



Padre Pio Prayer Group

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

Sunday, September 19th

A Special Commemoration of the Feast of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

11:00 a.m. Celebration of Sunday Mass, followed by a procession on the grounds of St. Francis Friary, and veneration of the relic of Padre Pio.

2:00 p.m. Join us for “*convivenza*” and dinner at *The Crystal Room*, 67 Olympia Boulevard, as we continue to celebrate the blessings received through Padre Pio’s intercession.

The cost to attend the dinner is \$45.00 per person.

Dinner includes salad and pasta, Broiled Salmon or Chicken Sorrentino with potato and vegetables, wine, beverages and dessert.

Reservations are “a must” as seating is limited! All reservations must be received by Sept. 10th.

Call the Center at (718) 981-3131 from Monday through Saturday, 9am - 5pm to reserve. You may also call Anna Gaglio at (718) 727-5407 for details.

Friday, October 29th (regular meeting)

7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour

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

St. Francis Catholic Singles

St. Francis Catholic Singles is a contemporary circle of men and women, in their 30’s, 40s, and 50s, who are single or single again, and who wish to lead more fulfilled lives by deepening their Catholic spirituality and building community with like-minded peers. New and returning members are always welcome!

All monthly meetings begin at 7:15 p.m. An offering of \$5 is minimum, \$10 is appreciated!

Thursday, September 16th, at 7:15 p.m.

Financial Planning for Singles

Join us as speaker **Kathleen M. Pesile** instructs us on how to invest, buy a home, and plan for retirement. Kathleen is a financial advisor and university educator with a diverse background in corporate finance, and investment banking. The founder of Pesile Financial Group, she is the recipient of many honors, including an appointment as Trustee of C.U.N.Y. and a pontifical Knighthood as a Dame of the Holy Sepulcher. Join us as we usher in the new **SFCS** season and listen to how we can become empowered in planning our financial futures.

Thursday, October 21st at 7:15 p.m.

Lectio Divina - Listening to the Word of God In Scripture

Our speaker, Therese M. Saulnier, will guide us in Lectio Divina, or Sacred Reading, one of the great treasures of Christian prayer that leads us into the deeper meaning of scripture and the transformation of our lives. Therese has been teaching contemplative prayer practice for over 19 years, and has an MA in Theology from Fordham University. A web developer by profession, Therese offers a practical perspective on living a contemplative life in the 21st century.

Save The Date: Friday, December 3rd, 8pm, for our fundraiser for “Serving God’s Kids!”

For more information on these and other gatherings and events, check our website www.sgspsi.com

or Email us at: info@sgspsi.org.

Or call (718) 815-7255



An Autumn Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Anthony of Padua **Wednesday, October 20th**

Travel with us to the beautiful hills and woodlands at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City, Maryland. Here the Franciscan Friars are privileged to house a major relic of the beloved Patron Saint of the Lost. Countless numbers of people call upon the intercession of St. Anthony for the retrieval of that which has been lost; whether it be health, hope, faith, or a dear possession. Join us as pilgrims to pray for our needs, on a sacred journey to a very holy place!

Schedule for Our Day

7:00 a.m.: Coffee and buns will be available at the Friary before our departure at 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.: Coffee and light refreshments upon arrival, followed by a guided tour by one of the Franciscan Friars, including the Italian Renaissance Chapel, which houses the Relic, given by the Friars in Padua, Italy to their confreres in Maryland.

12:00 noon: Mass will be offered .

12:45 p.m.: We’ll enjoy a Hot Lunch, followed by free time to explore the 7 prayer paths, visit the Grotto of Lourdes and/or the Shrine to St. Maximilian Kolbe, follow the Stations of the Cross, and visit the Gift Shop.

2:30 pm: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

3:00 p.m.: We’ll gather for wine and cheese before departing for home. We should return at about 6:30. The cost for the day is **\$75.00**, all inclusive.

Reservations and pre-payment are a must!

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at St. Francis Friary

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The Spirituality of the End of Life

*"Praise be to you, my Lord, through our
Sister Death of the body." - St. Francis*

Thursdays

Oct. 28th, Nov. 4th & Nov. 11th
at 7:30 p.m.

These three seminars will explore the Christian vision of death as a passage from this life to the joy of eternal life with Christ, and how to deal with the very human experiences of grieving and sorrow. Each seminar is ideal for those involved or interested in bereavement ministry, as well as for those suffering serious illness or the loss of a loved one.

Fr. George Sabol, OFM Conv., has served as a missionary in Brazil and Costa Rica and as pastor in several parishes in the United States. Fr. holds a doctoral degree in Counseling. He has taught courses on the college level and ministers as a Spiritual Director. We welcome Fr. George to the staff of the Spirituality Center.

The Secular Franciscan Order

Thursday, September 16th and
Thursday, October 21st

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 gatherings?

