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Celebrating 40 Years of the Approval of the 1978 Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order

Pray for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

By St Bonaventure OFM (1217-1274) Doctor of the Church



We beg the all-merciful Father through You,
 His only-begotten Son made man for our sake,
 crucified and glorified for us,
 to send upon us from His treasure-house
 the Spirit of sevenfold grace,
 Who rested upon You in all His fullness:
 the spirit of wisdom,
 enabling us to relish the fruit
 of the tree of life, which is indeed Yourself;
 the gift of understanding:
 to enlighten our perceptions;
 the gift of prudence,
 enabling us to follow in Your footsteps;
 the gift of strength:
 to withstand our adversary's onslaught;
 the gift of knowledge:
 to distinguish good from evil
 by the light of Your holy teaching;
 the gift of piety:
 to clothe ourselves with charity and mercy;
 the gift of fear:
 to withdraw from all ill-doing
 and live quietly in awe of Your eternal majesty.
 These are the things for which we petition.
 Grant them for the honour of Your Holy Name,
 to which, with the Father and the Holy Ghost,
 be all honour and glory, thanksgiving, renown,
 and Lordship forever and ever.

Amen

Anastpaul/18

Come and gather with other Franciscans to observe, participate and celebrate together.

If your fraternity or church has planned a gathering or special event, please send me your information for e-publication by the 25th of the preceding month.

**DEADLINE FOR THE
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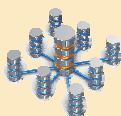
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2019 JULY CALENDAR

► FRANCISCAN SUMMER INSTITUTE

July 12 @ 8 a.m. — July 14 @ 5 p.m.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN CONFERENCE, held at St. Bonaventure University

ENDURING PRESENCE: FRANCISCAN LAITY, THEIR RELEVANCE TODAY

PRESENTED BY DARLEEN PRYDS, PH.D., associate professor of spirituality & history,
Franciscan School of Theology, Oceanside, California.

Conference fee is \$400.

THE PROGRAM

This workshop/retreat examines the unique roles lay women and lay men had in the early generations of the Franciscan journey, and teases out the relevance for lay practitioners today.

ORGANIZER

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franciscan-institute/summer-2019-programs#Secular](https://www.sbu.edu/about-sbu/sbu-campus-maps-directions/franciscan-institute/summer-2019-programs#Secular)



► ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH, NEW YORK CITY

is holding a three-week summer program lecture series, titled "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place: St. Francis of Assisi Parish at 175." The program will be held from 12–1:15 p.m. or 6:15–7:30 p.m. in the San Damiano Hall located at 129 W. 31st St., lecture fee is \$60.

The lecture series will look at the parish's past and present through several lenses: the biblical, the historical, the theological and the artistic. St. Francis of Assisi Parish offers a case study in what it means to be the Catholic Church in America and an oasis of spirituality in the secular city.

The presentation will feature three friars,
WILLIAM BEAUDIN, OFM, who will teach week one's "Biblical Perspectives" July 17 and 18.

DOMINIC MONTI, OFM, who will teach week two's "Historical Perspectives" July 23, 24 and 25.

TIMOTHY SHREENAN, OFM, who, along with Joseph Nuzzi – director of evangelization at the 31st street parish – will teach "Theological and Artistic Perspectives" July 30 and 31.

For additional information, visit: <https://stfrancisnyc.org/summer-lecture-series-st-francis-of-assisi-parish-at-175/>



2019 REGION RETREAT

At the beautiful retreat house of Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center in Wappingers Falls, NY, August 2-4, 2019.

Arrival: Friday between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.
Dinner is between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.
Departure: After lunch, Sunday.

Cost is \$185.00 payable with registration. Includes presentations, single and double rooms with private bath and six full meals. Note there are a limited number of individual rooms.

There are a limited number of partial scholarships available. For additional information contact Richard Spana, OFS | Rickspanasfo@aol.com



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OUR ANNUAL RETREAT WILL BE LED BY
SR. MARGARET CARNEY, OSF, STD

Sr. Carney was the 20th President of St. Bonaventure University, a position she held from 2004 until July 2016. She is the university's first president emeritus.

She holds Master's degrees from Duquesne University (theology) and St. Bonaventure University (Franciscan Studies) and her doctorate (theology) was awarded by the Franciscan University of Rome – the Pontifical University "Antonianum." Her own teaching and lecturing prior to her presidency encompassed service in the U.S., Europe and Asia. She holds nine honorary doctorates and is a member of the prestigious Century Club of Duquesne University.

