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## Minister's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

Peace and all good!

As we enter the Easter season, we hear again the powerful stories of transformation — Lazarus called out of the tomb, the stone rolled away, new life breaking forth. Lent invites us into deep reflection and real reform, and that work is often difficult. It asks us to confront habits, attachments, and parts of ourselves that are not easy to change.

But living our faith does not always have to feel heavy.

There is a temptation, especially after Lent, to carry forward a sense of strain, to layer on more prayers, more obligations, more structure, as if holiness depends on how much we can carry. Over time, what began as devotion can start to feel like a burden, and instead of freedom, we feel weighed down.

But the Resurrection tells a different story.

The stone is rolled away not just from the tomb, but from our hearts. Christ does not call us into a life of anxiety, but into freedom. There is room in our faith for laughter, for silliness, for not taking ourselves too seriously. These, too, are signs of resurrection.

Francis understood this well. Joy was not separate from holiness, it was evidence of it.

So as spring unfolds, my invitation to you is simple: Don't overcomplicate it.

Step outside. Enjoy the warmth, the light, the new life around you. Let your faith be something that is lived, not performed. No one needs to know you are a devout Catholic. Let them experience your joy instead.

And in that joy, you may find something surprising: a lightness, a freedom, a deeper awareness of God's presence that no amount of striving could produce.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Josh





## 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 — Cynthia Filan-Kim, OFS
- Formation Director — Gil Donahue, OFS
- Secretary — William Richey, OFS
- Treasurer — Joe Boyle, OFS
- Councilor-At-Large — Kimberley Heatherington, OFS



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



The Tau Contemplative Prayer  
& Franciscan Spirituality  
discussion group will take place  
Monday, April 20  
from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The theme will be  
“Putting Our Values Into Action”

Contact Gil to receive a Zoom link  
(no need to e-mail if you’re already on his list)

# RECAP OF MARCH 1 GATHERING

## PRESENTATION

Sally White, OFS, introduced Wendy Whiting Blome, Ph.D., a retired social work educator, agency administrator, national consultant, and practitioner specializing in child welfare issues, adoption, foster care, and child abuse and neglect.

Sally told us the following about Wendy: She's a descendant of the Spafford and Whiting families that left Chicago and settled in Jerusalem in 1881. They formed a colony that attracted other Americans and Swedish members.

Her grandmother, Grace Spafford Whiting, was the sister of Bertha Spafford Vester, author of *Our Jerusalem*. Her grandfather, John D. Whiting, was born in Palestine. He served as U.S. Deputy Consul and worked as a photographer, businessman, and archeologist. Her great grandfather Horatio Spafford wrote the words for the hymn "It Is Well with My Soul." Over time the Pasha's palace that was home to the colony became the American Colony Hotel.

Wendy's inspiring presentation gave us a history of the Spafford Children's Center (SCC), which was founded in 1925 as The Anna Spafford Baby Home and then operated as a hospital and outpatient clinic. It occupies the original home of the colony within the walls of the Old City in Jerusalem.

Now the SCC provides educational, therapeutic, and recreational services for Palestinian children in East Jerusalem. Wendy is currently Chair of the Board of Directors for the SCC in Jerusalem. For more information about their wonderful work, you can visit <https://spaffordcenter.org>.

## ONGOING FORMATION

Cyndy led us through a discussion of "Daily Exercises Based on St. Francis' Admonitions to the Order" prepared by our Formation Director Gilbert Donahue, OFS.

In his introduction to these exercises Gil writes: "St. Francis wrote his Admonitions to address real issues that had arisen in his Order: failures of human nature, working with and organizing other people, and embracing humility. Although we are experiencing different circumstances as Secular Franciscans living 800 years after the Admonitions were written and circulated, they nevertheless provide us guidance for many situations we encounter. Here is a suggested way for us to apply the Admonitions in our daily lives."

# RECAP OF MARCH 1 GATHERING

## ONGOING FORMATION (CONTINUED)

The gathering broke into small groups to discuss a handout with Gil's suggestions on ways to start

- each morning with direction and discipline;
- each midday with awareness in action;
- each evening with reflection and correction;
- each week with habits of deep formation;
- each month with a reset;
- and a daily mantra of "Be humble. Serve quietly. Master yourself. Keep peace."

For the full document see Gil's February 2, 2026 email. The subject line is Tau Fraternity: Suggested Approach to "Living Saint Francis' Admonitions."



# 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 delivery — kitchen supplies only — will be on **Saturday, April 18.**

To learn what supplies the sisters need or to help with delivery, contact Joe and Veronica.

