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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 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 our April 2017
issue is March 25th.**

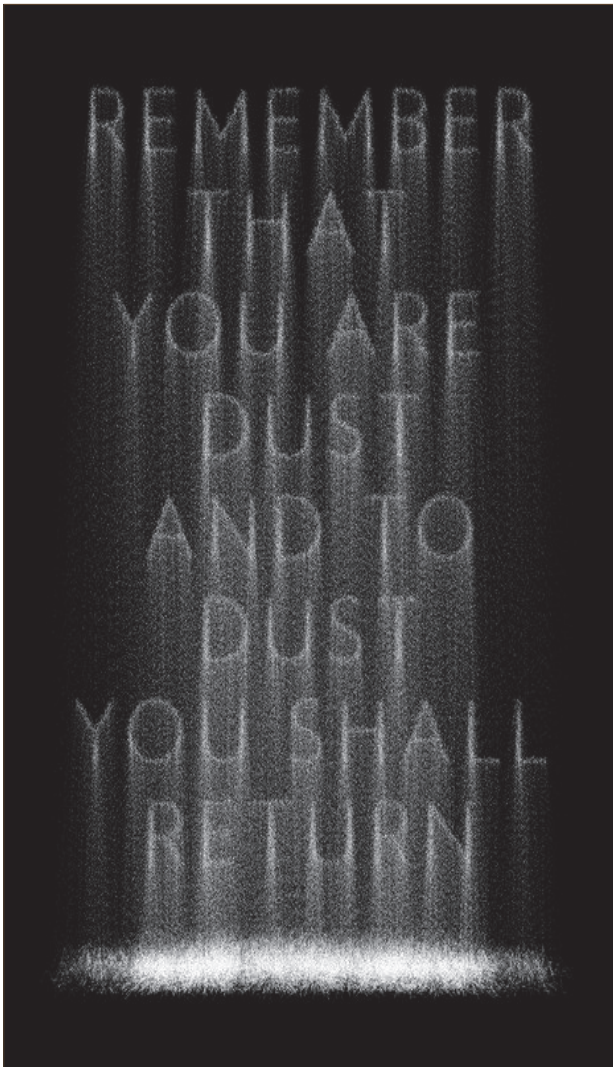
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FOR THAT MONTH.**



2017 REGION CALENDAR**GENERAL MEETINGS****MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

***EVENT INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW.**

*** CONVIVENZA**

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Church, 135 WEST 31ST ST. NEW YORK CITY

Guest Speaker: Sr. Joann Sams, CSA

Director of The Dwelling Place NYC

CLUSTER FORMATION WORKSHOPS

SPECIAL FORMATION CLASS ON

THE PRAYER LIFE OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN

This same presentation will be offered in different locations.

#1 - SATURDAY, MAY 4TH

9:30 a.m. — 12 NOON

HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHURCH - ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS CHAPEL
WEST 96TH STREET AT AMSTERDAM AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

Open to Inquirers and Candidates, formation directors
and formation teams from Manhattan, Westchester and
Staten Island.

#2 - SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH

9:30 a.m. — 12 NOON

ST. BONAVENTURE CHURCH
174 RAMSEY STREET, PATERSON, NEW JERSEY

Open to Inquirers and Candidates, formation directors
and formation teams from North and Central New Jersey.

More information will be sent directly to Formation Directors
and Candidates soon, but Candidates especially should mark
their calendars and make arrangements to attend one of the
sessions.

*** REGION RETREAT - SEE PAGE 3**

AUGUST 4-6, 2017

2017 REGION RETREAT

We will once again be utilizing the beautiful facilities at Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center in Wappingers Falls, New York. Held on August 4 – 6, 2017, the cost is \$175.00 per attendee.



THEME: TO BE ANNOUNCED

**OUR RETREAT WILL BE LED BY
BRO. RUDOLPH PIERETTI, OFM CAP**
Join your Secular Franciscan brothers and sisters at our annual region retreat where you will share time in prayer, fellowship and spiritual growth.

Remember space is limited, so register now using the registration form provided below.

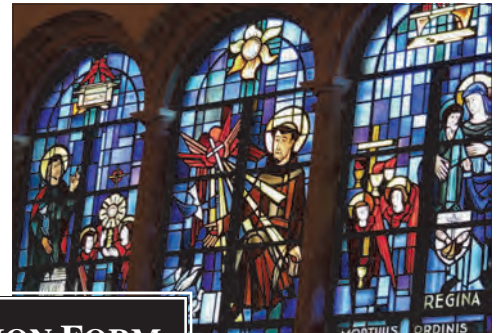


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2017 REGION RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

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 \$175.00 check, payable to “Our Lady of the Angels Regional Fraternity” to: RICHARD SPANA, OFS • 170 East Hartsdale Avenue, Hartsdale, NY 10530-3536 • Phone: 914-478-2010.