Join your Secular Franciscan brothers and sisters at our annual region retreat where you will share time in prayer, fellowship and spiritual growth.



2019 REGION RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

Please check one Professed Candidate

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Fraternity: _____ Single room Double room

Special Needs: _____ Room with: _____

Send completed registration form with \$185.00 check, payable to "Our Lady of the Angels Regional Fraternity" to: RICHARD SPANA, OFS • 170 E Hartsdale Avenue, Apt. 1-F, Hartsdale, NY 10530 • Phone: 914-478-2010.

The Registration Form is also available on our region website at: <http://ourladyoftheangelsregion.org>



OFS Fraternity EVENT



*Immaculate Heart of Mary Fraternity,
Saints Elizabeth and Louis Fraternity*

&

*St. John's Fraternity
213 West 30th Street
New York, New York*

Invite You To Our

Annual Secular Franciscan Order Retreat
at Bishop Molloy Retreat House
to be given by

Fr. John Baptist Riordan, O.F.M. Cap.

on

“Becoming Instruments of God’s Peace.”

August 23, 24, & 25, 2019

Cost: \$215.00 for stay-in and \$125.00 for commuter.

Make check payable to: St. John's Fraternity.

If you are planning to attend, please make reservation as soon as possible.

Contact **Patria Fausto, 917-796-4393**

Space is limited.

BLESSED JOHN DUNS SCOTUS LIBRARY PRESENTATION

LOVING OVER KNOWING:

A HEART-CENTERED APPROACH TO UNDERSTANDING GOD.

PRESENTED BY FR. JOE SCHWAB, OFM

Date: Thursday, August 15, 2019

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Blessed John Duns Scotus Library

125 Thompson Street, New York, NY 10012

All are welcome. If you plan to attend, we ask that you *RSVP*
Siobhan O'Dwyer, OFS at: smdfranciscanlibrary@gmail.com



FR. JOE SCHWAB, OFM, Executive Director of the Franciscan Renewal Center, has a Master of Theology degree from the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, CA. He lived in Guatemala City to complete his Master's thesis about education among the impoverished. He holds certifications in Contemporary Spirituality from the Kino Institute, a Theology Update Certification from the International Study Centre at Canterbury, England, and in Pastoral Ministry from the University of Notre Dame.

Presently, Fr. Joe is a staff member of Franciscan Pilgrimage Programs and Director of the Franciscan Renewal Center, Scottsdale, AZ.

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019

Sr. Mary Elizabeth Imler, OSF will speak about St. Clare:

Reading the Tavola of St. Clare:

Leadership Ideas from Her Sacred Journey



PLANS FOR 30TH REUNION, ACCEPTING APPLICANTS



Reprinted from HN Province - [Around the Province](#) |
by Jocelyn Thomas | June 19, 2019 |


An evening of food, fellowship, prayer and reminiscing in the heart of New York City on July 20 will mark the 30th anniversary celebration of the Province's Franciscan Volunteer Ministry. The festivities will feature a reception at San Damiano Hall at 129 West 31st Street, which will double as a fundraiser for the three-decades-old faith formation program that fosters service to the poor and marginalized, personal and social development, spiritual growth, prayer life, and social justice advocacy. Wrapping up their one year of service at three sites, which included Philadelphia, Pa., Silver Spring, Md., and – for the first time in FVM history – Durham, N.C., the current 11 lay volunteer ministers are planning the traditional end-of-year retreat in July.

FRANCISCAN VOLUNTEER MINISTRY IS ACCEPTING APPLICANTS FOR THE MINISTRY'S 2019-20 SERVICE YEAR, WHICH RUNS FROM SUMMER TO SUMMER AND BEGINS THIS YEAR ON AUGUST 17.

Since FVM's inception three decades ago, more than 240 volunteer ministers have served with friar communities at the current locations, as well as in Anderson, SC, Camden, NJ, Buffalo, NY, Boston, MA, and Wilmington, DE. The 30th-anniversary fundraiser-party is much anticipated by past and present volunteer ministers, FVM supporters and friars, according to Katie Sullivan, the program's executive director since 1998.

