



WE ARE FRANCISCANS

Stigmata of St. Francis Fraternity
Ordo Saecularis Franciscanus
Five Franciscan Martyrs Region

Meetings 3rd Saturday of each month @8:30AM @
the Spirit Center at St Thomas More Church, 2506
Gulf Gate Dr., Sarasota.

!!! NEXT MEETING IS SAT, February 18, 2012 !!!

Minister :Sue Jacobs, OFS

Vice Minister : Gracia Garrido, OFS

Secretary : Kathy Peters, OFS

Treasurer : Dody Martin, OFS

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January Meeting Notes –

The most exciting news was a message from Brazil, the General Minister of the Order, Encarnacion del Pozo, OFS who informed us that now the official name of our Order is Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis, or Order of Franciscans Secular, therefore all of the Professed members must use the letters **OFS** after our names [see the masthead above.], not SFO. Since our members are in fraternities all over the world speaking different languages, we will now be more unified by our name translation.

We also welcomed a visitor, Tom Patt, who may be interested in joining us, and two **Professed Winter Visitors**, Isabel Cintron from NY and Peg Chmielewski.

We have all been asked to pray for **Pam Nagle**, who has been re-admitted to the hospital. It seems that her white cell count is up and they're not sure if she has an infection of some sort. They are planning on doing a CT scan. Ric has also not been feeling well this past week. Please keep them both in your prayers.

Fr. Joe Stearns was unable to join us as he was celebrating Mass with the Bishop at St Martha's Church for the Walk For Life Day event. We said the Liturgy of the Hours during the meeting and

also prayed for our excused members who have been ill and are in treatment. Especially **Virginia, Lou and Jane Baker, and Idris**, who will have eye surgery on Jan. 31st. **Nadia Amato's** husband remains in serious condition also.

We are preparing our 2011 report to the Region and went round the group asking all those who have personal apostolates to mention them as not all of us are aware of the volunteer activities of others and this might stimulate others to become more involved in similar services (especially our seasonal visitors).

We will continue to support the Catholic Faith Appeal, CrossBreeze NH, Bethesda House and Stillpoint House of Prayer with fraternity funds.

Dates to remember ! Mark your Calendars!
Sat., Feb 25, Lenten Day of Recollection at

Ave Maria Oratory, 9AM Mass, Confessions available, Fr. Frank, 1st Conference @10:45, brown bag lunch, Stations of the Cross, Open Forum, etc. Ends at 4PM, Car-pool? Call Bob Pekar for more information (239)261-6177.

Feb 28, The Franciscan Retreat Center in Tampa
Special Program featuring Pam Iorio, former Mayor of Tampa. 12noon-1:30PM

[Register online](#) fee: \$45 - Call 813-229-2695

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March 10, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, 10 AM

Fr. John Mark, TOR will give a one hour workshop on how to say the *Liturgy of the Hours*, no cost, More information at February meeting

Until you have legs to run and wings to fly: Be content to obey, which is never a small thing for the soul who has chosen God as his portion, and resign yourself to be for now a small hive bee able to make honey. Be always humble and loving in front of God and men, because God talks to those whose heart is humble in front of Him, and entices them with His gifts. **Ash Wednesday is February 22, 2012, Let's prepare our souls!**

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