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OCTOBER 2025

Minister's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

Peace and all good!

With the election of our new Secular Franciscan Council, we begin another three years of service together. I am humbled to serve my second and final term as Minister, alongside a group of dedicated brothers and sisters who have generously answered the call. While the election was uncontested, and at times it is not easy to find those willing to step forward, I believe the Lord has given us strong leaders, and I am grateful to walk with them in service to our fraternity.

Our leadership is always rotating, and those who serve on Council do so in the midst of busy personal lives, often at inopportune times. The sacrifices made are not for personal gain, but for love of our fraternity and a deep commitment to the longevity of the Franciscan way of life. We know that communication is not always perfect, and decisions may not always appear as well thought out as we would like. Please be patient with your servant leaders—we are doing our best, with limited time, to keep our fraternity vibrant and faithful to its calling.

Looking ahead, I am optimistic about our future. We will need to bring together different perspectives, especially on matters such as social justice, which can sometimes feel political. My hope is that we approach these discussions with charity and openness, always seeking to foster fellowship, respect, and unity in Christ. Our fraternity is strongest when we encourage one another to grow in faith, to serve joyfully, and to bring the Franciscan spirit into our individual apostolates.

Let us continue to walk together in humility and hope, trusting that the Holy Spirit will guide our fraternity into deeper communion and fruitful mission.

Josh



TRANSITUS ACTIVITIES: OCT. 3

Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi Friday, October 3 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Mass and
Profession of Candidate Jennifer Raimo**

St. Joseph Catholic Church

The Transitus of Saint Francis is a yearly celebration by Franciscans around the world on October 3rd to commemorate the death of St. Francis — his "passing" or "transitus".

The celebration takes place on the night before his feast day and marks his transition from life on Earth to eternal life with God. The word "transitus" comes from the Latin word for "passage" or "crossing."

This year, the October 3 Transitus will be a Mass, during which Jen will be professed.



TRANSITUS ACTIVITIES: OCT. 4

Blessing of the Animals Saturday, October 4 @ 12:00 p.m.

Meet in front of St. Joseph Catholic Church so your furry, feathered, or scaled friend can receive a blessing!



Feast Day Mass of St. Francis of Assisi Saturday, October 4

The 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church will be said for our beloved deceased Tau Brothers and Sisters. Attend if you can!



TRANSITUS ACTIVITIES: OCT. 5

Tau Fraternity Annual Open House Sunday, October 5 @ 1:30 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church
Parish Activities Building – Room 205**

Get ready to welcome visitors interested in possibly pursuing our Franciscan way of life!

If you know anyone who might be interested, bring them along!

We will:

- Greet visitors
- Hear remarks from Josh and Gil
- Watch a short film about St. Francis
- Hear testimonies

As our *Rule* tells us, we receive guests “with a gentle and courteous spirit” as a “gift of the Lord and an image of Christ.”

Your presence and joyful enthusiasm just may attract the next new members of Tau Fraternity!





JUBILEE 2025

GENERAL CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2024

24 December

Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica



JANUARY 2025

24-26 January

Jubilee of the World of Communications

FEBRUARY 2025

8-9 February

Jubilee of Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel

15-18 February

Jubilee of Artists

21-23 February

Jubilee of Deacons

MARCH 2025

8-9 March

Jubilee of the World of Volunteering

28 March

24 Hours for the Lord

28-30 March

Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy

APRIL 2025

5-6 April

Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers

25-27 April

Jubilee of Teenagers

28-29 April

Jubilee of People with Disabilities

MAY 2025

1-4 May

Jubilee of Workers

4-5 May

Jubilee of Entrepreneurs

10-11 May

Jubilee of Marching Bands

12-14 May

Jubilee of the Eastern Churches

16-18 May

Jubilee of Confraternities

30 May - 1 June

Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly



JUNE 2025

7-8 June

Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Associations and New Communities

