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Minister's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

Peace and all good,

This month, I've been reflecting on the importance of *community*. We all need people in our lives to walk with us — through joys and struggles — and to remind us that we are part of something greater than ourselves.

When we consider the role Tau Fraternity plays in our lives, we may sometimes overlook just how vital this sense of community truly is. Our Rule is not merely a call to form a social group or a spiritual club. As Secular Franciscans, we belong to a *religious order* — connected deeply to the Church and to our brothers and sisters in the Third Order Regular.

Yet, the term "religious order" can feel daunting at times. We may set lofty, saintly goals for ourselves, only to find we are falling short in the everyday moments. But let's not underestimate the holy power of simple gestures: a smile, a warm hug, a listening ear — especially when our minds are already rushing toward the next thing on our to-do list.

These small acts are not small at all. They are the *foundation* of fraternity. They are the daily bread of community. The human need for belonging and connection is as real — and as sacred — as the need to feed the hungry.

Let us not minimize this essential part of our fraternity life. When we embrace one another with compassion and presence, we are not just being kind — we are *imitating Christ*.

Josh





JUBILEE 2025

GENERAL CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2024

24 December

Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica



JANUARY 2025

24-26 January

Jubilee of the World of Communications

FEBRUARY 2025

8-9 February

Jubilee of Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel

15-18 February

Jubilee of Artists

21-23 February

Jubilee of Deacons

MARCH 2025

8-9 March

Jubilee of the World of Volunteering

28 March

24 Hours for the Lord

28-30 March

Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy

APRIL 2025

5-6 April

Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers

25-27 April

Jubilee of Teenagers

28-29 April

Jubilee of People with Disabilities

MAY 2025

1-4 May

Jubilee of Workers

4-5 May

Jubilee of Entrepreneurs

10-11 May

Jubilee of Marching Bands

12-14 May

Jubilee of the Eastern Churches

16-18 May

Jubilee of Confraternities

30 May - 1 June

Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly



JUNE 2025

7-8 June

Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Associations and New Communities

9 June

Jubilee of the Holy See

14-15 June

Jubilee of Sport

20-22 June

Jubilee of Governments

23-24 June

Jubilee of Seminarians

25 June

Jubilee of Bishops

25-27 June

Jubilee of Priests

JULY 2025

28 July - 3 August

Jubilee of Youth

SEPTEMBER 2025

15 September

Jubilee of Consolation

20 September

Jubilee of Justice

26-28 September

Jubilee of Catechists

OCTOBER 2025

4-5 October

Jubilee of the Missions

4-5 October

Jubilee of Migrants

8-9 October

Jubilee of Consecrated Life

11-12 October

Jubilee of Marian Spirituality

31 October - 2 November

Jubilee of the World of Education



NOVEMBER 2025

16 November

Jubilee of the Poor

22-23 November

Jubilee of Choirs

DECEMBER 2025

14 December

Jubilee of Prisoners



VISIT THE WEBSITE

www.iubilaeum2025.va



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Organization

Tau Fraternity
St. Joseph Catholic Church
750 Peachtree St.
Herndon, VA 20170

Meetings every 1st Sunday
of the month at:
St. Joseph Catholic Church
750 Peachtree St., Room 205

**PACE
&
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 Wellborn, OFS
- Formation Director—Bill Richey, OFS
- Secretary—Barbara Slivers, OFS
- Treasurer—Joe Boyle, OFS



Monthly Tau Contemplative Prayer & Franciscan Spirituality Zoom Discussion led by Gil Donahue, OFS



