



Our Lady of the Rosary  
Secular Franciscan Fraternity  
Williamsburg, Virginia



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## Message from our Minister...

Brothers and Sisters of Francis and Clare,

I pray everyone had a joy filled and blessed Thanksgiving.

2024 is a year that we have seen Our Lady of the Rosary grow.

- In October, Theresia Muli was able to celebrate her Rite of Admission. Theresia has been an asset to the fraternity with her wonderful smile and her ability to help with our Zoom calls. The best part is that she is now able to sign OFS after her name.
- In November, we met Marylou Holloway. She moved to Williamsburg and has started her paperwork to transfer in from Padre Pio fraternity in Raleigh, North Carolina. Her minister tells me she is awesome! She jumped right helping to make sandwiches for the clients at the Pineapple Inn.
- In December, we will be meeting with Sacred Heart Fraternity for an Advent Retreat at St. Clare Retreat Center in Hampton, VA. During the retreat, Genni McGlynn will celebrate her Rite of Profession or permanent commitment to the Secular Franciscan Order. She has been a blessing to the fraternity and I am looking forward to the ceremony.

Advent is a time of reflection that looks both backwards and forward to the coming of Jesus, the Son of God, to this rock we call earth. We look back 2000 years to the poverty of that first Christmas. The Son of God took flesh and joined the human race. The humility of that act is beyond imagination. According to Franciscan tradition, the primary purpose of the Trinity was the Incarnation. It was to expand the overflowing love that is God to others, to us and all creation. We also look forward to Christmas Day 2024. It is a day of celebrating with family and friends. We also celebrate the continuing gift of Jesus in the Eucharist when we go to Mass on Christmas Day. It is through the Incarnation that we have this gift of the presence of Jesus in our lives.

I hope to see most of you at our Advent Retreat on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. I know it will be both prayerful with Mass and Adoration and celebratory with Genni's Rite of Profession to the Gospel Life. Remember that the retreat is in place of our December meeting.

Peace and all good,  
Peg Crews

# Advent Blessings and a joyful Christmas to all!

## Advent Prayer

Lord of all,  
you are a God of plenty, a Lord who provides  
for us in our need.

As I begin these early days of Advent  
help me to believe that you know what I need.  
Give me the courage to listen to your voice  
and the freedom  
to open my heart to the graces you are  
offering me to place my trust in you.

This prayer comes from the University of Creighton website:

### One Prayer a Day for Advent

<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/Daily-prayers.html>

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## Birthdays

December 15 — Marie Stephan

## Profession Anniversaries

Chris Wells, — December 1, 2002

Leo Wells — December 1, 1995



Our Advent Retreat is  
Saturday, December 21st 10am -4pm

Saint Clare of Assisi Retreat Center

620 Buckroe Ave, Hampton, VA 23664



## The Pope's Monthly Intentions

December: FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.