## 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

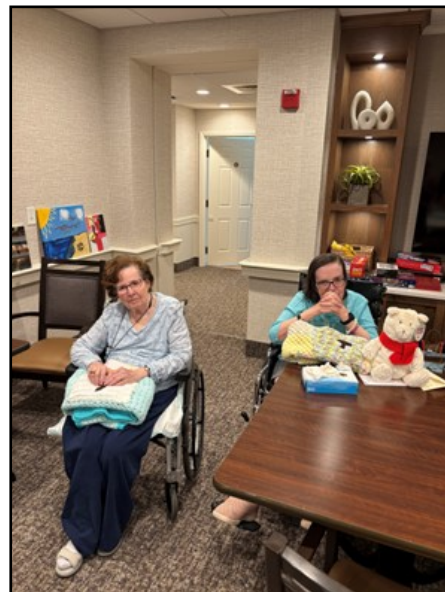
Tau Fraternity partners with the First Baptist Church of Herndon to provide English lessons to students. Tau members volunteer time and talent to teach at Introductory, Intermediate, and Advanced levels. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Bill Bouffard.



**James 2:17**

# PRAYER SHAWL APOSTOLATE

On Easter Sunday, the Tau Prayer Shawl Apostolate brought joy to Reston-area communicants who couldn't attend Mass at a parish — they received the Eucharist from St. Joseph's parishioners, who also distributed eight prayer lap blankets and five prayer shawls that had been blessed by priests, and included Crown Rosaries and cards from Tau!



# TAU ANNUAL RETREAT

## **Tau Fraternity 2026 Annual Retreat\*** **Priest Field Pastoral Center, WV** **May 15 - 17, 2026**

- Retreat Master:** Father Pat Whittle, TOR
- Topic for the Retreat:** Go in Peace, Glorifying the Lord by Your Life: A Franciscan Integration of the Liturgy and Our Life
- Pricing:** Single: \$309.00 Double: \$558.00
- Payments:\*\*** Checks made out to: Tau Fraternity; memo line = "Retreat 2026"

\*We shall be joined by our brothers and sisters from Portiuncula Fraternity.

\*\* Request checks be received no later than Sunday May 3rd; delivery options: (1) Monthly Tau Gatherings or (2) mail: Tau Fraternity, 750 Peachtree St., Herndon, VA 20170. (FYI - Checks will not be cashed until after the retreat.)

### **LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR RETREAT MASTER!**

**Alma Maters:** Franciscan University '06  
Catholic University of America, Ph.D., '22

**Year Ordained:** 2013

**Inspirational Bible Verse:** "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)



**Faith Journey:** I grew up Catholic. I was an altar server in my parish, which first nurtured my love for the sacred liturgy and encountering the Lord through the Eucharist. When I came to Franciscan University as a student, I deepened my faith, served on the university's liturgy committee, and got to know the Franciscan Third Order Regular, inspired by the charism of on-going conversion. I entered the T.O.R.s in 2006 and was ordained in 2013. Since my ordination, I have served at Franciscan University, formation ministry in Washington, D.C., and obtained a doctorate in liturgical theology. It is a blessing to return to Franciscan University to the serve the university.

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***2026 Priest Field Pastoral Center***

***May 15 – 17, 2026***

**Retreat Master:** Father Pat Whittle, TOR

**Topic for the Retreat:** "Go in Peace, Glorifying the Lord by your life: a Franciscan Integration of the Liturgy and our Life."

### **Retreat Agenda:**

#### **FRIDAY - MAY 15**

**4:00 - 5:45 PM** Arrival and Room Assignment - Lobby

**6:00 PM** Dinner in the Dining Room

**7:00 PM** Liturgy of the Hours - Evening Prayer in Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**7:30 PM** Session 1 in Dorothy Day Conference Room (lower level)

**8:30 - 10:00 PM** Eucharistic Adoration - Blessed Sacrament Chapel

#### **SATURDAY - MAY 16**

**7:00 AM** Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**7:30 AM** Liturgy of the Hours - Morning Prayer in Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**8:00 AM** Breakfast in the Dining Room

**9:00 AM** Session 2 in Dorothy Day Conference Room (lower level)

**11:00 AM** Mass in Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**12:00 PM** Lunch in the Dining Room

**1:00 PM Meditative session** in Dorothy Day Conference Room (lower level)

1:00 - 1:30 PM Fr. Pat guidance for Session 3

1:30 - 3:00 PM Self guided contemplation

3:00 - 4:00 PM Small group gathering/discussion

4:00 - 4:30 PM Large group gathering/discussion

**5:30 PM** Liturgy of the Hours - Evening Prayer in Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**6:00 PM** Dinner in the Dining Room