9 June

Jubilee of the Holy See

14-15 June

Jubilee of Sport

20-22 June

Jubilee of Governments

23-24 June

Jubilee of Seminarians

25 June

Jubilee of Bishops

25-27 June

Jubilee of Priests

JULY 2025

28 July - 3 August

Jubilee of Youth

SEPTEMBER 2025

15 September

Jubilee of Consolation

20 September

Jubilee of Justice

26-28 September

Jubilee of Catechists

OCTOBER 2025

4-5 October

Jubilee of the Missions

4-5 October

Jubilee of Migrants

8-9 October

Jubilee of Consecrated Life

11-12 October

Jubilee of Marian Spirituality

31 October - 2 November

Jubilee of the World of Education



NOVEMBER 2025

16 November

Jubilee of the Poor

22-23 November

Jubilee of Choirs

DECEMBER 2025

14 December

Jubilee of Prisoners



VISIT THE WEBSITE

www.iubilaeum2025.va



[@iubilaeum25.va](https://www.instagram.com/iubilaeum25.va)



Organization

Tau Fraternity
St. Joseph Catholic Church
750 Peachtree St.
Herndon, VA 20170

Meetings every 1st Sunday
of the month at:
St. Joseph Catholic Church
750 Peachtree St., Room 205

PACE
& E
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The Tau Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order was canonically established on June 21, 1992. The Fraternity is affiliated with the Third Order Regular of St. Francis, Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Tau Fraternity is in the St. Margaret of Cortona Region of the Secular Franciscan Order.

The Tau Fraternity Council currently includes the following officers:

- Minister—Josh Goldberg, OFS
- Vice Minister—Liz Wellborn, OFS
- Formation Director—Bill Richey, OFS
- Secretary—Barbara Slivers, OFS
- Treasurer—Joe Boyle, OFS



Monthly Tau Contemplative Prayer & Franciscan Spirituality Zoom Discussion led by Gil Donahue, OFS



The Tau Contemplative Prayer
& Franciscan Spirituality
discussion group will take place
Monday, October 20
from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The theme will be “Franciscan
spirituality calls us to pray - How can
we make prayer more effective?”

Contact Gil to receive a Zoom link.

RECAP OF SEPTEMBER 7 GATHERING



THE VOTES ARE IN! MEET YOUR NEW TAU COUNCIL:

**Minister
Vice-Minister
Secretary
Treasurer
Formation Director
Councilor-At-Large**

**Josh Goldberg, OFS
Cynthia Filan-Kim, OFS
William Richey, OFS
Joseph Boyle, OFS
Gil Donahue, OFS
Kimberley Heatherington, OFS**

Council members serve for a three-year term.

Please remember to pray for them!

APOSTOLATES

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY HOSPICE

Thanks to our Brothers and Sisters who support the apostolate at the Missionaries of Charity Gift of Peace House. The next food delivery will be **Saturday, October 11.**

The menu will be "Pasta Extraordinaire." If you have not previously participated in the food preparation/donation, please consider doing so this month. Also, if you want to come along for the drive to the Missionaries of Charity Hospice in DC to help with delivery of food and kitchen supplies, let Joe and Veronica know.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Help to feed the hungry. Joe Boyle, OFS, volunteered to shop and deliver food to the St. Vincent de Paul Society chapter at St. Timothy Catholic Church. Food donations may be dropped off prior to the Tau Gathering in the stairwell on the right at St. Joseph School. You can also provide a monetary donation to Joe, who is Tau Treasurer. Thank you!

For more information, see:

<https://sttimothyparish.org/outreach-and-ministries/st-vincent-de-paul/>

POOR CLARES OF NEW JERSEY

Tau Fraternity supports the Monastery of St. Clare in Chesterfield, NJ, with a biannual monetary donation. The monastery is home to Sister Karen Stapleton, OSC, who began her Franciscan journey with Tau Fraternity. The main work of the Poor Clares of NJ is to provide Altar Bread to parishes in the diocese of Trenton.

