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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 November issue is
October 25th.**

Send all event listings to:
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In Franciscan tradition, many of us will gather together to mark the death of our Seraphic Father Francis with the *Transitus*; celebrate a special Feast day liturgy; attend special lectures about Saint Francis; and witness the always joyful Blessing of the Animals.

Here are some listings of what our brother and sister fraternities are holding throughout the region. If your fraternity has no special plans, why not join with other secular Franciscans to observe and celebrate together.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CELEBRATIONS



CORTESIA Fraternity

MIDDLETOWN, NJ

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016

MINISTER:

DAWN RUSINKO, OFS

Dawnrusinko@yahoo.com

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

6:30 p.m. - Church grounds

TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS

☞ Transitus Service: 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary Mother of God Church

19 Cherry Tree Farm Road, Middletown, NJ 07748

☞ Refreshments following the Service

PORZIUNCOLA Fraternity

EAST HANOVER, NJ

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016

MINISTER:

CHRISTOPHER LEONE, OFS

Cleone113@yahoo.com

TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS

☞ Transitus Service: 7:30 p.m.

Franciscan Sisters of St. Elizabeth

499 Park Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054

SACRED HEART Fraternity

YONKERS, NY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2016

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

1:00 p.m. - Church entrance

MINISTER:

BENEDICTA FONACIER, OFS

Bfona2122@gmail.com

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016

TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS

☞ Transitus Service: 7:00 p.m. in the Church

☞ Light Refreshments following the Service

8:00 p.m. in the Church hall

SACRED HEART CHURCH

110 Shonnard Place

Yonkers, NY 10703

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016

FEAST DAY OF ST. FRANCIS

☞ Liturgy of the Eucharist: 8:30 a.m. - Church

SERVANTS OF GOD Fraternity

YONKERS, NY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016

MINISTER:

MICHAEL F. BRADY, OFS

[Michael f brady@yahoo.com](mailto:Michael_f_brad@yahoo.com)

TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS

☞ **Transitus Service: 8:00 p.m.**

Preceded by refreshments 7:00 p.m.