LOOKING BACK AND FORWARD

"It will be a time to gather, to remember, to celebrate and to anticipate," said Sullivan, who served as a volunteer minister in the mid-1990s. "It will be a wonderful celebration of prayer, food, fellowship and shared memories – and some great raffle baskets!" Guests planning to attend the FVM reception can RSVP [online](#).  Tickets will also be available at the door, which will open at 4:45 p.m., with children under 12 admitted free. Out-of-town guests are encouraged to check with the nearby Hampton Inn Madison Square Garden, located on West 31st Street, where reduced-rate lodging accommodations have been arranged. Rooms must be booked by June 21 to qualify for the discount [at this link](#). 

The last major reunion event, held five years ago to commemorate FVM's [25th anniversary](#), was described as a glorious and wonderful "rehearsal of the heavenly banquet." 



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ACCEPTING APPLICANTS

The next steps for the 2018-19 Franciscan volunteer ministers, according to Sullivan, include graduate school, social service jobs, and additional service years. She said that a few have been accepted for a second year with FVM, and one plans to be part of the Franciscan postulant program. Their year-end retreat is July 14 to 18 at a location that will be a surprise to the participating FVMs, she said.

The 2018-2019 FVM class members at their fall retreat at Priestfield Pastoral Center in W. Virginia.



(Photo courtesy of the FVM Facebook page)

“If you know someone who would be a good fit with FVM, please invite him or her to learn more about us,” said Sullivan, noting that interested candidates can apply online through the FVM website at:

<https://franciscanvolunteerministry.org/application/>



FVM wrote a new chapter in its 30-year history when for the first time this year, four ministers arrived in North Carolina to serve at Immaculate Conception Parish. They lived, worked and prayed with the parish and their presence was felt in the broader Durham community as well.

Under the guidance of the friar site supervisor, Hugh Macsherry, OFM, the volunteer ministers were involved with one-on-one tutoring and mentoring; religious education; Reality Ministries (a community of people of different abilities); Catholic Charities Food Pantry; Urban Ministries (furniture program for those transitioning to housing); parish music ministry, and pastoral and extraordinary ministers of Communion visits to local hospitals.

In Philadelphia, the FVMs worked with the Eucharistic-based community of St. Francis Inn under site supervisor Michael Duffy, OFM, to provide meals to guests, assist with other needs, and coordinate children’s events. Additionally, one volunteer ministered with a longtime Inn volunteer to assist guests with job preparation, including resumés, job search, shower/laundry availability, clothes, and interview coaching.

In Silver Spring, the FVMs lived and worked with the community of St. Camillus Parish under site supervisor Christopher Posch, OFM. Their service included: working in classrooms and after-school programs with the students of St. Francis International School; serving at the parish food pantry; teaching English as a new language; coordinating peace programs (such as teaching conflict resolution and peacemaking skills to men at a shelter, parish groups, and school children), and participating in the parish music ministry and Meals on Wheels program.

Information about the FVM’s sites, history and mission can be found on [its website](#) and photos of events can be found on [the FVM Facebook page](#).

HOW TO VENERATE A SAINT'S RELIC



Photo: Jeffrey Bruno

Article reprinted from Aleteia / written by [Philip Kosloski](#) / May 26, 2017

THE 2019 TOUR OF THE RELICS OF SAINT PADRE PIO IS ON TOUR IN THE UNITED STATES.

The relics of Saint Pio available for public veneration are the following:

- Saint Pio's glove
- Saint Pio's crusts of the wounds
- Cotton-gauze with Saint Pio's blood stains
- A lock of Saint Pio's hair
- Saint Pio's mantle
- Saint Pio's handkerchief soaked with his sweat

NEW YORK CITY
Church of Saint John the Baptist
213 West 30th St., NYC 10001

Saturday, September 21st (TBD)
Sunday, September 22nd (TBD)

A BASIC AND SIMPLE GUIDE FOR THOSE UNFAMILIAR WITH THE ANCIENT PRACTICE.

The veneration of relics in the Catholic Church is an ancient tradition that dates back all the way to the New Testament. We can find its origins in the life of Jesus Christ (think of the woman who touched Jesus' cloak and was healed).

The Church has always treated the relics of saints in a special manner, preserving them and often putting them on display for the benefit of the faithful.


Relics of saints are typically housed in special cases and can either be seen in a permanent display in various churches, or in a traveling presentation, similar to the recent tour of Padre Pio relics in the United States.

When venerating a relic it is most appropriate to show honor and respect to the saint by performing a simple exterior gesture.