**The Tau Contemplative Prayer
& Franciscan Spirituality
discussion group is on break
for the summer.**

**Watch here for additional
information on future sessions!**

HABEMUS *Papam*



LEO XIV ELECTED AS FIRST AMERICAN POPE



Photo: Vatican Media, CNS



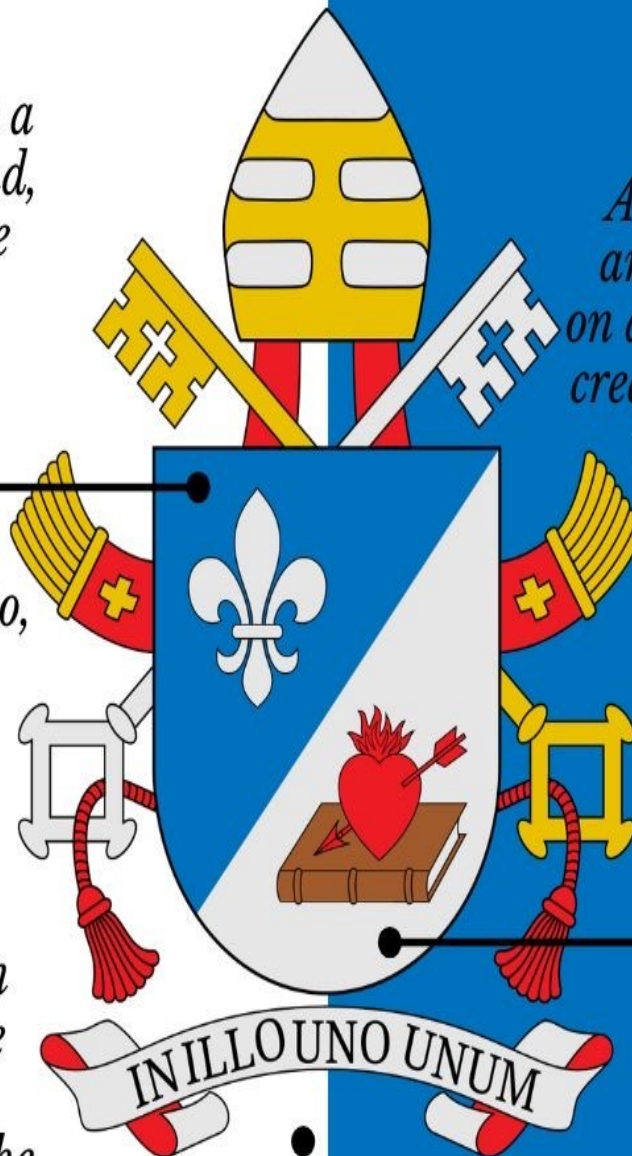
Leo PP. XIV

POPE LEO XIV'S COAT OF ARMS

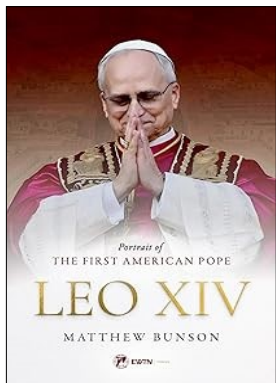
Fleur-de-lis on a blue background, symbolizing the Virgin Mary.

A heart pieced by an arrow, resting on a book against a cream background. This is based on the traditional symbol of the Augustinian Order.

His papal motto, "In the one Christ we are one"), a phrase taken from St. Augustine's commentary on Psalm 127. The motto reflects Leo's roots in the Augustinian order and his commitment to unity in the Church.

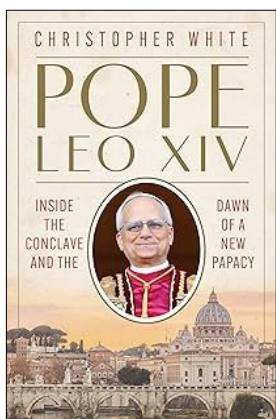


READ A BOOK ABOUT OUR NEW POPE!