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



FRATERNITY EVENTS

OLTAR MANHATTAN CLUSTER GATHERING

Sponsored by the

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY FRATERNITY

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

“A Blazing Grace”

Reflection by Bro. Anthony Zuba, OFM, Cap



SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

30th Street (between 7th and 8th Avenues), New York City 10001

AGENDA

12 noon: HOLY MASS (*in church*)

12:45 p.m. REGISTRATION (*lower church hall*) • \$5.00 SUGGESTED DONATION

Please bring your own Lunch (brown bag),

Beverages and snacks will be provided.

1:15 p.m. Franciscan Crown and Reflection.



Brother Anthony is the parish animator for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation. With a background in community organizing, he is mobilizing members of the parish for direct action in faith-rooted campaigns for workers, immigrants, and the environment. He also provides material and spiritual support for the parish food pantries, Saint John Bread of Life and Crossroads. He has a Master of Divinity degree from Boston University and a Master of Theology degree from Boston College



Sacred Heart Secular Franciscan Fraternity

Everyone is invited to attend the

Lenten Day of RECOLLECTION

A Time of Seeking and Finding

March 11, 2017

at Sacred Heart Convent.

27 Convent Avenue Yonkers NY 10703

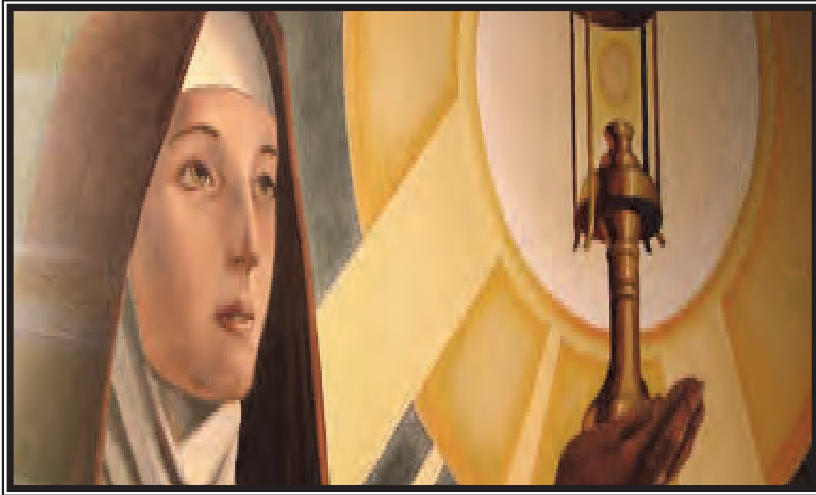
from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

with

Father Michael Connolly OFM Cap.

RSVP

Benedicta Fonacier OFS, Minister 914-969-2779

COURSE AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH**CLARITY IN ALL THINGS:
LOOKING AND LOVING
WITH ST. CLARE OF ASSISI**

DATE: THURSDAYS, ~~March 2~~ — March 9 — March 16, 2017

TIME: 5:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

COST: \$ 30.00

LOCATION: St. Francis of Assisi Parish, San Damiano Hall

135 W. 31st Street, New York City 10001 • PHONE: 212-736-8500

INSTRUCTOR: Fr. John F. Beddingfield, T.S.S.F., D.Min.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Because Clare lived at the Church of San Damiano for forty-two years, one might assume she saw the same things day after day. And yet, in her writing – and especially in the Fourth Letter to Agnes of Prague – Clare reveals a wide, expansive vision. She encourages Agnes to pray by “gazing, considering, contemplating, and imitating.”

This 3-part course will explore the way Clare looks at God, the Cross of Christ, St. Francis, the Holy Eucharist, herself, and other people. Through her own words, art and prayer, scripture and song, we will explore what it might mean to look with Clare, to see with clarity.

R REGIONAL NOTICE

A REGIONAL COMMITTEE has been formed for the purpose of reaching out to retired and infirm friars residing in Beacon (New York), Ringwood and Butler (New Jersey).



At the initial meeting, the group brainstormed ideas of how our region might best serve the friars.

Some ideas include:

- Sending cards ▪ Visiting
- Collecting toiletries for them throughout the year.

What the committee needs from you are additional suggestions as well as your participation, either individually or as a fraternity. If you are interested in being part of this Apostolate, email one of us with your name and contact information. Please put "OFS Ministry" on the subject line. Thanks.



