

Wednesday Evenings
November 9th, 16th and 30th

Join us in *The Vineyard*
A Spiritual Oasis
for Today's Catholic Woman

- **Discover** your “Feminine Genius” as expressed beautifully by Blessed Pope John Paul II
- **Enjoy** learning and **Experience** new friendships and connections in a lovely, peaceful setting
- **Enrich** your Spiritual Life and encounter a deeper relationship with God
- **Explore** today’s challenges with Catholic Professionals and the Spiritual Guidance of Fr. Philip Blaine, OFM Conv.

November 9 - “Who is God for me Personally?”

November 16th - “Healing of Soul / Sacredness of Body”

Presenter: Family Nurse Practitioner, Melissa Lanza, author of “*In My Presence.*”

November 30th- “Creative Ageing”
Special Guest: Artist Grace Volpe

Format for Each Evening

7:30 p.m.: Informal wine & cheese get-together

8:00 p.m.: Conference, followed by prayer experience. (Ex: A Guided Meditation, Lectio Divina, or gentle healing prayer)

8:45 pm: An enjoyable workshop to conclude our gathering.

Suggested Offering: \$10.00 per evening

Registration is necessary for Nov. 9th only. Call 718-981-3131 or Email sfcs2@juno.com by Nov.7th

Friday, November 18th

**A Pilgrimage to
The Shrine of
Our Lady of Czestochowa
and
An Autumn Visit to Peddler’s Village**
New Hope, Pennsylvania

Join us as we journey into the beautiful fall countryside of Pennsylvania to spend a leisurely day of devotion in honor of the Blessed Mother at the Shrine of Our lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, followed by time to browse and shop at nearby picturesque *Peddler’s Village.*

8:00 a.m. - Our coach bus will leave St. Francis Friary for the two hour trip to the Shrine. Coffee and buns will be available from 7:30.

10:00 a.m. - Upon our arrival, we will tour the Shrine, followed by the celebration of Mass.

12:00 noon - Hot Lunch will be served. Afterwards, the gift shop will open.

2:00 p.m. - We will leave the shrine for the short trip to Peddler’s Village. Your time will be free to explore and enjoy this popular quaint site of specialty shops.

4:00 p.m.- Departure for the return trip back to Staten Island.

Cost: \$75.00 per person. The cost is all inclusive, and must be pre-paid by Monday, November 14th.

The bus fills up fast!

Call (718) 981-3131 or email Joanne at sfcs2@juno.com **soon** reserve your seat.

Wednesday,
December 7th
Senior Spirituality Program
An Advent Morning
of Prayer and Reflection

Fr. Philip Blaine, OFM Conv.
Joanne Malick, M. Rel. Studies
Presenters

Join us as we explore the means by which the special graces of the Advent season can brighten our perspective - we’ll allow Our Lord to create space and stillness in our hearts, leading us toward a springtime season of spiritual growth!

9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
9:30 Welcome and Opening Prayer
9:45 Conference &

Guided Meditation on
“*The Spiritual Joy of*
Expectation and Yearning for the Lord”
10:30 Opportunity for Confession, a talk with a priest; or free time
11:15 Celebration of Mass
12:00 Hot Lunch

Offering: \$20.00 per person

Reservations are necessary and must be made by December 1st. Call (718) 981-3131, Monday through Saturday, from 9-5 to reserve a place for yourself and a friend!

Sunday,
November 27th
St. Francis Tree of Life
Remembrance Mass

11:00 a.m.: Friends and relatives are invited to pause during the month of all souls to remember and pray for those persons, both living and deceased, who have been commemorated on the St. Francis Tree of Life. Join us for the celebration of a Memorial Mass, and for light refreshments afterwards.

Blessing & Lighting
of the Christmas Angels Trees
Saturday, December 17th

4:00 p.m.: Celebration of Mass, followed by refreshments with the Franciscan Friars.

Sponsor a Christmas Angel!
Your angel will be displayed on a beautiful tree
in the Chapel at St. Francis Friary.

The names who have been remembered with an angel, as well as their benefactors, will be remembered by the Friars at Holy Mass throughout the Christmas Season.

It’s the best Christmas Gift of all!

The name on the *Christmas Angel* may be your own, or the Angel may be placed ***In Honor*** of a family member, or friend, ***or In Memory*** of a loved one who has passed away.

Donation: \$10.00 per Named Angel

Kindly make your check payable to “St. Francis Center for Spirituality/Christmas Angels.” Include the name(s) of those to be remembered, and if the angel is to be **In Honor, or, In Memory** of the person(s).

