, but rather hoping to provoke deeper thought on compassion. The fraternity then had meaningful conversation on this delicate subject, with Fr. Tom Bourque, TOR offering connection to the gospels & the Catholic Social Teaching.

APOSTOLATES

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY HOSPICE

Thanks to our Brothers and Sisters who support the apostolate at the Missionaries of Charity Gift of Peace House. The next food delivery is **Saturday, April 8th**. If you would like to help or have questions, please contact Veronica O'Donnell, OFS or Joe Boyle, OFS.

Pace e bene!

POOR CLARES OF NEW JERSEY

Tau Fraternity supports the Monastery of St. Clare in Chesterfield, NJ with a biannual monetary donation. The monastery is home to Sister, Karen Stapleton, OSC, who began her Franciscan journey with Tau Fraternity. The main work of the Poor Clares of NJ is to provide Altar Bread to parishes in the diocese of Trenton.

For more information, or to submit a prayer intention to the Poor Clares, see [The Poor Clares of New Jersey — Joyfully Embracing the Gospel Way of Life .\(poorclaresnewjersey.com\)](http://www.poorclaresnewjersey.com)

Watch their YouTube video [A Quiet Joy: New Jersey's Monastery of Saint Clare](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

PRAYER SHAWL APOSTOLATE

Tau Fraternity provides handmade prayer shawls to individuals in the Diocese of Arlington. Currently, shawls are being provided to pregnant women who are participating in the Gabriel Project. For more information, please contact Sharon Goldberg, OFS.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Help to feed the hungry. Joe Boyle, OFS volunteered to shop and deliver food to the St. Vincent de Paul Society chapter at St. Timothy Catholic Church. Food donations may be dropped off prior to the Tau Gathering in the stairwell on the right at St. Joseph School. Tau Fraternity will continue to also give a monetary donation to the pantry. You can also provide a monetary donation to the Treasurer, Joe Boyle, OFS..

Thank you!

For more, info, see <https://sttimothyparish.org/outreach-and-ministries/st-vincent-de-paul/>

FRANCISCAN MISSION SERVICE

Tau Fraternity provides a biannual monetary donation to Franciscan Mission Service. The organization prepares and supports lay Catholics for mission service opportunities around the globe.

For more information, see [Home | Franciscan Mission Service](#)

FAITH without WORKS is dead

James 2:17

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY HOSPICE APOSTOLATE

Veronica O'Donnell, OFS and Joe Boyle, OFS

For many years every other month, our Tau brothers and sisters served the sisters and residents of the Missionaries of Charity "Gift of Peace" hospice in Washington, DC with our food apostolate. The hospice is one facility of the Missionaries of Charity's worldwide network of thousands of nuns who operate nursing homes, orphanages, hospices and other charitable programs established by Saint Teresa of Calcutta.

The Gift of Peace hospice Tau serves is located in a former orphanage in NE Washington DC which cares for 60 HIV positive and negative terminally ill people. Most arrive near the end of their lives. Our food apostolate serves these 60 residents and 15 sisters who care for the patients.

Originally the Fraternity's cooking apostolate was supported in two ways: first, with complete meals provided from the brothers and sisters, and secondly, with a generous, bi-monthly monetary donation from St. John Neumann Church. However now Tau has received some help with monetary and food donations. Late last year, the Fraternity received several unexpected blessings which has allowed Tau to expand the cooking apostolate to more volunteers and provide items for the pantry.

The first blessing we received was more food donations for the cooking apostolate. Stanley Hoover II, OFS, who is a Religion Teacher at St. Veronica Catholic School asked if his Eighth grade students could earn

service hours by preparing entrée dishes and a variety of desserts to augment our food apostolate. With assistance from TAU's Spiritual Assistant, Father Tom Bourque TOR, Tau was able to partner with St. Veronica Catholic School's 8th grade Confirmation class. This partnership enabled Tau to provide these students an opportunity to earn Confirmation service hours and to provide more food to the cooking apostolate. Many parents registered Franciscan-like joy of appreciation for the Tau provided opportunity to serve.

