



**You are Invited to Experience Three Special Evenings to:**  
**Encounter** Christ in His Sacraments  
**Be Enriched** by Sacred Scripture  
**Be Prepared** for the Power of the Resurrection

**Lent** is that blessed season set aside by the Church for each of us to take time out from our busy days to consider the *unconditional* love and *fathomless mercy* of the Lord for each of us, as manifested in His Passion, Death and Resurrection. We'll reflect on our present relationship with Him, work toward improving our weaknesses, and dispose ourselves to *experience* the healing touch of His Holy Spirit.

***Make this Lent your most memorable!***

**Wednesday,**  
**February 17th**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Fr. Brennan-Joseph  
 Farleo, OFM Conv.  
Celebrant & Presenter

Fr. Brennan-Joseph is presently the Guardian (Superior) of the community of Friars living in St. Francis Friary. Having served as a pastor in several parishes, Fr. is now widely known, appreciated and sought for his gift as a most charismatic preacher. His topic:

***Reflections on Entering Into Lent***

**Schedule for the Evening**

**6:30 p.m.** Confessions

**7:00 p.m.** Lenten Mass, with the distribution of Ashes; laying on of hands for strength and grace from the Holy Spirit.

**Wednesday,**  
**March 3rd**  
**MID-LENT**

Msgr. James C. Turro,  
 BA, STL, SSL, PhD  
Celebrant & Presenter

Msgr. Turro is Professor Emeritus of New Testament Studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary, located within Seton Hall University. He is a renowned scripture scholar, author and retreat director for priests and sisters. His topic tonight will be:

***Reflections on St. Paul and his message for us as we journey through Lent***

**Schedule for the Evening**

**6:30 p.m.** Confessions

**7:00 p.m.** Lenten Mass, including Msgr. Turro's conference.

**Wednesday,**  
**March 31st**  
**WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

Fr. Benedict Groeschel,  
 CFR  
Celebrant & Presenter

We welcome Fr. Benedict once again to share with us his spiritual insights. Fr. the host of *Sunday Night Live with Fr. Groeschel*, a popular EWTN series, and the author of numerous books, and CDs about Catholic Spirituality. His topic this evening will be:

***Reflections on Entering into Eternal Life***

**Schedule for the Evening**

**6:30 p.m.** Confessions

**7:00 p.m.** Lenten Mass, including Fr. Groeschel's conference.

**Fridays of Lent**  
**February 19 February 26**  
**March 5 March 12**  
**March 19 March 26**

**7:00 p.m.**- Stations of the Cross

**7:30 p.m.**- Lenten Mass

**8:00 - 9:00 p.m.** -Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Benediction.

**Confessions will be heard from 7:00-7:30 pm. and 8:00-9:00 p.m.**



**Good Friday, April 2nd**

**7:00 p.m.**- Stations of the Cross, followed by a prayer service to commemorate the seven last words of Jesus; Veneration of the Cross.

**Confessions: 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Friars' Community Mass**

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

(Fulfills Sunday obligation)

**A Pilgrimage**  
**to the Italian Shrines**  
*Fr. Philip Blaine, OFM Conv.*  
*Spiritual Director*  
**May 3rd—14th, 2010**

You are invited for a pilgrimage of prayer in Italy, the birthplace of St. Francis. Together we will invoke the intercession of Our Lady and the saints in order to obtain healing and peace for ourselves, our loved ones, and the world.



**Pray at the Shrines in**  
**Rome, Spoleto, Assisi, Siena,**  
**Florence, Padua and Venice**

**OUR TRIP INCLUDES**

- Round trip flight from Newark
- 10 nights at 3 star hotels (or similar)
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- Guided tours and admission fees
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Papal Audience (if available)
- Mass daily
- Baggage handling

**NOT INCLUDED**

Lunches; Drinks with dinner; optional travel insurance, and tips to our guide and driver.

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 Or, call the Center for a brochure & details

## 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 lives by deepening their Catholic spirituality. New members welcome!

### Thursday, February 18 - 7:15 p.m.

*The Passion of Christ: The Crucifixion from a Medical Perspective.*

Have you ever stopped to think about what happened to Christ medically during His Passion and Crucifixion? Join us as we go through the Stations of the Cross from a medical perspective. What a fitting way to begin Lent!