Be sure to have your Angels on the tree by Dec. 16th!

- Angel ornaments are retained by the Friary, note cards are available in the office to be given to those remembered.

St. Francis Catholic Singles

St. Francis Catholic Singles is a contemporary circle of men and women, in their 30s, 40s and 50s who are single or single again and wish to lead more fulfilled, empowered lives by deepening their Catholic spirituality. New members most welcome!

Thursday, November 10th, 7:15 p.m.

Yoga Postures, Breathing, and Meditation for Everyday Stress Relief

Knowing how to deal with stress is important for both our well-being and our prayer life! Join us as Karen Paholek, a certified Yoga instructor at the YMCA discusses and demonstrates various techniques for tension taming and preparation for prayer. If possible, please bring a mat, a throw pillow and a belt from a robe. You may also just watch the demonstration for practice at home.

Cost: \$5.00 minimum, \$10 appreciated!

Sunday, November 27th 11:00 a.m.

Walk off that Thanksgiving Turkey & Hike!

Join us in sneakers and warm clothing as SFCS Joe Cantalupo guides us along a cold-weather nature hike at Clay Pit Pond Park. We will meet at 10:45 a.m. sharp at 83 Nielsen Ave., near Arthur Kill Road and Sharrotts Road. (718)967-1976.

Rain Date: Sunday, December 4th.

Friday, December 9th, 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Mixer

We'll celebrate Advent and the coming of Christ's birthday, St. Francis' favorite holy day, at our annual Christmas mixer, to be held at *Francesca's Restaurant*, 24781 Richmond Road, Staten Island.

The evening includes dinner, dessert, soda, coffee and music - cash bar. The cost is \$30.00 if received by Saturday, November 19th; \$45 afterwards. Please bring a new, unwrapped, non-violent toy for a child 3-14 years old to support our charity project. Pay in person at our Nov. 10th gathering or mail checks made out to cash to: SFCS, 64 Nautilus St., S.I. 10305. Include name, number, and email .

For more info, check our website: www.sgspsi.org, email: info@sgspsi.org or call 718-815-7255.

Padre Pio Prayer Group

The prayers of this group are dedicated especially for all priests and their ministries.

Friday, November 25th

7:00-7:30 p.m. - Confession will be available

7:00 p.m.- Eucharistic Adoration

8:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Celebration of Mass, followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Friday, December 30th

7:00-7:30 p.m. - Confession will be available

7:00 p.m.- Eucharistic Adoration

8:00 - 9:00 p.m.- Celebration of Mass, followed by refreshments and fellowship.

2000 Hail Marys

Day of Eucharistic Adoration
& Marian Devotion

Saturday, December 3rd

The day begins with Mass at 7:30 a.m., continues with the praying of 40 rosaries before the Blessed Sacrament and concludes with Mass at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to spend any part of the day. **Confessions will be available during the day.**

Friars' Community Mass

4:00 p.m. - Every Saturday, all are welcome to join with the Friars in the celebration of their Community Mass.

(Fulfills Sunday obligation)

Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24th

4:00 p.m. & Midnight

(Either Mass fulfills Sunday obligation)

Secular Franciscan Order

During the lifetime of St. Francis, many persons wished to adopt his spirituality while remaining **"in the world."** If you feel called to a deeper spiritual life, why not join us for one of our monthly meetings and receive more information?

Thursday, November 17th

Brother Thomas Barton, OSF, Presenter

"The Spirituality of St. Clare of Assisi"

We welcome Brother Thomas, Campus Minister of Bishop Ford High School, Brooklyn, whose area of specialization is on the life and writings of St. Clare. Brother also lectures in Franciscan studies, and he is the author of various articles about Franciscan life.

7:00 p.m.: Evening prayer followed by the celebration of Mass

7:45 p.m.: Welcome; brief business meeting, followed by refreshments and Brother Thomas Barton's conference. Afterwards, time for questions will be allotted. As well as information about the Secular Franciscan Order.

Thursday, December 15th

St. Elizabeth Fraternity meets to celebrate the birth of Our Lord at our annual Advent/Christmas gathering. Evening Prayer begins at 7:00 p.m., followed by Mass and a recollection of the devotion to the Christmas Creche as commemorated in the life of St. Francis. Refreshments follow.

Members Only for this one meeting, please!

St. Francis Center for Spirituality

"An Oasis for Your Spiritual Life"

500 Todt Hill Road, Staten Island, New York 10304

Tel: (718) 981-3131 Fax: (718) 720-8470

Email: sfcs2@juno.com

**November and December
2011**

***Including
The Season of Advent***