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OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER IN THE U.S.A.

CONNECTING THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN
COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THE REGION.



Here are some event listings that our brother and sister Franciscans and fraternities are holding throughout the region.

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

If your fraternity or church has a special event, please send me your information in advance for e-publication by the 15th of the preceding month. **Deadline for our September issue is August 15th.**

Send all event listings to:
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IF THERE ARE NO EVENT LISTINGS RECEIVED FOR A PARTICULAR MONTH, OFS E-VENTS WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED FOR THAT MONTH.



2016 REGION CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETINGS

CHAPTER OF MINISTERS**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2016.**

To be held in Hackensack, NJ

Pastoral Visitor: Fr. Christopher Panagoplos, TOR

Fraternal Visitor: Mary Stronach, OFS

COME CELEBRATE THE Feast of the Portiuncula on August 2

Fr. Kevin Mullen, O.F.M., Provincial Minister of the Franciscans of Holy Name Province, will be the celebrant and homilist at St. Francis of Assisi Church, located at 135 West 31st Street, NYC, at 5:30 P.M.

St. Francis had a singular love for this tiny chapel located in the plains below Assisi, known popularly as the Portiuncula, or "little portion." It is one of three chapels near Assisi that were restored by Francis, and it is regarded as the birthplace and heart of the Franciscan Order.

This year marks the 800th anniversary of *The Pardon of Assisi*, a tradition which started on August 1, 1216, when Christ, Our Lady, and angels appeared to St. Francis in the chapel of St. Mary of the Angels.

As he lay on the ground, St. Francis asked God to grant an indulgence to all pilgrims who would visit the chapel. The following day St. Francis asked Pope Honorius III for his approval and he agreed.

Pope Francis is scheduled to make a visit to the Basilica of Our Lady of the Angels which contains the chapel of the Portiuncula, on August 4 as part of the Year of Mercy.

"The Portiuncula Feast is not only part of a devotional tradition, but it is also part of a Franciscan response to the social ills of the world and is often referred to as 'the Great Pardon of Assisi,'" Fr. Kevin commented. He went on to say, "remembering the Portiuncula is more than a nostalgic sentiment for a 'place' that was loved by Francis. Rather, it is sustaining a living voice that is heard in every Franciscan heart, calling us back to our foundational values and continually sending us forth on our mission within the world. The Portiuncula is a dynamic and living memory that reminds us that we must freely give what we have received: the merciful love of God."

**HERE ARE SOME EVENTS OUR
BROTHER AND SISTER FRATERNITIES
ARE SPONSORING.**

St. Francis Fraternity

BRUNCH LOCATION:

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
R.C. CHURCH
50 LODI STREET
HACKENSACK, NJ 07601

CONTACT:

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**FRATERNITY BRUNCH
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

BRO. DOUG SOIK, OFM, REGIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT,
is the guest speaker.

☞ **R.S.V.P. required if planning to attend.**

Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Checks can be made to:
St. Francis Fraternity and mailed to Diane Menditto's address.
The fraternity will hold the tickets for you at the door.

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On this feast we pray

August Queen of Heaven, sovereign queen of Angels, you who at the beginning received from God the power and the mission to crush the head of Satan, we beseech you humbly, send your holy legions so that, on your orders and by your power, they will track down demons, fight them everywhere, curb their audacity and plunge them into the hell.

Who can be compared to God?

Oh good and tender Mother, you will always be our love and our hope.

Oh divine Mother, send the Holy Angels and Archangels to defend me and to keep the cruel enemy far from me.