**7:00 PM** Session 4 in Dorothy Day Conference Room (lower level)

**8:30 PM** Social in Dorothy Day Conference Room & Lobby (lower level)

#### **SUNDAY - MAY 18**

**7:00 AM** Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**7:30 AM** Liturgy of the Hours - Morning Prayer in Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**8:00 AM** Breakfast in the Dining Room

**9:00 AM** Pack

**9:30 AM** Summary Session in Dorothy Day Conference Room (lower level)

9:30 - 10:00 AM Fr. Pat recap highlights of retreat sessions

10:00 - 10:30 AM Discussion of 2026 retreat agenda; looking to 2027

**11:00 AM** Mass in Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**12:00 PM** Depart

# 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) — Sally White, OFS

Hospitality Committee — Cyndy Filan-Kim, OFS

Interfaith/Ecumenical Committee — Kimberley Heatherington, OFS

Infirmarian Committee — Sharon Goldberg, OFS

JPIC (Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation) — Sally White, OFS

Recruitment Committee — Vacant

Technology Committee — John Ata, OFS



# INTERFAITH & ECUMEICAL



## RELIGIOUS and CULTURAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS



### PURPOSE

- To be fully prepared to engage in today's diverse society, whether as a professional, a member of a religious or spiritual community, or simply as a resident of the DMV, one needs to be knowledgeable about the different beliefs, practices and cultures that exist within the greater Washington area.

### TOPICS

- Topics to be addressed may include: creating a religiously equitable environment; addressing common misconceptions of different faith traditions; and modeling complex conversations around religious and cultural differences.

### WHEN/WHERE

- We offer public workshops throughout the year as well as tailored workshops for workplace or congregational settings.



Contact Symi Rom-Rymer, IFC Outreach Director, at [symirr@ifcmw.org](mailto:symirr@ifcmw.org) for more information.

# PRAYER INTENTIONS

## HEAR US, LORD!

***Please keep the following intentions in your prayers:***

For Pope Leo XIV.

For peace in the Middle East.

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 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 have received shawls from the Tau Prayer Shawl Ministry.

For an end to political violence, and for unity in our country.

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*



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# APRIL: MONTH OF THE HOLY FACE

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POETRY, DEVOTIONS & PRAYER



# APRIL: MONTH OF THE HOLY FACE

## POETRY, DEVOTIONS & PRAYER



### THE HOLY FACE

O BLESSED FACE OF MY  
KIND SAVIOR,  
BY THE TENDER LOVE  
AND PIERCING SORROW  
OF OUR LADY AS SHE  
BEHELD YOU IN  
YOUR CRUEL PASSION,  
GRANT US TO SHARE  
IN THIS  
INTENSE SORROW  
AND LOVE  
SO AS TO FULFILL THE  
HOLY WILL  
OF GOD TO THE UTMOST  
OF OUR ABILITY.  
AMEN.



# AN EASTER SEASON REFLECTION

## **SECULAR FRANCISCANS ARE AN EASTER PEOPLE**

We Secular Franciscans live as "Easter people." Inspired by St. Francis, we pay special attention to the life of Our Lord—from the Incarnation through the Crucifixion to the Resurrection. During Lent, we have contemplated the cross, and engaged in a deep reflection of our own lives, with their failings as well as joys. Our progress through Holy Week was a rollercoaster ride from the high point of Palm Sunday's triumphant procession into Jerusalem, to the solemn Seder meal in the Cenacle, to the depth of Our Lord's anguished prayers and his betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane. We agonized over his subsequent arrest, trial, scourging and condemnation. Like Mother Mary, we stood at the foot of the cross on Good Friday, and absorbed the painful loss of the man we regarded as our savior. We spent a gloomy Saturday pondering a world without Jesus.

And then, on Easter Sunday, we accompanied Mary Magdalene and the Apostles to the empty tomb. We walked with Jesus on the road to Emmaus, not fully recognizing him until the "breaking of the bread." We then rushed from that experience and returned to our community of believers with renewed hope and animation. Our Savior Lives!

Our primary role as Secular Franciscans is to bring the joy and transformative power of Christ's resurrection into our everyday life, our work and community environments, and especially our families. To do this, we foster hope, joy, and peace while serving the marginalized and caring for creation. We are Christ's eyes, ears, hands and feet to serve others in the world.