St. Elizabeth Fraternity meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. for Mass and Evening prayer, followed by a meeting which includes formation in Franciscan Spirituality and refreshments.

Spiritual Renaissance Re- treat

Saturday, September 25th

Designed for those women in their middle age and beyond! Come and enjoy this **special** day just for you. Experience your own personal spiritual "Renaissance" as you discover the immense capacity you have for experiencing closeness to God and feeling your best!

Schedule for the Day

9:00 a.m.: Continental Breakfast

9:30 a.m.: Opening Prayer and First Conference :
"The Spiritual Adventure in the Second Half of Life" - Joanne Malick, Assistant Director

10:30 a.m.: Enjoy a workshop entitled "*Baby Boomer Biology Plus*" with Geri La Grua, Physical Therapist and University lecturer.

11:15 a.m.: Take time to browse through the book and CD display by the Daughters of St. Paul; opportunity for confession or a talk with a priest, private time for reflection or a walk on the grounds.

12:00 p.m. Hot Lunch

1:00 p.m.: Guided Meditation

1:45 pm.: Donna Dimino, an instructor for over twenty years in movement for those of all ages, will lead us a gentle class designed to improve our strength, balance and flexibility.

2:30 p.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a simple anointing service for healing, led by Fr. Philip Blaine, Director. We'll conclude by 3:15 p.m.

4:00 p.m.: Vigil Mass for Sunday (optional)

The cost for the Day is **\$35.00.**

Reservations are necessary; call (718)981-3131 or email sfcs2@juno.com by **September 22nd.**

Sunday, October 3rd Honoring St. Francis on the Eve of his Feast



2:00 p.m.: Blessing of the Animals

You are welcome to bring your pets to participate in the annual blessing, which will take place in front of the main entrance of the Friary.

5:00 p.m.: Everyone is welcome to praise God for St. Francis as we remember in a special way his passing through death to eternal life with the uniquely Franciscan ceremony of the **Transitus.**

5:15 p.m.: Celebration of Mass, followed by veneration of the Relic of St. Francis. Afterwards, share the hospitality of the Friars on this special day with light refreshments.



St. Francis Tree of Life Remembrance Mass

Sunday

October 17th, 11:00 a.m.

Friends and relatives are invited to remember and pray for those persons, both living and deceased who have been commemorated on *the St. Francis Tree of Life* by joining us for the celebration of a Memorial Mass for them.

Light refreshments will follow!

Now that Summer's Over... a Reminder!

A Vigil Mass is offered every
Saturday at the Friary at **4:00 p.m.**
Attendance fulfills the Sunday obligation.

Schedule for the Center

September and October



- Sept. 4 - De La Salle Christian Brothers
Day of Recollection
- Sept. 4 - 2000 Hail Marys Day of Prayer
- Sept. 14 - Steven Siller "*Tunnel to Towers Run*"
Preparation Meeting
- Sept. 16 - *St. Francis Catholic Singles Meeting*
- Sept. 16 - *Secular Franciscan Order Meeting*
- Sept. 18 - Marriage Preparation Course
- Sept. 18 - Immaculate Conception (NJ)
Confirmation Retreat
- Sept. 19 - Padre Pio Commemoration
- Sept. 21 - Monsignor Farrell High School Retreat
- Sept. 22 - Friars' Meeting
- Sept. 24 - Holy Family/St. Thomas Aquinas
(Bklyn.) Confirmation Retreat
- Sept. 25 - "Renaissance Retreat" for women
- Sept. 28 - Monsignor Farrell High School Retreat
- Oct 3. - Celebration of St. Francis' Feast Day
- Oct. 5 - Monsignor Farrell High School Retreat
- Oct. 8 - Blessed Sacrament Confirmation Retreat
- Oct. 9 - *Legion of Mary* Day of Recollection
- Oct. 12 - St. Joseph Hill Academy Faculty -
Spirituality Day
- Oct. 13 - St. Anselm Confirmation Retreat
- Oct. 16 - *Catholic Daughters of America*
Day of Recollection
- Oct. 19 - Bishop Ford High School Retreat
- Oct. 19 - *Victim Adorers* Evening of Recollection
- Oct. 20 - Pilgrimage to the *Shrine of St. Anthony*
- Oct. 21 - *St. Francis Catholic Singles Meeting*
- Oct. 21 - *Secular Franciscan Order Meeting*
- Oct. 22 - Bishop Kearney High School Retreat
- Oct. 23 - Marriage Preparation Course
- Oct. 25 - St. Adalbert's Confirmation Retreat
- Oct. 26 - Bishop Kearney High School Retreat
- Oct. 27 - St. Saviour's High School Retreat
- Oct. 29 - *Padre Pio Prayer Group Meeting*
- Oct. 30 - Marriage Preparation Course