The second blessing happened while delivering prepared meals to the hospice. Our volunteers asked the sisters if there was any additional support which Tau might offer the hospice. The sisters were delighted with our offer, as they shared a need to assist in stocking their food pantry. Thus began the expansion of the Cooking Apostolate to the Cooking and Pantry Apostolate. Over the past 6 months, Tau has responded to the sisters' requests, which ranged from pantry "stuffs" (olive oil, rice, fruits, fresh vegetables, meat, cereal, peanut butter, spaghetti, aluminum foil, among other items). Additionally, one month, support was requested in the form of body wash and hand lotion for the residents. Initially, financial support came from St. John Neumann Church which allowed Tau to get the pantry apostolate "off the ground".

The third blessing came from Saint Joseph Church in the form of a gen-

erous monetary donation to support our food pantry apostolate. Tau's Spiritual Assistant, Father Tom Bourque, TOR, when he heard of our food pantry initiative, offered to augment our food purchases with an annual donation.

So now with assistance from three parishes, St. John Neumann, St. Joseph, and St. Veronica Catholic Churches, the Tau Cooking and Pantry Apostolate has blossomed. An excerpt from a thank you note written by Sister Marie Joel, MC, Superior of the "Gift of Peace" hospice, highlights the sisters' appreciation:

This [note] comes to thank you for all the supplies you bought and brought over on October 11th 2022. Thank you for sharing the joy of serving Jesus in the poor with us. We are grateful for your love and support."

The next date for the Cooking and Pantry Apostolate is Saturday, April 8. The menu includes Shepherd's Pie and Green Bean Casserole. Contact Veronica O'Donnell OFS to volunteer for cooking at her home, donating cooked dishes and donating items to the pantry. Look for more announcements at the Tau gathering, Sunday, April 2.



Tau Youth Apostolate

Josh Goldberg, OFS

Tau Fraternity has begun to engage with youth in two ways. Recently Josh Goldberg, OFS, and Vera Stewart OFS have joined the Youth Ministry Team at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Meetings are held every Sunday from 5:30—8:25 pm. Their first meeting with the high school students was Sunday, March 5. After opening prayer and dinner, the students viewed the video “Confession is a Place of Victory” by Fr. Mike Schmitz. They also had the opportunity to go to confession and spend time in Eucharistic Adoration. The final activity was an exciting game of Crab Soccer! The second meeting was about death, heaven, purgatory, and hell. To balance the heavy theme, they played dodgeball!

Josh is also exploring Tau Fraternity participation with the Young Adult (YouFra) Commission of the National Secular Franciscan Fraternity. We currently have one YouFra group in the St. Margaret of Cortona Region; it meets in Washington, DC. YouFra is encouraging the regional and local fraternities to organize bilingual activities for youth. Josh is at the very early stages of organizing a You/Fra style retreat at the Retreat Center at St. John the Baptist Church, New Baltimore, PA. You can read more about YouFra at <https://saintmargaretofcortona.org/?s=YouFra> or the [YouFra website](#).

Rosary Apostolate

Jim Haynes, OFS

Every day after the 9 a.m. Mass at St. Leo's Catholic Church, Fairfax, Virginia, you can find Jim Haynes OFS leading and teaching others to make Rosaries. He started making rosaries years ago and what began as a small group of parishioners at St. Leo's grew to include other groups making Rosaries. Usually he has 10 people making 350 to 400 Rosaries each and last year over 4,000 rosaries were made. He has taught children from Catholic schools and Boy Scout troops to make Rosaries. His Rosaries go to many people and organizations. His Rosaries go as far away as a parish in Pennsylvania, to Catholic Charities' Mother of Mercy Free Clinic, nursing homes, March for Life participants, babies at hospitals, and of course with the Tau Shawl apostolate. Jim's favorite story about his Rosary apostolate is the time one of his Rosaries was given to a pregnant woman who was about to enter an abortion clinic. When she received the Rosary, she changed her mind, turned and left the clinic. If you want to participate in Jim's apostolate or know of someone or organization that needs Rosaries, email him at jimeliz@cox.net.



Tau Clothing Apostolate

Joe Boyle, OFS

Just as the underwear drive for the Afghan refugees was a success, the coat drive also was. Joe Boyle OFS gathered the donated coats from our Tau brothers and sisters and delivered them to Cornerstone ministries where people lined up to pick out a coat.



Now Tau will participate in **THE BIG SOCK DROP** at Meadows Farms nurseries where new socks are collected. So when picking up your Spring plants or mulch remember to drop off some new socks!