### Thursday, March 18 - 7:15 p.m.

*"... 'Wise as Serpents': Crime Prevention When You're on Your Own.*

Scott Rabiner, Crime Prevention Officer for the 122nd Precinct, will discuss effective safety measures for men and women especially at night and when alone. Take away something wise for yourself and that you can pass on to those you love.

### Thursday, April 15 - 7:15 p.m.

*The Theology and Psychology of Joy*

We welcome Fr. John Catoir, founder and current president of St. Jude Media Ministry, former director of the Christophers, and author of fifteen books, who will speak on the theology and psychology of joy. Fr. Catoir's books will be available on this evening.

*Doors open at 7pm; arrive early for refreshments and chit-chat. Cost: \$5 minimum, \$10 appreciated. For more info., check our website: [www.sgspsi.org](http://www.sgspsi.org), email [info@sgspsi.org](mailto:info@sgspsi.org), or call (718) 815-7255.*



## 2000 Hail Marys

Day of Eucharistic Adoration  
& Marian Devotion

### Saturday, March 6th

The day begins with Mass at 7:30 a.m., continues with the praying of the rosary before the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day, concluding with Mass at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to spend any part of the day.



## Padre Pio Prayer Group

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

### Fridays

### February 26th & March 26th

7:00 p.m.- Stations of the Cross

7:30 p.m.- Lenten Mass

8:00 - 9:00 p.m.- Eucharistic Adoration, concluding with Benediction.

Confessions: - 7:00-7:30 pm. and 8:00-9:00 p.m.



## The Secular Franciscan Order

(Third Thursday of every month)

Founded by St. Francis himself, members practice Franciscan Spirituality while living in their lay state as single or married Catholics. Why not consider coming to a meeting to see if you, too, are inclined to follow in the footsteps of St. Francis?

### Thursday, February 18th

7:00 p.m. - Mass, followed by meeting and Lenten Guided Meditation.

### Thursday, March 18th

7:00 p.m. - Lenten Evening of Reflection.

## Ministry to Youth

For the past twelve years, St. Francis Center for Spirituality has been responding to one of the most important needs of the Church and of families today, by means of its School Retreat Program. Each year, more than 4,000 young people, coming from all over the Metropolitan Area, make their retreats at the Center. Also, many faculties come for a Retreat Day, too!

The following is a list of those schools whose students will be making their retreat at the Center, along with other programs offered at the Spirituality Center during February and March.

February 2 - Msgr. Farrell High School

February 4 - Holy Trinity -Franciscan Program

February 6 - St. Saviour, Brooklyn

February 10 - Monsignor Farrell High School

February 13 - Sacred Heart School.

February 27 - Holy Family CCD Program

March 5 - St. Roch's School

March 12- Msgr. Farrell High School

March 17 - Cardinal McCarrick High School

March 18 - St. Bernadette, Brooklyn

March 25 - St. Andrew Avellino, Queens

March 26- Our Lady Queen of Peace

March 27- St. Patrick's School

## Programs for Adults

February 17 - Ash Wednesday Lenten Program

February 18 - Secular Franciscan Order

February 18 - St. Francis Center Singles

February 19 - Friday of Lent Program

February 26 - Friday of Lent Program

February 26- Padre Pio Prayer Group

March 3 - Continuing Education for Funeral Directors

March 3 - Lenten Program with Msgr. Turro

March 5 - Friday of Lent Program

March 6 - 2000 Hail Marys

March 12 - Friday of Lent Program

March 13 - Archdiocesan Day for the Engaged

March 18 - Secular Franciscan Order

March 18 - St. Francis Center Singles

March 19 - Friday of Lent Program

March 20 - Archdiocesan Day for the Engaged

March 23 - St. Vincent's Auxiliary Day of Recollection

March 26 - Friday of Lent Program

March 31 - Lenten Program with Fr. Groeschel



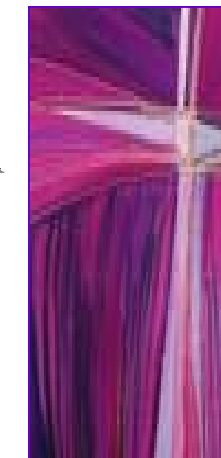
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**The  
Season  
of  
Lent  
2010**



**Come,  
Experience  
the Healing  
Power**