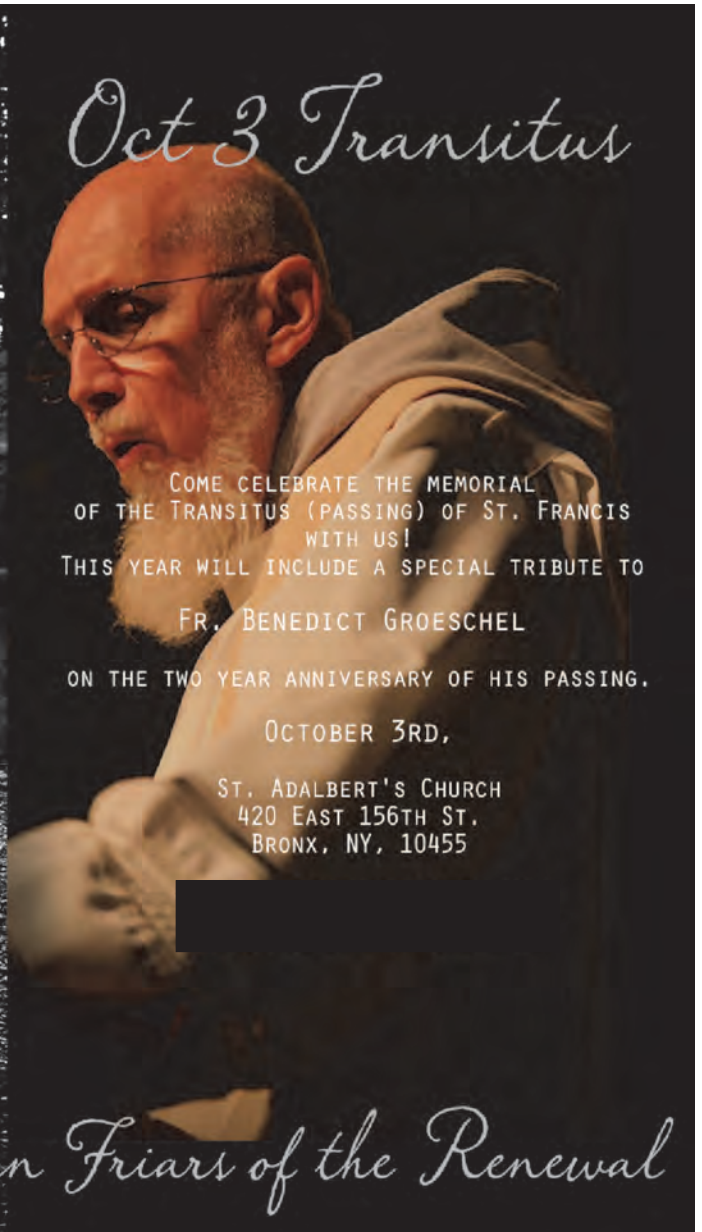
ST. ADALBERT'S CHURCH

420 East 156th Street, Bronx, NY 10455

This year will include a special tribute to Fr. Benedict Groeschel on the two-year anniversary of his passing.



Sculpture of St. Francis by Fr. Paulus CFR



Oct 3 Transitus

COME CELEBRATE THE MEMORIAL
OF THE TRANSITUS (PASSING) OF ST. FRANCIS
WITH US!
THIS YEAR WILL INCLUDE A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO
FR. BENEDICT GROESCHEL
ON THE TWO YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF HIS PASSING.

OCTOBER 3RD,

ST. ADALBERT'S CHURCH
420 EAST 156TH ST.
BRONX, NY, 10455

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

ST. ANNE'S Fraternity

FAIR LAWN, NJ

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016

MINISTER:

TOM BABICH, OFS

T.Babich@verizon.net

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

12:00 noon - Church grounds

St. Anne's Church

15-05 Saint Anne Street, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

ST. ANTHONY'S Fraternity

BUTLER, NJ

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016

MINISTER:

DAVE ENGELHAUPT, OFS

Eagleton57@optimum.net

TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS

☞ Transitus Service: 7:00 p.m.

St. Anthony's Church

65 Bartholdi Avenue, Butler, NJ 07405

☞ Light Refreshments following the Service
In the meeting room

ST. FRANCIS Fraternity

HOBOKEN, NJ

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016

MINISTER:

MARY CAROL CAIEZZA, OFS

Mccaiezza@gmail.com

TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS

☞ Mass: 6:30 p.m.

☞ Transitus Service immediately after the Mass

☞ Small reception following the Service

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

308 Jefferson Street

Hoboken, NJ 07030

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016

☞ Mass: 7:00 p.m. with the Blessing of the Animals

☞ followed with a short procession with the Saint's
statue.

ST. FRANCIS Fraternity

HACKENSACK, NJ

MINISTER:

EDSON ATWOOD, OFS

Dianefmdfm@aol.com

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016

TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS

- ☞ Transitus Service: 8:00 p.m.
- ☞ Refreshments follow

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

50 Lodi Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016

- ☞ Blessing of the Animals - 10:00 a.m.
- ☞ Feast Day Mass: 7:00 p.m.
(Trilingual - English, Spanish and Italian)

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Former Franciscan Parish - Fraternity members from St. Francis Fraternity, in Hackensack, NJ, along with the parish Deacon arrange for this each year.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

15 Forest Place

Rochelle Park, NJ

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016

TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS

- ☞ Transitus Service: 7:30 p.m.