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The [Directory on Popular Piety](#) explains that,  “Popular piety is characterized by a great variety and richness of bodily, gestural and symbolic expressions: kissing or touching images, places, relics and sacred objects ... These and similar expressions, handed down from father to son, are direct and simple ways of giving external expression to the heart and to one’s commitment to live the Christian life. Without this interior aspect, symbolic gesture runs the risk of degenerating into empty customs or mere superstitions, in the worst cases.”

In general the Church recommends an exterior gesture that fits the occasion and corresponds to a person’s interior disposition.

Someone venerating a saint’s relic can kiss or touch the glass case that houses the relic, or simply stand near the relic in a prayerful attitude, raising one’s heart and mind to God and invoking the intercession of the saint. Other acceptable gestures include signing oneself with the sign of the cross or kneeling in front of the relic in prayer.

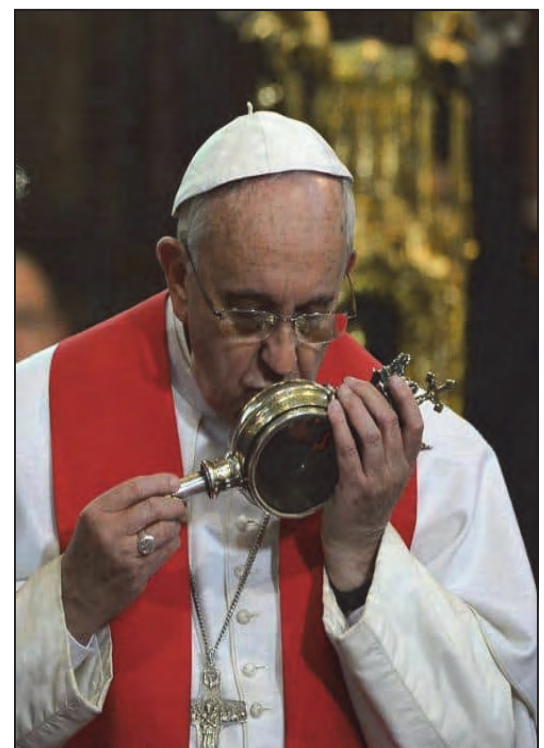
However, a person should not genuflect before the relic in a way similar to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament. Christ alone is reserved that type of veneration.

Whatever gesture a person chooses to use to venerate a relic, it must not be done out of superstition, but out of love for the saint and for God. Think of the practice in a similar way to someone who takes out a photograph of a beloved family member and kisses it every time he or she puts it back. The gesture is a sign of love for that person and contains no hint of superstition.

Venerating the relics of saints is a beautiful practice that brings us close to those who walked before us in the sign of faith.

They “ran the race” and reached the end goal of Heaven.

Seeing their relics and touching them can incite in us a greater urgency to strive for sanctity so that we can meet these holy men and women at the end our time on earth.



NOT UP FOR THE FLIGHT TO LOURDES? THESE SHRINES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK WILL LIFT YOU UP, BOARDING PASS NOT REQUIRED.

ONE DAY PILGRIMAGES

This article is reprinted from the Summer 2019 edition of *Archways*, the quarterly magazine of the Archdiocese of New York.

You can view or download it at archny.org/archways.

The Fuentidueña Apse, The Cloisters, Fort Tryon, Manhattan

The word *shrine* comes from the Latin *scrinium*, which means “box” – because the first Christian shrines were boxes or repositories for the relics of saints. Today, not all Catholic shrines house relics, but all are focal points for prayer and devotion, often to a saint or the Blessed Mother.

A shrine might be a large, “official” pilgrimage destination like the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception of Mary in Washington, D.C., a side altar in a parish church or a local memorial alongside a highway. It might mark the site of blessed event martyrdom, a Marian apparition – or memorialize a tragedy. A shrine is “in general, a holy place,” says the *Catholic Dictionary*, where people go to pray, meditate, venerate, ask forgiveness and lay their intentions before God and the saints.

There are dozens of shrines in the Archdiocese of New York, including several worthy of a one-day pilgrimage. From the home of the first American-born saint in lower Manhattan to a humble chapel devoted to the memories of unborn and prematurely born infants in Sullivan County, these holy places offer us a chance to be in the presence of the divine without traveling halfway around the world. In a few cases, convenient side trips can deepen the experience of pilgrimage.