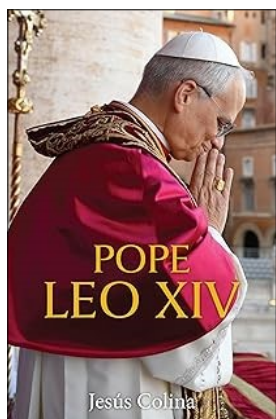
Pope Leo XIV: Portrait of the First American Pope

By Matthew Bunson
EWTN Publishing, Inc.
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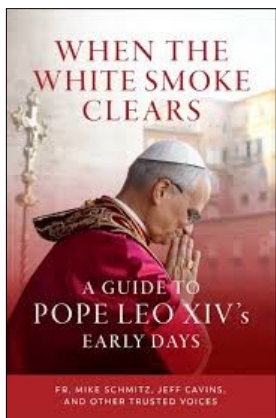
Pope Leo XIV: Inside the Conclave and the Dawn of a New Papacy

By Christopher White
Loyola Press
July 15, 2025
168 pages
\$18.59 paperback
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Pope Leo XIV

By Jesús Colina
Our Sunday Visitor
May 23, 2025
128 pages
\$14.61 paperback
ISBN-10: 1639662294
ISBN-13: 978-1639662296



When the White Smoke Clears: A Guide to Pope Leo XIV's Early Days

By Fr. Mike Schmitz; Jeff Cavins; Dr. Edward Sri
Ascension Press
June 30, 2025
152 pages
\$17.99 paperback
ISBN-13: 979-8892760997

RECAP OF MAY 4 GATHERING

PRESENTATION

St. Francis of Assisi's "Canticle of Brother Sun" poem was offered in the Umbrian dialect by Clari Claus, OFS, while the rest of the fraternity responded in English.

The poem was emailed to all brothers and sisters on April 29 by Bill Richey, OFS, who also distributed hard copies at the gathering.

ONGOING FORMATION

Bill Richey, OFS, led a group discussion regarding each brother's and sister's individual reflections on the loss of Pope Francis. Some common themes were:

- It was miraculous that he was still serving the people on Easter Sunday.
- He related to the marginalized, including prisoners.
- He declined papal quarters for lesser accommodations.

The book *Bergoglio's List* recounts how he saved lives after the 1976 coup in Argentina.

The group also watched two short video clips of musicals based on *Laudato Si'*.



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 will be **Saturday, June 14**. Menu: "Pasta Extraordinaire"— pasta entrees; salad; bread/butter; cookies/dessert; soda. To help with the next cooking session and/or delivery — or for questions — please contact Sr. Veronica & Br. Joe.

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. You can also provide a monetary donation to Joe, who is Tau Treasurer. Thank you!

For more information, see:

<https://sttimothyparish.org/outreach-and-ministries/st-vincent-de-paul/>

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=...)

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](http://www.franciscanmission.org)

PRAYER SHAWL APOSTOLATE

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

ECUMENICAL APOSTOLATE

Tau Fraternity partners with the First Baptist Church of Herndon to provide English lessons to students. Tau members volunteer time and talent to teach at Introductory, Intermediate, and Advanced levels. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Bill Bouffard, OFS.



James 2:17

TAU ANNUAL RETREAT



Tau Fraternity Annual Retreat

**May 16-18, 2025
Priest Field Pastoral Center**

A MAY MARIAN CROWNING!

On May 13, Sally White, OFS, hosted an ecumenical Marian Crowning at her home, in honor of the Blessed Mother!

Friends from First Baptist Church of Herndon attended; prayers were said; Sally crowned Our Lady with a wreath of flowers; and a beautiful cake was served.

Hail Holy Queen, Enthroned Above!



TAU COMMITTEES

If you are interested in participating actively in a Tau Committee, take a moment to chat with the chair:

Cultural Diversity Committee (ESL) — Bill Bouffard, OFS
Hospitality Committee — Cyndy Filan-Kim, OFS
Interfaith/Ecumenical Committee — Kimberley Heatherington, OFS
Infirmarian Committee — Sharon Goldberg, OFS
Recruitment Committee — Vacant
Technology Committee — John Ata, OFS



TAU COMMITTEES: INTERFAITH/ECUMENICAL

REGISTER TODAY

INTERFAITH ENVIRONMENT CAMP

Growing together in Faith, Unity and Nature

Topics to be covered by subject matter specialists:

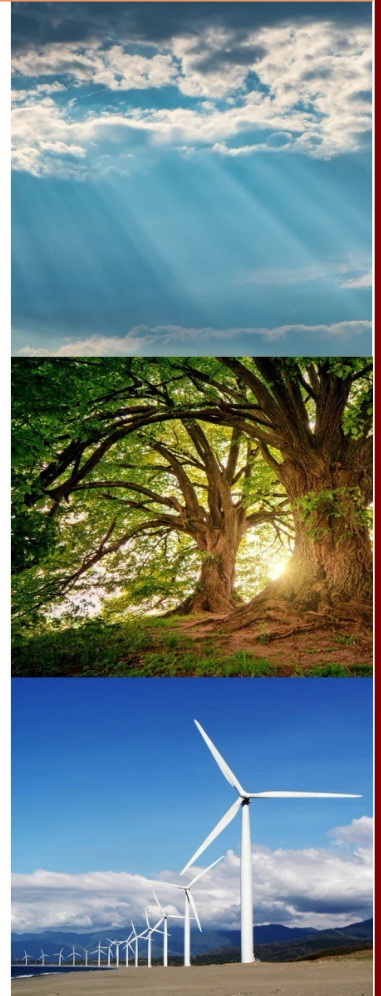
- Water
- Recycling
- Energy
- Watersheds
- Mindful Meditation & More
- Snacks, Lunch, & Materials included

Great opportunity for elementary and middle school students to learn about their environment around them.

- \$200 Early Bird Registration
- \$250 After June 15, 2025

Monday Aug 11 - Thursday 14 August, 2025
9AM - 4:30PM

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/92wk8ma8>



For more info, contact: Aman Shergill at (609) 751-8729 or
Bhikkhu Sagarana at (845) 541-9852



CAMP WILL BE HELD AT WASHINGTON SIKH CENTER
7500 WARFIELD RD, GAITHERSBURG, MD 20882

PRAYER INTENTIONS

HEAR US, LORD!

Please keep the following intentions in your prayers:

For Pope Leo XIV.

For the physical and spiritual healing of Sylvia Capurso; Cynthia Filan-Kim's sister; Sally White; Sally's husband Gary; Richard & Carole Clarke; their grandsons Liam and Rory.

For peace in the Middle East.

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 and terror attacks.

For refugees and migrant workers.

For Russians opposing the war in Ukraine.

For all those who have lost their jobs, and are in need of employment.

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.