For details, go to [The Big Sock Drop](#)

Meadows Farms locations in Northern Virginia

Herndon

11254 Leesburg Pike
Herndon, VA
20170

7 Corners/Falls Church

6461 Arlington Blvd.
Falls Church, VA
22042

Chantilly/South Riding

43054 John Mosby Highway
Chantilly, VA
20152

Annandale

4808 Backlick Rd
Annandale, VA
22003

Leesburg

170 Keystone Ct.
Leesburg, VA
20176

Manassas

8677 Plant Place
Manassas, VA
20112

Winchester

1725 Berryville Pike
Winchester, VA
22603

Warrenton

5074 Lee Highway
Warrenton, VA
20187

PRAYER INTENTIONS

HEAR US, LORD!

Please keep the following intentions in your prayers:

For physical and spiritual healing of Sylvia Capurso; Cynthia Filan-Kim's sister; Sally White and her husband Gary; Richard & Carole Clarke and their grandsons Liam and Rory; Helen Broxmeyer and her daughter Susan; and Irene Naveau. For the patients and Sisters at the Missionaries of Charity Gift of Peace House. For the people affected by Coronavirus and their caregivers. For the Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic and its patients. For all peoples who suffer persecution. For the country of Myanmar and its citizens. For the victims of natural disasters. For refugees and migrant workers. For all those who are in need of our prayers who have been inadvertently omitted from this list.

Please send prayer requests to Josh Goldberg, OFS.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God..

Philippians 4:6,7



REFLECTIONS

Poetry, Devotion, and Prayer



I WANT TO BE THAT LEAF

On a tree branch
Some leaves remain,
Despite winter.
Old leaves must be
Pushed off by the
New growth of Spring.

A single leaf
Of several,
Is gently moved.
Why this one leaf,
Not the others?
They're dead, this lives.

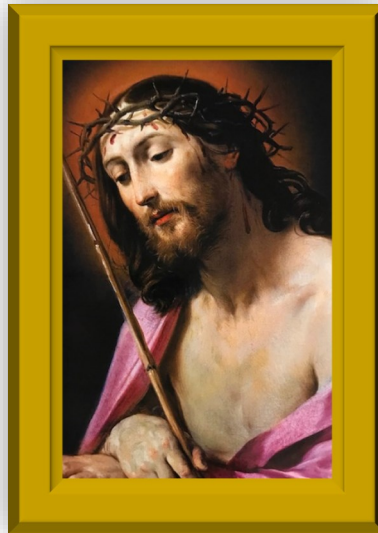
Only I sense
The unseen breeze
Touch the one leaf.
Just like that leaf,
I want to move
Not dead, alive.

Gil Donahue, 3/2/2023



Speak to me, O my God,
let me know your will,
for behold I am ready
to fulfill your every command.
The difficult, the irksome,
I will patiently endure
for love of you

-St. John Neumann



Stay with Me

Stay with me, Jesus,
for I fear the darkness,
the temptations, the dryness,
the cross, the sorrows.
O how I need you, my Jesus,
in life with all its dangers.

- St. Padre Pio

Merciful God,
wash away my faults and stains
with your precious blood,
and give me the protection
I need to amend my life
and surrender myself
wholly to you.

-St. Peter Canisius

Anima Christi Prayer to the Most Holy Redeemer

Soul of Christ, make me holy.
Body of Christ, be my salvation.
Blood of Christ, let me drink your wine.
Water flowing from the side of Christ, wash me clean.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
Kind Jesus, hear my prayer.
Hide me within your wound and keep me close to you.
Defend me from the evil enemy.
Call me at my death to the fellowship of your saints,
That I may sing your praise with them
through all eternity. Amen.

IL VOLTO SANTO

Holy Face of Lucca, Italy

In the cathedral of San Martino (St. Martin) in the city of Lucca, Italy is an 8 foot tall wooden statue of Jesus crucified. The legend says that it was carved by Nicodemus, who fell asleep before finishing it, including the face. When he awoke, the statue was finished, according to the legend, by an angel. Actually carbon dating has placed it somewhere in the 8th century.

How the Volto Santo came to Lucca is miraculous. Originally it was carried by boat to the Italian city of Luni on the eastern part of the province of Liguria. The boat had no sails or crew nor could it be boarded by anyone from Luni. Not to be outdone, the bishop of Lucca heard about the Volto Santo in Luni and wanted the statue for Lucca. He gathered a large group of Lucchesi (people from Lucca) and headed to Luni. Miraculously the boat opened its gangplank and allowed the bishop of Lucca to board.