If you are “staycationing” this summer, or just have a free day to spend enriching your faith life, pick a shrine and make a pilgrimage. Think of it as a theme park for your soul – not the fleeting adrenaline rush of the roller coaster or the log flume, but the luminous pause at the top of the ferris wheel that reveals the far horizon and puts the entire world in perspective.

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ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON SHRINE

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary
 7 State St., Manhattan
spscolr.org/st-seton-shrine-1
 (212) 233-8355
 Masses Sunday 11:00 a.m.,
 Monday – Friday 12:15 p.m.

For two years in the early 1800s, before she became a Catholic, the first American-born saint lived at 8 State Street – the stately Federal-style building attached to the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine – with her husband and children. The church that now houses the shrine was built in 1965 to match the style of the onetime Seton home. Together the two structures make for a striking piece of architecture amid the steel towers of lower Manhattan – and a spiritual magnet for devotees of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. To visit, come at Mass time.

The Setons left 8 State Street in 1803, and within two years, Elizabeth – a widowed mother of five – converted to Catholicism. She went on to build a network of Catholic schools, found the Sisters of Charity and finally, more than a century and a half after her death in 1821, become a saint. The



religious order she founded is America's oldest, and many institutions spawned by the Sisters of Charity and/or named for Mother Seton can be found throughout the archdiocese and, indeed, the country: schools, hospitals, children's care centers. The sisters still live by a pledge to minister to those in need, wherever they may be. Those in need of some inspiration can find it in this remarkable shrine amid the canyons of commerce.



SIDE TRIP CATHOLIC GROUND ZERO MEMORIAL

St. Peter's Church | 22 Barclay St., Manhattan

spscolr.org/catholic-memorial-at-ground-zero | (212) 233-8355 | Mon – Fri | 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

A 15-minute walk from the Mother Seton shrine is another tract of sacred ground: the site of the 2001 attack on the World Trade Center. The 9/11 Memorial and Museum receive millions of visitors each year; less well-known is the nearby Catholic Ground Zero Memorial. In honor of the heroes who died on September 11, sculptor John Collier created four statues: St. Joseph, patron of construction workers;



St. Michael the Archangel, patron of police; St. Florian, patron of firefighters; and St. Mary Magdalene, first witness to the resurrection. Originally installed outside St. Joseph's Chapel facing the World Trade Center, the memorial was moved in 2018 to the front portico of St. Peter's Church on Barclay Street, whose place in history includes serving as a relief supply station on 9/11. It's a fitting place to stop and say a prayer.

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ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGES



ST. FRANCES X. CABRINI SHRINE

701 Fort Washington Ave., Manhattan | cabrinishrinenyc.org
(212) 923-3536 | Tuesday – Sunday | 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

From the chapel at the Cabrini Shrine in Washington Heights, the view to the west is a breathtaking prospect over the Hudson River to New Jersey; across the street to the east are block after block of apartment buildings harboring workers and immigrants. It's a location that matches the saint, balanced between the glorious beauty of God's creations and the everyday needs of His children.

In 1880, at the age of 30, Frances Cabrini founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus along with seven other young women. A native of a tiny village near Milan, in Italy, she dreamed of starting a mission in China,

but in 1889, Pope Leo XIII asked her to lead a mission "not to the East, but to the West," to minister to the needs of the thousands of Italian immigrants in New York City. Cabrini and her sisters were soon setting up academic and catechetical classes for immigrant Italian children, and not long afterward began establishing orphanages and schools.

Cabrini ended up traveling throughout the United States as well as to Europe, Central and South America in response to requests to open schools, hospitals and orphanages. She died in Chicago in 1917, and her remains – incorruptible – can be seen in a case beneath the altar of the shrine.



Photo © metmuseum.org

SIDE TRIP CLOISTERS MUSEUM

99 Margaret Corbin Dr.
(Fort Tryon Park)
Manhattan

metmuseum.org/visit/plan-your-visit/met-cloisters
(212) 923-3700 | Sun – Sat
10:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

From the Cabrini Shrine, it's a lovely walk through Fort Tryon Park to the Met Cloisters, a museum constructed in the style of a monastery and devoted to the art and architecture of Medieval Europe. The collection contains thousands of pieces of largely Christian art from all over the Continent, including architectural gems from throughout the centuries, removed from their original locations and reassembled piece by piece in New York.