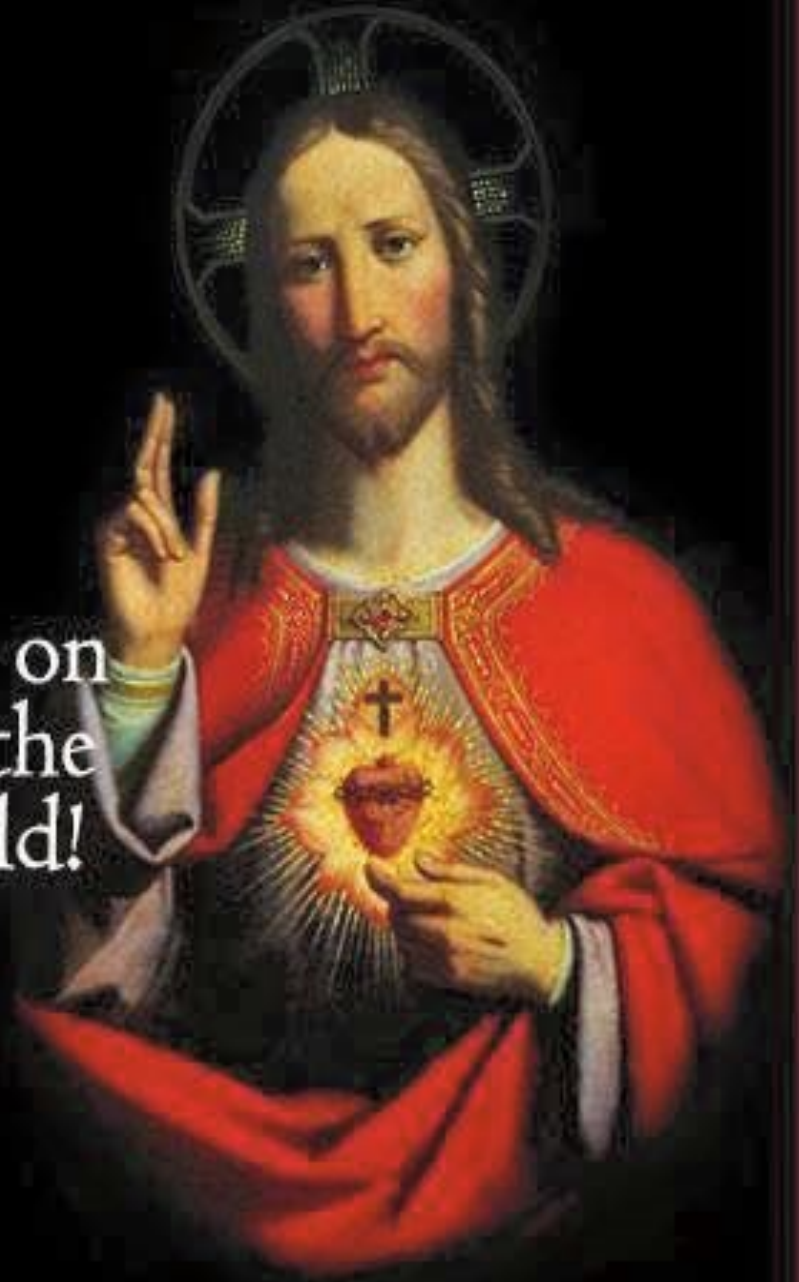
***Do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything, by prayer and
petition, with thanksgiving, present
your request to God.***