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We have a new publication in our Secular Franciscan family! The International Fraternity, *CIOFS*, will now publish a newsletter twice a year telling us about their activities. This will give us a good idea of yet another part of the world-wide fraternity to which we belong.



So, you now have your **LOCAL FRATERNITY NEWSLETTERS;**

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the **TROUBADOUR**, (our Regional magazine – published quarterly – 2x per year printed, 4x online);

and **OFS E-VENTS**, (our Regional newsletter – published monthly -- 12x online only);

both may be found on our regional website: <http://olangels.tripod.com/troubadour.html>



the **Tau-USA**, (our National newsletter – published quarterly – 4x per year printed and online;)

<http://nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa.html>



and now **Vox FRANCISCANA**, (the International newsletter 2x per year online only.)

Vox Franciscana can be found on the *CIOFS* website:

<http://www.ciofs.org/portal/index.php/en>



You may also download the current *pdf* copy of the issue at:

http://www.ciofs.org/portal/images/Circ_PDF/VoxFranciscana/

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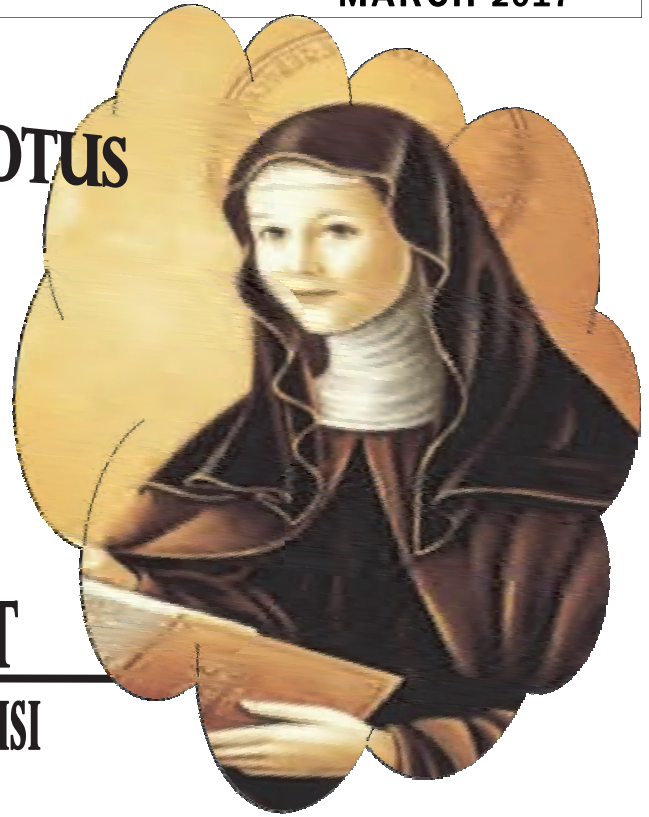
EVENTS

UPCOMING

A BLESSED JOHN DUNS SCOTUS FRANCISCAN LIBRARY PRESENTATION

Saturday, April 8, 2017

LEAD KINDLY LIGHT THE CHARISM OF CLARE OF ASSISI



Presented by
Sr. Clare A. D'Auria, OSF

DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 8

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

PLACE: Blessed John Duns Scotus
Franciscan Library
125 Thompson Street
New York, NY 10012

ALL ARE WELCOME.

If you plan to attend, we ask that you RSVP to Siobhan O'Dwyer, ofs:
smdfranciscanlibrary@gmail.com

CLARE A. D'AURIA, OSF, a Sister of St. Francis of Philadelphia, currently ministers as a staff member at the Franciscan Spiritual Center in Aston, PA. For half of her fifty years in ministry, Clare has served in retreat work, offering spiritual direction, directed and conference retreats, as well as numerous workshops, especially in Franciscan spirituality, throughout the United States. She also serves on the staff of Franciscan Pilgrimage Programs, leading pilgrims through the holy sites in both Assisi and Rome. Her other ministerial experience has included congregational and provincial leadership, secondary and collegiate education, and a variety of additional administrative roles both within and outside of her congregation.

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During the dark days of the turn of the thirteenth century, when the divisive structures of feudalism separated the "have's" from the "have not's," Clare of Assisi, along with Francis, envisioned a new way in which people could live in relationship with one another. Their dream, rooted in the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, created a fraternal model within whose framework all could live as sister and brother.

For Clare, this vision was realized in her design for the way of life lived by the Poor Ladies in San Damiano. Leading by example as sister, servant, and mother, Clare became a guiding light to her fledging congregation. In our own day, when the forces of division continue to frustrate the coming of the reign of God, Clare's witness can illumine the pathway for those of us who desire to be faithful to the Gospel and to our Franciscan charism.