ST. ANTHONY'S Fraternity

MIDDLESEX, NJ

MINISTER:

ITALIA TESTA, OFS

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016

MASS AND TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS

- ☞ St. Anthony's Fraternity will be attending the St. John Vianney Fraternity services in Colonia, NJ. The Spiritual Assistants from both Fraternity's will con-celebrate the Mass and Transitus Services.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY Fraternity

COLONIA, NJ

MINISTER:

DOLORES JULES, OFS

Srmarypio@optonline.net

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016

☞ **MASS AND TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS: 7:00 p.m.**

**CELEBRANTS REV. JOSEPH KUBIAK AND
REV. MSGR. WILLIAM BENWELL.**

☞ **Refreshments follow**

**ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH
420 Inman Avenue, Colonia, NJ 07067**

ST. PETER Fraternity

SOMERSET, NJ

MINISTER:

MARY-FRANCIS REAVEY, OFS

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016

TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS

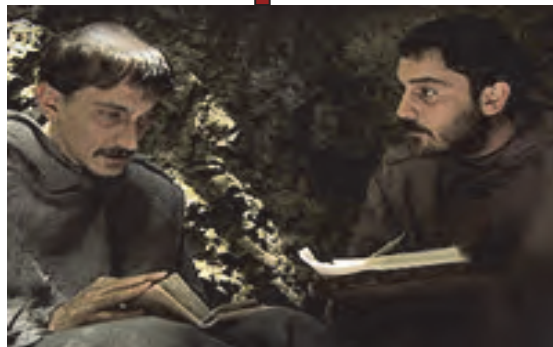
☞ **Transitus Service: 7:00 p.m.**

Deacon Sal Bonfiglio, OFS presiding

**ST. MATTHIAS CHURCH
168 JFK Blvd., Somerset, NJ 08873**

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**SAINT FRANCIS AND BROTHER LEO
10/02 12:00 AM ET; 10/04 03:00 AM ET**

A docu-drama presenting the life and spirituality of Brother Leo, the secretary and confessor of St. Francis, who was considered to be his favorite disciple. Filmed on location in Assisi, Italy.



**SAINT FRANCIS AND BROTHER BERNARD
10/04 09:30 AM ET; 10/05 03:00 AM ET
11/01 11:00 PM ET**

A close look at the life and spirituality of St. Francis' first follower Brother Bernard and his way of life. Filmed on location in Assisi, Italy.

FRANCISCAN SAINTS AND BLESSEDS CALENDAR

OCTOBER

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

4	Our Holy Father Francis, deacon, founder of Three Franciscan Orders	20	Blessed James of Strepar, bishop of I Order.
6	Saint Mary Frances of the Five Wounds, virgin of III Order.	20	Blessed Contardo Ferrini, member of III Order.
10	Saints Daniel, priest, and companions, martyrs of I Order.	21	Blessed Josephine Leroux, virgin and martyr of II Order.
11	Saint John XXIII, pope, III Order	22	Saint Peter of Alcantara, priest of I Order.
12	Saint Seraphin of Montegrano, religious of I Order.	22	Saint John Paul II

2016 REGION CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETINGS

CHAPTER OF MINISTERS**PASTORAL AND FRATERNAL VISITATION****SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2016**

9:00 A.M. REGISTRATION TO 3:00 P.M.

Church Hall, St. Francis Church

50 Lodi Street, Hackensack, NJ (*enter on Holt Street*)

BUSINESS OF THE REGION AND VISITATION BY

National Councilor Mary Stronach, OFS

National Spiritual Assistant Fr. Christopher Panagoplos, TOR

ALL LOCAL MINISTERS ARE CALLED TO ATTEND.

OBSERVERS ARE WELCOME.

FRANCISCAN FEDERATION REGION 1 FALL PRESENTATION OF:

FRANCIS AND THE SULTAN

OCTOBER 15, 2016
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Felician University
262 South Main Street
Lodi, NJ 07644

COST:

Registration \$25.00 before September 24

Late fee and at the door \$30.00



THE PRESENTATION will focus on the too-little known 13th century

Middle East peace initiative that occurred between Francis of Assisi and Sultan Malek-al-Kamil. This unlikely encounter between the mendicant friar of Assisi and the leader of the Muslim forces of the Levant contains a significant message for our time. Their efforts on behalf of peace speak a wisdom of how to negotiate interreligious misunderstanding and hostility, and other difficult encounters between conflicting peoples. The encounter suggests some basic building blocks for people who desire to build a different kind of world than the one we inhabit today. Specifically, a world in which persons long to see the other, not as a threat or an enemy, but as a brother, a sister. Together we will explore ways to change a system, a world, that is broken and in need of repair.