For more information, or to submit a prayer intention to the Poor Clares, see [The Poor Clares of New Jersey — Joyfully Embracing the Gospel Way of Life .\(poorclaresnewjersey.com\)](http://ThePoorClaresofNewJersey.com)

Watch their YouTube video [A Quiet Joy: New Jersey's Monastery of Saint Clare](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQuietJoyNewJersey)

FRANCISCAN MISSION SERVICE

Tau Fraternity provides a biannual monetary donation to Franciscan Mission Service. The organization prepares and supports lay Catholics for mission service opportunities around the globe. For more information, see [Home | Franciscan Mission Service](http://HomeFranciscanMissionService.com)

PRAYER SHAWL APOSTOLATE

Tau Fraternity provides handmade prayer shawls to individuals in the Diocese of Arlington. Currently, shawls are being provided to pregnant women participating in the Gabriel Project. For more information, please contact Sharon Goldberg, OFS.

ECUMENICAL APOSTOLATE

Tau Fraternity partners with the First Baptist Church of Herndon to provide English lessons to students. Tau members volunteer time and talent to teach at Introductory, Intermediate, and Advanced levels. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Bill Bouffard, OFS.



James 2:17

TAU COMMITTEES

If you are interested in participating actively in a Tau Committee, take a moment to chat with the chair:

Cultural Diversity Committee (ESL) — Bill Bouffard, OFS
Hospitality Committee — Cyndy Filan-Kim, OFS
Interfaith/Ecumenical Committee — Kimberley Heatherington, OFS
Infirmarian Committee — Sharon Goldberg, OFS
Recruitment Committee — Vacant
Technology Committee — John Ata, OFS



TAU COMMITTEES: INTERFAITH/ECUMENICAL



2nd Annual Interfaith Peace Holiday Dinner: Peace Through Multicultural Education



**Saturday, October 11
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**The Hindu Temple of Metropolitan Washington
10001 Riggs Rd., Adelphi, MD**

The Interfaith Peace Holiday Dinner was created to immerse the community in the vast religious and cultural landscape of our neighbors. From Diwali to Christmas to Milad un Nabi, there is so much to learn from the traditions and values of various groups. There will be music, performances, food, and more!

REGISTER HERE:

www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-interfaith-peace-holiday-dinner-tickets-1603583554579?aff=oddtcreator

PRAYER INTENTIONS

HEAR US, LORD!

Please keep the following intentions in your prayers:

For Pope Leo XIV.

For the physical and spiritual healing of Sylvia Capurso; Cynthia Filan-Kim's sister; Sally White; Sally's husband Gary; Richard & Carole Clarke; their grandsons Liam and Rory.

For peace in the Middle East.

For the patients and Sisters at the Missionaries of Charity Gift of Peace House.

For the people affected by Coronavirus and their caregivers.

For the Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic and its patients.

For all peoples who suffer persecution.

For the country of Myanmar and its citizens.

For the victims of natural disasters and terror attacks.

For refugees and migrant workers.

For Russians opposing the war in Ukraine.

For all those who have lost their jobs, and are in need of employment.

For all those who have received shawls from the Tau Prayer Shawl Ministry.

For an end to political violence, and for unity in our country.

For all those who are in need of our prayers who have been inadvertently omitted from this list.

Please send prayer requests to Josh Goldberg, OFS.

***Do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything, by prayer and
petition, with thanksgiving, present
your request to God.***

Philippians 4:6-7



OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

POETRY, DEVOTIONS & PRAYER



October: THE MONTH OF THE *Holy Rosary*

"To pray the
Rosary is to hand
over our burdens
to the merciful
hearts of Christ and
His mother."

—Pope John Paul II



OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

POETRY, DEVOTIONS & PRAYER



Fall asleep praying the Rosary. It is better than counting sheep.



Say it in moments of sadness or spiritual drought.



If you can't pray a whole Rosary at once, break it into parts.



Carry a Rosary in your pocket.