To carry out this important work, we must be nurtured by engaging in daily prayer and the church's sacramental life, reading scripture and religious writings, and active participation in our fraternity. For us, Easter is not just one day of the year, but our entire life.

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**LIVING OUR FRANCISCAN CHARISM**  
**St. Margaret of Cortona Regional Retreat**  
**June 5 -7, 2026**  
**Priest Field Pastoral Center, Kearneysville, WV**



Our St. Margaret of Cortona Annual Retreat celebrates the Region's 2026 "Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation" theme in a Spiritual Retreat focused on making JPIC-driven choices in our daily lives.

Reflect upon the themes of "justice, peacemaking, and respect for all created things and people," as we bring "Life to Gospel and Gospel to Life" in our Fraternities, families, workplace, and local and global communities. Come prepared to share, listen, and engage.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND**

Everyone, but especially:

- All those with a desire to reignite our Franciscan charism
- Fraternity JPIC Animators and Formation Directors
- Fraternity and Regional Leadership
- Newly Professed, Candidates, and Inquirers
- Fraternities who do not have their own annual retreat
- All those who feel called to discern what is "ours to do"

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

Rev. Stan Fortuna, CFR is our retreat master. A founding member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Fr. Stan is beloved by many Secular Franciscans and has led other retreats for Fraternities in the region. He is also an accomplished professional musician, composer, and poet. Founded in 1987, the CFRs work with the poorest of the poor in the Bronx and around the world.

Known for his stirring homilies, Fr. Stan's talks will include themes such as Love for the Poor, Life to Gospel and Gospel to Life, Discerning What is "Ours to Do," and the special significance of the 800th Anniversary of the Passing of Our Seraphic Father. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday and Sunday mornings. And of course, there will be Adoration and the Liturgy of the Hours. Time for Confession may be limited, as Fr. Stan is the only priest attending.

In addition, the JPIC team planning the retreat will host at least two panels, comprised of our own Brothers and Sisters, including discussion of:

Fraternity Apostolates Across the Region, including examples of charitable and advocacy work with those who are homeless, immigrants, and the environment.

JPIC's broader mission across Fraternities, our families, the workplace, and in our local and global communities.

How JPIC intersects with the region's formation, multicultural, and interfaith initiatives; and how we are guided by our OFS Rule.

Finally, there will be some time in the evening or over meals, to relax and interact with our Sisters and Brothers. For those so inclined, there is an exercise room and a walking trail in the woods. A member of our planning team recently said that the only thing Secular Franciscans like better than getting together to eat is getting together to sing. Given that Fr. Stan is a musician, it is likely that singing and music will also be a part of what to expect on the weekend.

Goals for the Retreat include:

**CARE FOR CREATION** - Registrants will receive more information closer to the retreat on how we plan to recycle, reuse, carpool, and take other measures to care for creation.





## **"Be the Light!"**

### **2026 Regional Formation Retreat**

**June 26-28, 2026**

**Mark your calendar for June 26-28  
for the Regional Formation Retreat!**

At this year's retreat we will continue our Franciscan growth about living the gospel and being of service to all around us in our fraternities, parishes, and communities. St. Francis founded our order because as Secular Franciscans we are the bridge from our communities to the church.

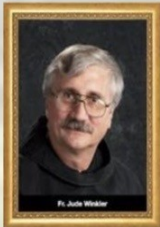
As Franciscans we bring life to the Gospel and share the love of Jesus by our presence and actions -- and when necessary use words. Together - let's discover ways that we are doing that now, and how we can increase in "being the light" of the gospel wherever we are!

#### **1 Peter 2:9**

*"But you are a chosen people... that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light".*

#### **Matthew 5:16**

*"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*



Fr. Jude Winkler, OFM-Conv. will preside over this retreat. He is a warm and inspiring Friar and speaker. You may remember him from last year's retreat.

**Formation Directors, Ministers are especially encouraged to attend.  
All OFS members are welcomed!**

- **Date:** June 26-28, 2026
- **Where:** Priest Field Retreat Center, 4030 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV
- **Cost:** **Private Room** - \$325.00 **Shared Room** - \$295.00 **Daytripper** (Saturday only) - \$100.00

*Please note that a freewill offering will be collected at the retreat for Fr. Jude Winkler.*

#### **Registration Deadline is June 13th.**

**Register at this site:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094DAAA72EAAF94-62604722-2026#/>

Electronic payments can be made in full or the \$100 deposit. To confirm your reservation a \$100 non-refundable deposit must be paid by the deadline.