Further miracles ensued, as the Volto Santo was placed on a cart driven by oxen with no driver aboard and proceeded to the church of San Frediano in Lucca. A miracle! How did the oxen know where to go? Another miracle transferred the statue to the cathedral of San Martino where it resides today in a special gated marble side altar. The Volto Santo had found His home where He was meant to be all along.

Another legend tells of a poor man, often depicted as a violinist, who prayed before the Volto Santo in desperation. As he prayed the Volto Santo kicked off his shoe made of gold that landed in front of the man. The poor man was accused of trying to rob the Volto Santo. Many tried to replace the shoe on the foot of Jesus, but it would not stay on, as a sign that Jesus wanted the man to sell the shoe. To this day, the Volto Santo has only 1 shoe on.

On September 13, the eve of the feast of the Holy Cross, (Santa Croce) there is a grand procession through the streets of Lucca. Votive candles are placed all around doors and windows. In times past the Volto Santo was taken from his chapel and processed through the city. As far as I can tell, this is not longer done, perhaps because of its age or for security reasons. Instead a banner of the Volto Santo is processed. However

the gates of the chapel are opened and people can view the Volto Santo dressed in His beautiful robe, gold crown, collar, belt and shoe.

Why do I know about the Volto Santo? The legends, miracles, and devotion have been part of my life, as I would hear about the Volto Santo growing up. My parents, grandparents and other family members are from small towns just outside Lucca. In fact my maiden name is Lucchesi. One year I was fortunate to be in Lucca at the time of the Festa di Santa Croce and witnessed the procession

By the way, my late father would recount the story of the Volto Santo's arrival in Lucca as a rivalry between Lucca and Pisa not Luni. Evidently the Lucchesi and the Pisani have long shared a mutual, shall we say, dislike of each other. Lucca won that one!

—Clari Claus, OFS



CALENDAR

Upcoming Activities and Events

April is the Month of the Holy Face and the Redemption*

Apr 1—Holy Saturday
St. Benedict the Moor Feast Day
Apr 2—Palm Sunday
Tau Gathering
Apr 4—Frank Bowen's birthday
Apr 8—Missionaries of Charity Hospice Cooking Apostolate
Apr 9—Easter
Apr 11—Joe Boyle's birthday
Apr 22—Heber Garcia's profession
Apr 24—Walter Gawlak's & Erik Larin's profession
Apr 25—Gil Donahue's birthday
Apr 29—Sharon Goldberg's, Stanley Hoover's, Lisa Jaeger's, & Barbara Slivers' profession

* See the Franciscan Calendar for more dates: [Traditional Franciscan Calendar \(roman-catholic-saints.com\)](http://Traditional Franciscan Calendar (roman-catholic-saints.com))

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MAY 2023

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PRIMACY OF CHRIST & ATONEMENT SEMINAR

Presented by: Fr. Charley Miller OFM

When: April 29, 2023, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where: Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America in DC,

Cost: \$30 lunch provided

Register at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094daaa72eaf94-primacy#/>

You can pay online or the morning of the event

ROME AND ASSISI PILGRIMAGE

Four of our TAU members will be traveling with Father Matt Russick, TOR to Italy from April 19-27. They will visit Assisi and many other Franciscan sites, as well as touring the Vatican and a Papal Audience. Look for photos and stories from the pilgrimage in the May newsletter!

TAU ANNUAL RETREAT

The Quality of Mercy: Reflections from St Francis and Pope Francis

Lead by: Father Peter Lyons, TOR

When: May 19—21

Where: Priestfield Pastoral Center, WV

Single registration: \$275.00

Double registration: \$249.00

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Fellowship and Formation

If you missed some of the Lenten events available for Tau in early March, it is not too late for you to attend some at St. Joseph's Catholic Church later in March or in April. Click the link to the [Event Calendar at St. Joseph's Catholic Church](#) for a full list of activities.

TAU FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

1. **Every Wednesday from 7 to 9 PM** there is Eucharistic Adoration
2. **Every Friday in Lent at 7 p.m.** the Stations of the Cross are prayed.
3. **Friday March 31 from 5 to 7 PM** there is a Fish Fry in the Parish Hall. **At 7 PM** join the Franciscan Friars in Formation from Washington DC to pray the Stations of the Cross.