PRESENTER:

FRANCISCAN SR. KATHY WARREN is a member of the Rochester, Minnesota Franciscans. Kathy is a Scholar of interreligious dialogue, particularly Muslim-Christian interaction, from a Franciscan perspective. She is the author of *Daring to Cross the Threshold: Francis of Assisi Encounters Sultan Malek al-Kamil*. Sister Kathy's book grew out of her 2002 thesis from St. Bonaventure University, where she earned a master's in Franciscan Studies. She also holds a master's degree in Religious Studies from Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois, and a doctorate in ministry from the Graduate Theological Foundation in South Bend, Indiana. Along with Jaysari (Joyce) Hart of Los Angeles, CA.

Sr. Kathy is co-producer of the DVD: *In the Footprints of Francis and the Sultan: A Model for Peacemaking*. In October 2015, Kathy presented a workshop on the message of Francis and the Sultan at the Parliament of the World's Religions in Salt Lake City, Utah. She is a popular presenter on topics of peacemaking and interreligious interaction and other areas of Franciscan spirituality.

A BLESSED JOHN DUNS SCOTUS FRANCISCAN LIBRARY PRESENTATION

Saturday, November 12, 2016

THE PARDON OF ASSISI —

THE 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PORTIUNCULA INDULGENCE



Presented by

Br. Thomas Barton, O.S.F.

Celebrating his 50th Jubilee anniversary this year, Brother Tom entered the Franciscan Brothers from Our Lady of Angels parish in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, in 1966 and professed first vows in 1967.

He taught in the elementary schools at Our Lady of Angels and St. Joseph, in Babylon, L.I., before serving in campus ministry at the Bishop Ford High School in Park Slope, Brooklyn.

He has served as special education administrator for the Diocese of Brooklyn and in other social services areas as well as Franciscan Pilgrimage leader and instructor in the Franciscan Institute of India. Br. Thomas has been on the pilgrimage staff since 1993. His first experience of the Franciscan Pilgrimage Programs was as a pilgrim in the 1982 Study Pilgrimage.

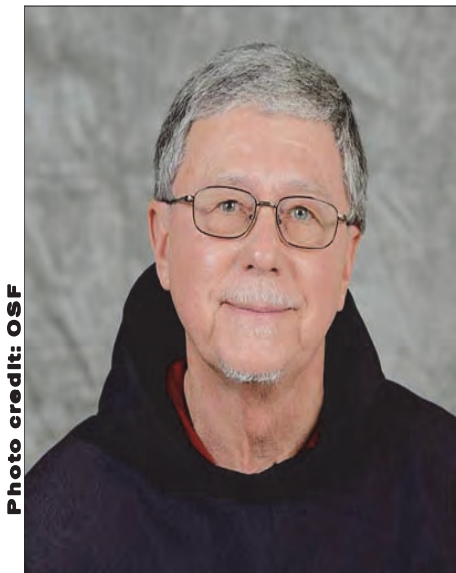


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In 1990, he completed the requirements for an MA at St. Bonaventure University. He holds an MA from Teachers College, Columbia University, in Special Education and a certificate from the University of Medicine and Dentistry, New Jersey, in the area of HIV/AIDS. He is a certified social worker in the State of New Jersey.

He was a visiting lecturer in Franciscan Studies at Shanthi Sadhana, the Franciscan Institute of Spirituality of India in 1993, 1996-2000, and a retreat master and lecturer on Franciscan themes in Bangladesh and Philippines during that same time. Clare of Assisi is his area of specialization.

Br. Thomas is a lecturer in Franciscan Studies and publisher of various articles on Franciscan Life.

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 Slobhan O'Dwyer, OFS:**

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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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