Give yourself time to be moved and to meditate in these holy spaces. Although the museum, a branch of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, is managed as a secular institution, the art is inseparable from its roots in faith. For a few minutes, you may forget the phone in your pocket and imagine yourself living a monk's life.

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NATIONAL SHRINE OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

174 Filors Ln., Stony Point | marianshrine.org
(845) 947-2200 | Open daily until sundown

On rolling hills beside the Hudson, this shrine began as a path for saying the rosary bordered by 15 life-size statues of Mary at different points in her life. It became so popular among pilgrims that the Salesian Brothers transformed

the site into a shrine of national stature, with a 48-foot statue of the Rosary Madonna crafted in Pistoia, Italy, and grottoes meant to evoke the shrines at Lourdes and Fatima. The 160-acre property is also home to a retreat center and a summer day camp.



NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

70 Carmelite Dr., Middletown | ourladyofmtcarmelshrine.com
(845) 343-1879 | Sunday – Saturday | 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Originally established in New York City in 1941, the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was relocated to this beautiful Orange County location in 1991. The purpose of the shrine is “to provide you with the opportunity and space to expe-

rience God through prayer, silence and reflection centered around devotion to our Lady of Mt. Carmel.” The chapel and grounds are open to visitors, and reconciliation can be arranged through advance appointment.

SHRINE OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

36 Cedar St., Saugerties | shrineholyyinnocents.org
Open to the public 24/7

In a onetime convent chapel at St. Mary of the Snow in Ulster County, the Shrine of the Holy Innocents is “dedicated to babies unborn, babies born too soon, infants and children who have gone home to God,” says Deacon Mike Sweeney. “We are a place of dignity and healing.”

The modest chapel houses a growing number of plaques dedicated to grieving parents. Visitors can order a plaque for their own departed innocent, or just say a prayer in the presence of the existing plaques and in community with those who have suffered the loss of a child. Masses are offered in the chapel twice during the week, and there is an overnight Eucharistic adoration every Sunday evening.

SIDE TRIP FALLING WATERS PRESERVE

Dominican Ln., Saugerties
scenichudson.org/parks/fallingwaters
(845) 473-4440 | Sun – Sat | 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.



To stroll through the glory of God’s creation before or after your visit to the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, find your way to Falling Waters Preserve, formerly a retreat center for the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, with three miles of trails, picturesque gazebos and views of waterfalls. ❖



2019 DATES: SEPT. 7, OCT. 5, NOV. 2, DEC. 7

1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

PLACE: OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH

230 East 90th Street (between 2nd & 3rd Avenues), New York, NY 10128

WHEN: 7:30 p.m.— Holy Hour | 9 p.m.— Performance

CONTACT: catholicunderground@gmail.com 

COST: Free admission.

PARKING: Discounted Parking at GGMC Parking garage located at 245 East 90th St., (directly across the street from the church, for \$12 with Catholic Underground parking validation sticker. Valid from 5 p.m. — 1 a.m. Additional charge for SUVs.



Catholic *Underground* is an apostolate of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. It is a direct response to a call that began with Pope John Paul II. He said that because the Gospel lives in conversation with culture, we must be fearless in crossing the cultural threshold of the communication and information revolution now taking place.

THE FIRST PART OF THE EVENING IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION and begins with Vespers (Evening Prayer). This is the universal prayer of the Church — prayed by the Catholics throughout the world in every time zone and in every language.

After Vespers, there is a time of simple praise. This provides a window for each person to personally encounter Jesus Christ. The beauty of the darkened Church illumined by candles helps us enter the mystery of our Lord's presence in the Eucharist. Holy Hour ends with solemn Benediction.

THE SECOND PART OF THE EVENING SHOWCASES PERFORMANCE BY CATHOLIC ARTISTS. Here you'll experience the "new evangelization." This includes music, poetry, visual art, dancers, film, drama, etc.

WE END OUR EVENING as we began, with the prayer of the Church.

COMPLINE: (Night Prayer) is simple and beautiful. It concludes with a hymn to Our Lady.

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One of the most successful gatherings we have in the Archdiocese happens on Saturday evenings in a midtown parish and attracts a thousand or more young adults who come for prayer before the Eucharist. Confession, song and especially good company with those who share deep Catholic values in a culture and city that can indeed be at times antagonistic. The name of their gathering is revealing — Catholic Underground! That's the new minority who give their bishop so much hope! May their tribe increase! ”

TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN (Catholic New York)