Those of our Brothers and Sisters who could not attend Lenten events in person, participated in a virtual retreat organized by the Franciscan Sisters TOR of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother, Toronto, Ohio. Professor Regis Martin, Professor of Theology, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, gave a wonderful presentation "Christ's Descent: Rousing the Realm of the Dead". Sister Monica gave an insightful and emotional testimony about her spiritual journey shortly before her celebration of 25 years as a Franciscan Sister. To learn more about the Sisters visit <https://franciscansisterstor.org>.

FORMATION EVENTS

Our Inquirer Amanda Kim and Candidates Kelly Passero and Giovanni Tagnesi attended the "Day of Recollection: Embracing the Gospel Life: Conversion, Commitment, Belonging" sponsored by St Margaret of Cortona Regional Fraternity. The event was held at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America, Washington, DC on March 11. The purpose of the Day of Recollection was "to learn more about Franciscan Spirituality and Way of Life in order to reflect and seek discernment about their decision to accept and profess into the vocation of the Secular Franciscan Order."

Father Russel Murray, OFM from the Holy Name College gave the presentation. Besides being an accomplished and experienced theologian in our Franciscan faith, he. He has worked from Russia to Rome, and served in important positions at universities including St. Bonaventure University. You can learn more about Fr. Russel at <https://hnp.org/russel-murray-marks-25-years-as-a-friar/>.

ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY EVENT 7 LAST WORDS OF JESUS CHRIST

Join the Loudoun County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta in this virtual event. Presenters include ordained Protestant ministers and laity from several Christian churches. Vera Stewart, OFS is one of the participants.

When: April 7, Noon—1:30 p.m.

Register: [LCAC 7 Last Words](#)



NEXT TAU GATHERING

April 2, 2023

SCHEDULE

- 1:30 pm – 1:32 pm Opening Prayer—**Lisa Jaeger, OFS**
1:32 pm – 2:12 pm Presentation—**Clari Claus, OFS, “St. Elizabeth Ann Seton”**
2:12 pm – 2:22 pm Break
2:22 pm – 3:02 pm Ongoing Formation
3:02 pm – 3:12 pm Break
3:12 pm – 3:22 pm Angelus & Liturgy of the Hours
3:22 pm – 3:32 pm Business Meeting
3:32 pm Closing Prayer

St. Joseph Church
Room 205

THE ANGELUS

During Lent, we will precede the Liturgy of the Hours with the Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.
Hail Mary, etc.

V. And the Word was made Flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary, etc.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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.

INITIAL FORMATION:

Candidates: Chapter 26 in *The Franciscan Journey*, *Little Flowers of St. Francis* – The Prophet – Chapter 22 – p. 604

Compendium – Catechism of the Catholic Church, Paragraphs 64 & 65, p. 24

[Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church \(vatican.va\)](http://www.vatican.va)

Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World – (Gaudium et Spes), Pope Paul VI, Paragraph 69

[Gaudium et spes \(vatican.va\)](http://www.vatican.va)

Inquirers: Chapter 10 in *The Franciscan Journey*

Aspirants: Chapter 4 in *The Franciscan Journey*

All members are welcome to join any of the classes. Please email Bill Richey if interested!

ONGOING FORMATION:

Called to Build a More Fraternal and Evangelical World, by Fr. Benet Fonck, Article 10, pages 62-69

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Midday Prayer: See [here](http://www.ebreviary.com/ebreviary/usa2/ebusass-fprayer4c.nsf/576f0c20d0d4344d852573f2000b9ba2/3f44537dcd63cb36852587f5004fdc08/$FILE/0402_Day_Sun.pdf) or

[https://www.ebreviary.com/ebreviary/usa2/ebusass-fprayer4c.nsf/576f0c20d0d4344d852573f2000b9ba2/3f44537dcd63cb36852587f5004fdc08/\\$FILE/0402_Day_Sun.pdf](https://www.ebreviary.com/ebreviary/usa2/ebusass-fprayer4c.nsf/576f0c20d0d4344d852573f2000b9ba2/3f44537dcd63cb36852587f5004fdc08/$FILE/0402_Day_Sun.pdf)

Evening Prayer:

Hymn: #104 – O Sacred Head, Surrounded: pg. 1619

Psalms with Antiphons: Sunday, Week II
Evening Prayer II: pg. 786

Everything else: Passion Sunday Evening Prayer II: pg. 390

Reader: **Lisa Jaeger, OFS**