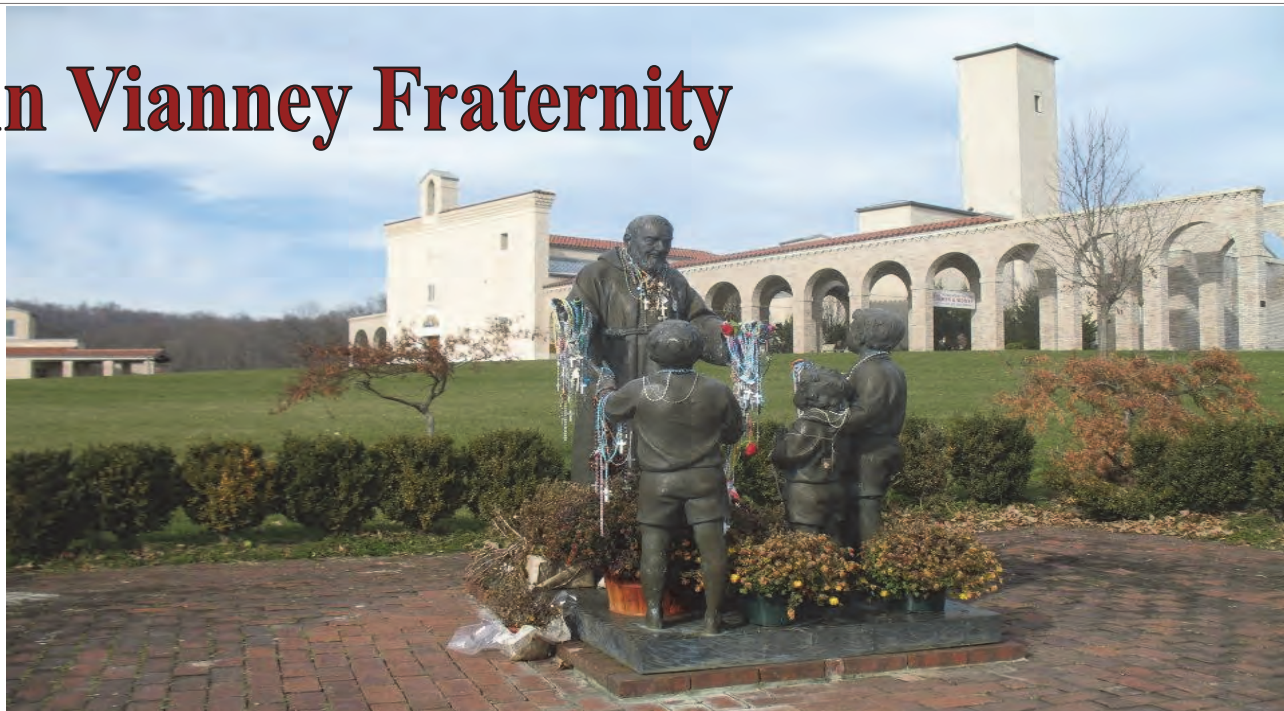
Holy Angels and Archangels defend us, protect us.

Amen.



St. John Vianney Fraternity

ST. MARY'S
CHURCH
232 CENTRAL
AVENUE
RAHWAY, NJ
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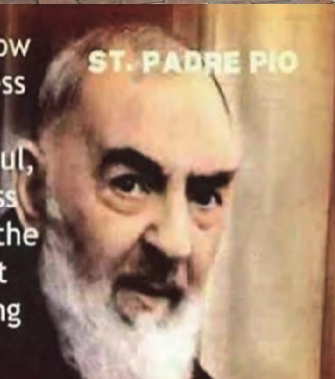
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610-845-3000

WEBSITE:
www.padrepio.org



"Don't allow
any sadness
to dwell
in your soul,
for sadness
prevents the
Holy Spirit
from acting
freely."

ST. PADRE PIO



PILGRIMAGE TO:

**THE NATIONAL CENTRE
FOR PADRE PIO
111 Barto Road, Barto, PA**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2016

*Please join us on this pilgrimage and receive
blessings through the intercession of St. Pio.*

TIME: Bus leaves in front of St Mary's Church at 7:00 A.M. (sharp)
Returns at approx. 6:30 P.M.

COST: \$ 45.00 per person.

Advance Reservations are required.

Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

THE DAY EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Veneration of a relic.
- Lunch - bring a brown bag lunch.
- Tour of the Museum and Gift Shop.
- Free time to pray, walk and shop.



**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 A WEEK-END RETREAT AT:

BISHOP MOLLOY RETREAT HOUSE
86-45 Edgerton Blvd., Jamaica Estates, NY 11432
Phone: 718-739-1229

TOPIC:

FRANCIS AND CLARE - IN THE YEAR OF MERCY

RETREAT MASTER:

Fr. John Baptist Riordan, OFM Cap.

DATE:

**Friday, August 26, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. to
Sunday, August 28, 2016, NOON**

COST:

\$ 210.00 for stay-in and \$120.00 for commuter.
Make check payable to: St. John's Fraternity.
Act now, space is limited.

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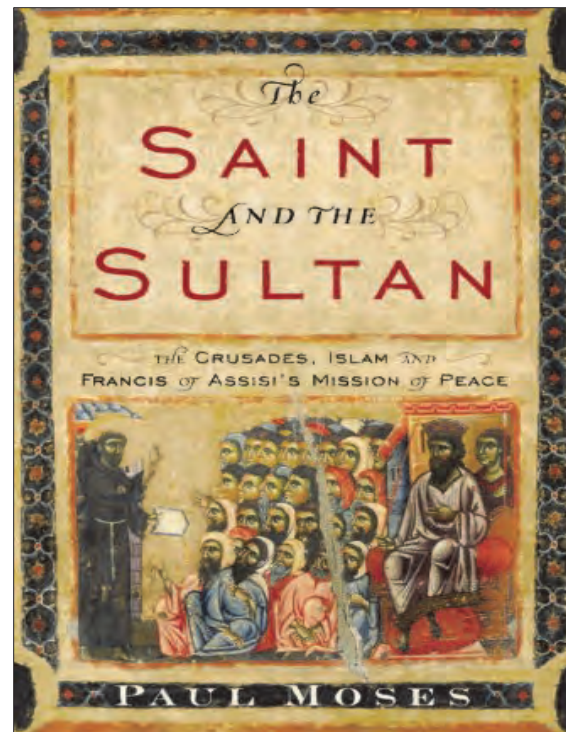
Patria Fausto, OFS, 917-796-4393 - Ester Lopez, OFS, 201-286-2270

DIRECTIONS BY SUBWAY:

Take **F train** to Jamaica - 179th Street (last Stop)
Walk from Jamaica - 179th Street to 86-45 Edgerton Blvd.