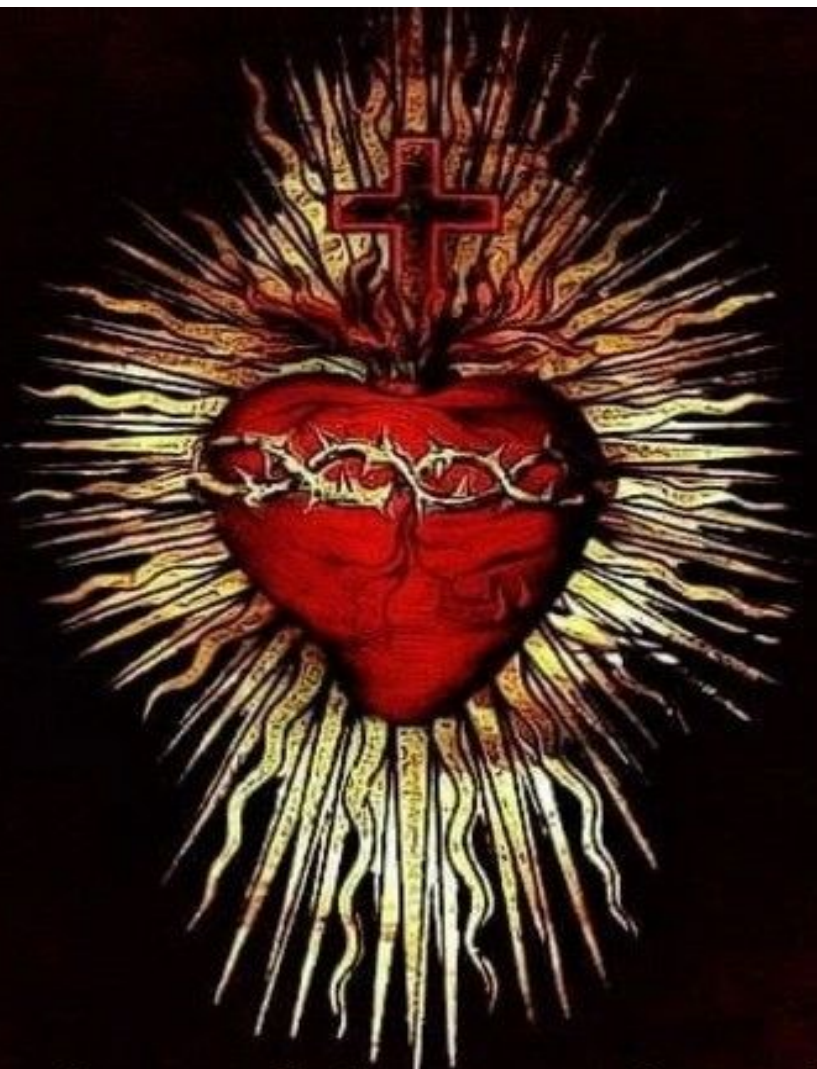
Philippians 4:6-7



REFLECTIONS:
MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
POETRY, DEVOTIONS & PRAYER

Most
Sacred Heart
of *Jesus*
have mercy on
us and on the
whole world!





*The well-being of souls
is only in Christ.
Therefore, let the love of Jesus
be our perfection
and our profession.
let us light our hearts
from the eternal flames of love
that radiate from
the Sacred Heart of Jesus.*

Bl Paolo Manna (1872-1952)

CALENDAR: ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

June is the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus *

June 1	Tau Fraternity Gathering Solemnity of the Ascension
June 6	Anniversary of John Ata's & Bill Richey's profession
June 11	Memorial of St. Barnabas, Apostle
June 13	Feast of St. Anthony of Padua
June 14	Missionaries of Charity Hospice Cooking Apostolate
June 20	World Refugee Day
June 21	Tau Fraternity Anniversary Jim Haynes' birthday
June 22	Feast of St. Thomas More Stanley Hoover's birthday
June 24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist
June 29	Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

*See the Franciscan Calendar for more dates:
<http://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/traditional-franciscan-calendar.html>

June 2025

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

July 2025

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Community Juneteenth Celebration June 14 from 12:00 - 3:00 PM



St. John Neumann Catholic Church
<https://saintjn.org/racial-justice-ministry>

It's Time to Discern! Tau Council Elections in September



Are you called? Please pray on it!

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

FESTIVAL OF PRAISE

Pentecost Sunday



BE FILLED
WITH THE
SPIRIT

EPHESIANS 5:18

Eucharistic Adoration
Praise and Worship

Encounter Christ with a gathered
community, live music, and the
opportunity to worship before the
Blessed Sacrament.

June 8th

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Special Guest
Fr. David Dodd



NEXT TAU GATHERING

JUNE 1, 2025

SCHEDULE

- 1:30 PM** Opening Prayer: Joe Boyle, OFS
Social Time
- 2:00 PM** Presentation: Leprosy
Liz Welborn, OFS
- 2:45 PM** Break
- 3:00 PM** Ongoing Formation: Bill Richey, OFS
- 3:30 PM** Regina caeli & Liturgy of the Hours
- 3:45 PM** Business Meeting
- 4:00 pm** Closing Prayer

St. Joseph
Church
Room 205

During Eastertide, we will precede the
Liturgy of the Hours with the Regina caeli

Regina caeli

O Queen of Heaven

(Prayed in place of the *Angelus* during Eastertide)

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world
through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord
Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that
through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His
Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting
life. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

INITIAL FORMATION

Inquirers:

Ch. 6 in *The Franciscan Journey*

Candidate:

Ch. 30 in *The Franciscan Journey*

ONGOING FORMATION

Discussion of the May 16-18 Tau Annual
Retreat at Priestfield.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

The Ascension of the Lord

Midday Prayer: See [here](#) or

[https://divineoffice.org/midday-
prayer-ascension-sunday/?
date=20250601](https://divineoffice.org/midday-prayer-ascension-sunday/?date=20250601)

Evening Prayer:

Everything: Ascension, Evening
Prayer II: pg. 565

Reader Jen Raimo, Candidate

Contact

Liz Welborn, OFS,
to volunteer for
Scripture Reading &
Responsory, Opening Prayer,
& Presentations