Say it while you wait (for example, at the bus stop)



Use each mystery to ask for a particular intention.



Pray while you walk and think of the people in your life.



Recite the Rosary while doing chores or while you work out.



Use images and music. The Rosary is a contemplative prayer.



If you're upset, pray for the situation that worries you.

TIPS TO PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY DAY

SOURCE: ACIPRENSA.COM



SEASON OF CREATION 2025



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Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18

PEACE WITH CREATION

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We announce the theme for the Season of Creation 2025: "Peace with Creation," inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18:

"The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever."



<https://seasonofcreation.org>

CALENDAR: ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary and the Holy Angels*

- Oct. 2 Memorial of the Guardian Angels
- Oct. 3 Transitus of St. Francis & Profession
7:30pm at St. Joseph Church
- Oct. 4 Solemnity of Our Seraphic Father
St. Francis
Blessing of the Animals
12:00 PM at St. Joseph Church
- Oct. 5 Tau Gathering & Annual Open House
Clari Claus' Profession Anniversary
- Oct. 6 Pam Brooks', Helen Broxmeyer's,
& Sally White's Profession Anniversary
- Oct. 7 Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
Carole Clarke's Profession Anniversary
- Oct. 9 Cyndy Filan-Kim's birthday
- Oct. 17 Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch
- Oct. 18 Feast of St. Luke
- Oct. 28 Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude
- Oct. 31 Bill Richey's birthday
Beena Job's Profession Anniversary

*See the Franciscan Calendar for more dates:
<https://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/traditional-franciscan-calendar.html>

October 2025

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

November 2025

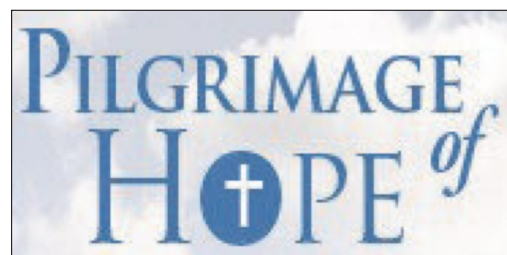
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19th Annual St. Joseph



**Saturday, October 25
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Mass for Those Who are Suffering



**Saturday, October 18 at 8:30 a.m.
St. John the Evangelist - Warrenton
271 Winchester St.**

NEXT TAU GATHERING

OCTOBER 5, 2025

SCHEDULE

1:30 PM Annual Tau Open House
The Angelus
Liturgy of the Hours
Business Meeting
Closing Prayer

Length of gathering will depend upon
Open House duration.

St. Joseph
Room 205

INITIAL FORMATION

Inquirers:
Ch. 9 in *The Franciscan Journey*

ONGOING FORMATION

Annual Tau Open House

**During Ordinary Time, we will precede the
Liturgy of the Hours with The Angelus**

The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared
unto Mary,
R. And she conceived of the Holy
Spirit.
---- Pray The HAIL MARY ----

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord,
R. Be it done unto me according to
your Word.
---- Pray The HAIL MARY ----

V. And the Word was made flesh,
R. And dwelt among us.
---- Pray The HAIL MARY ----

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
R. That we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ.

--- LET US PRAY ---

Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your
grace into our hearts: that we, to whom
the Incarnation of Christ Your Son was
made known by the message of an Angel,
may by His Passion and Cross be brought
to the glory of His Resurrection. Through
the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



Pray The HOLY ROSARY Daily / facebook.com

LITURGY OF THE HOURS 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Midday Prayer: See [here](#) or

<https://divineoffice.org/ord-w27-sun-dp2-current/?date=20251005>

Evening Prayer:
Gospel Canticle and Prayer: Evening
Prayer II: pgs. 633
Everything else: Sunday, Week III
Evening Prayer II: pg. 861
Hymn: TBD

**Contact
Liz Welborn, OFS,
to volunteer for
Scripture Reading &
Responsory, Opening Prayer,
& Presentations**