If you are unable to make an electronic payment, mark "Pay Later" on your registration and send your check:

Payable to: **St. Margaret of Cortona OFS Region**

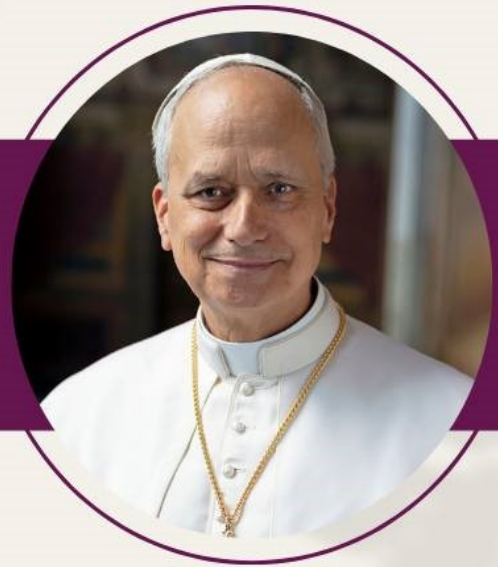
Mail to: **Randy Bender, OFS, Regional Treasurer**

**135 Poe Hill Rd, Front Royal, VA 22630-7650**

For assistance or more information contact: **Tom White, OFS, Regional Formation Director**

[thomaswhyteofs@gmail.com](mailto:thomaswhyteofs@gmail.com)

## POPE'S INTENTION: APRIL



### FOR PRIESTS IN CRISIS

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

# CALENDAR: ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## April is the Month of the Holy Face\*

- Apr. 4 Frank Bowen's birthday
- Apr. 5 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
- Apr. 11 Joe Boyle's birthday
- Apr. 12 Tau Monthly Meeting
- Apr. 18 Missionaries of Charity Hospice Supplies Delivery
- Apr. 22 Heber Garcia's profession
- Apr. 24 Walter Gawlak's & Erik Larin's profession
- Apr. 25 Gil Donahue's birthday  
Feast of St. Mark
- Apr. 29 Sharon Goldberg's, Stanley Hoover's, Lisa Jaeger's, and Barbara Slivers' Profession  
Feast of St. Catherine of Siena

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

## April 2026

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## May 2026

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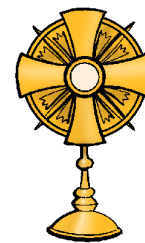


**MARCH FOR LIFE**

Wed., April 22 - Richmond, VA

<https://marchforlife.org/virginia>

## Eucharistic Adoration



Wed., April 15, 22, & 29  
 @ 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

# NEXT TAU GATHERING

APRIL 12, 2026

## SCHEDULE

- 1:30 PM** Opening Prayer & Social Time  
**2:00 PM** Group Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
**2:45 PM** Break  
**3:00 PM** Ongoing Formation:  
"OFS Rule - Way of Life"  
**3:30 PM** Angelus & Liturgy of the Hours  
**3:45 PM** Business Meeting  
**4:00 pm** Closing Prayer

St. Joseph  
Room 205

## INITIAL FORMATION

### Inquirers:

Ch. 4 in *The Franciscan Journey*

### Candidates:

Ch. 16 in *The Franciscan Journey*

## ONGOING FORMATION

"OFS Rule: Way of Life"

During the Easter Season, we precede the Liturgy of the Hours with the Regina Caeli



### **Regina Caeli Laetari** **Queen of Heaven**

*O Queen of Heaven, rejoice,  
Alleluia.*

*For He Whom thou didst  
merit to bear, Alleluia.  
Hath risen as He said,  
Alleluia.*

*Pray for us to God, Alleluia.*

*V. Rejoice and be glad,  
O Virgin Mary! Alleluia.*

*R. For the Lord  
is truly risen, Alleluia.*

#### **Let us Pray:**

*O God, Who by the  
Resurrection of Thy Son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
hast vouchsafed  
to make glad  
the whole world, grant,  
we beseech Thee,  
that, through the  
intercession  
His Holy Mother,  
the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
we may attain the joys  
of eternal life.  
Through the same Christ  
our Lord.  
Amen*

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

2nd Sunday of Easter or  
Divine Mercy Sunday

Midday Prayer: See [here](#) or

<https://divineoffice.org/easter-w02-sun-dp2-current/?date=20260412>

Evening Prayer:

Psalms and Canticle with Anti-  
phons from Easter Sunday:  
pg. 429

Everything else: pg. 455

Hymn: TBD

Contact  
Cyndy Filan-Kim, OFS,  
to volunteer for  
Scripture Reading &  
Responsory, Opening Prayer,  
& Presentations