Canticle Campus

Canticle Campus is a joint collaboration effort within the Franciscan family, both Catholic and Protestant, to establish a central location for education and dialog around the role of prophetic voice in Franciscan Faith Life. The intention is to build a non-profit collaboration of Franciscan Family members and Franciscan-hearted people. The collaboration was initiated around the ecumenical efforts of the Franciscan Action Network, current administrator of the Program.



Our goal is to establish a free online college where knowledge, understanding, and dialog in civility, tolerance and religious freedom (in the spirit of Francis and Clare of Assisi) are primary. The classes are offered in the spirit of Francis and Clare.

THERE IS NO COST EXCEPT TO PURCHASE THE BOOK FOR THE CLASS.

THIS SEASON WE WILL BE WE WILL BE READING:

THE SAINT AND THE SULTAN:

THE CRUSADES, ISLAM, AND FRANCIS OF ASSISI'S MISSION OF PEACE

BY PAUL MOSES.

CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 21, 2016.

Written resources are pre-selected and participants are encouraged to read and provide an ongoing discussion of resources through this online tool.

FACILITATOR:

Francesca Wigle, TSSF, and FAN Action Commissioner.

If you would like to learn more or sign up for the class,

please email her at fwigle@gmail.com



FRANCISCAN SAINTS AND BLESSEDS CALENDAR

AUGUST

This calendar is a Franciscan collaboration between Fr. Pio Maria Hoffman, CFR and Fred Schaeffer, OFS.

2	Our Lady of the Angels at the Portiuncula	17	St. Roch, III Order
3	Bl. Frederic Janssoone, priest, I Order	18	Bls. John-Louis Loir, Protase Bourdon and Sebastian François, priests, martyrs of Rochefort, I Order
4	St. John Vianney, priest, III Order		
7	Bls. Agathangelus & Cassian, priests and martyrs, I Order	19	St. Louis of Toulouse, bishop, I Order
8	Holy Father Dominic, priest, founder, Order of Preachers	21	St. Pius X, pope, III Order
9	Bl. John of La Verna, priest, I Order	23	Bl. Bernard of Offida, religious, I Order
11	St. Clare of Assisi, virgin, II Order	25	St. Louis IX, king, Patron of the Third Order
13	Bl. Mark of Aviano, priest, I Order	27	The Seven Joys of Our Lady
14	St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest, I Order		



OFM STUDY GUIDE ON “LAUDATO SI” AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD

The Order of Friars Minor have developed a resource booklet for use as a study guide alongside "*Laudato Si*." These resources arose from an urgent concern that the Cry of the Earth and the Cries of the Poor are being disregarded.

As Franciscans, we must be partners in dialogue, making our specific contribution to the healing of our world, and the people who live in it.

The guide begins with explanations of the four dimensions through which *Laudato Si* will be examined, the Biblical, Ecclesial, Franciscan and Scientific.

The booklet aims to provide guidance so that all who read it might be able to respond to the ecological challenges of our time. It includes an introduction by Minister General Michael Perry, OFM.

We want to thank the OFM's for the distribution of this guide. You can view the study guides in both English or Spanish on FAN's website: <https://franciscanaction.org/article/ofm-study-guide-laudato-si>





CALL FOR PAPERS

The Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University will host a major international conference dedicated to the intellectual heritage and contemporary significance of Saint Bonaventure.

Individual papers, panels, and workshop proposals are sought that engage the academic, pastoral, and socio-political aspects of this topic. Possible themes include, but are not limited to the following:

- Bonaventure's Theological Legacy and Contemporary Theology
- Bonaventure's Use of Philosophical and Theological Sources
- Aesthetics, Art, and Bonaventure
- The Franciscan Order under Bonaventure's Leadership
- Bonaventure as Preacher
- Ecology, Pope Francis, and Bonaventure
- The Image and Role of Women in Bonaventure's Writings
- Bonaventure, Franciscan Ministry, and Spirituality
- Bonaventure and Thomas Aquinas
- Bonaventure, Paris, and Medieval France

Proposals are due by **November 18, 2016**. Notifications of acceptance, rejection or need for alterations will be sent to authors by **January 13, 2017**. Please send a paper proposal/ draft of your text via email no later than **November 18, 2016**, directly to:

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