



◆ **Regular Meeting:**

*The next meeting is: Sunday, **October 8, 2017**,
2:00 - 4:00pm. South Room, Christian Living Ctr.,
St. Helen Church.*

*Due to Irma, we never published the September issue, of the
Canticle. Here it is:*

◆ **Agenda and Schedule - Regular Meeting**

- 2:00 Opening, Reports, etc.
- 2:10 Blessing of Donations to the Food Pantry.
- 2:15 *The Stigmata of St. Francis.* Readings
from Bl. Thomas of Celano and St. Bonaventure. *St. Padre Pio's Stigmata.* Read-
ing of St. Padre Pio's own account. By Donna Haro.
- 2:55 Refreshments and Break

- 3:15 Franciscan Crown Rosary
- 3:40 Liturgy of the Hours
- 4:00 Closing Prayers and Dismissal

◆ **Refreshment Committee:**

Snacks: Joanne, Donna
Drinks: John Matthews

◆ **Council Meeting, Sat. October 14, 2017, at 9 am, St. John of the Cross. See
Fred**

◆ **Remember in your prayers:** Fred Schaeffer, Ginny Davis, Ed O'Donnell, Marie
Fee, Pat Riordan, Stanley Widing, Deacon Blake, and all Franciscans unable to
come to the meeting. Also, all Franciscans affected by recent storms.

◆ **Anniversaries:**

Eugene P. Caldarone, OFS 10-04-1994
Helen F. Caldarone, OFS 10-04-1994
John Matthews, OFS 10-04-1994
Frederick S. Schaeffer, OFS 10-04-1994
Edward O'Donnell, OFS 10-17-2004

◆ **Minister's Notes:**

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Fraternity Officers/Council Members
(exp. 3 years from Jan. 10, 2016)

Minister: Fred Schaeffer, OFS
Vice-Minister: Helen Caldarone, OFS
Secretary: Jean McGovern, OFS
Treasurer: Vacant
Formation Dir.: Donna Haro, OFS
Councilor-at-large: Jack Reddy, OFS

Spiritual Asst.: Rev. Mr. Richard Blake,
OFS (when available)

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October 3, 2017

7:00 PM

St. Lucie Church

Port St. Lucie, Florida



Minister's Notes

As you are aware there was no August meeting; and, because of Hurricane Irma, there was no September meeting either. I hope everyone is well. Peace and Good ... Fred.

His Everlasting Love

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." (John 3:16) To love God—to reciprocate His everlasting love for us, we must love our brothers as we do ourselves. The love God has for us is a Fatherly love, a filial or affectionate love, the type of love between mothers and daughters, fathers and sons, etc.

"With age-old love I have loved you; so I have kept my mercy toward you." (Jer. 31:3) Jesus wishes that we have an intimate relationship with Him, with His Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and to strive to be a Saint. He desires pure love. Not the love some adults have to which there are conditions attached, but rather, the love of children who love purely without conditions and codicils. God loved the world so much that He died on the Cross for us, so that we may have Life. Life eternal! We are the redeemed. Our bonds have been broken. We are no longer slaves to sin but we have chosen Jesus because we're assured of His love and we, in turn, love Him.

Sin is an insult to Jesus because it tells Him that we do not fully love Him. We shuffle the guilt under the mat, so to speak, by thinking or saying "God is so good, he doesn't mind," or, "God and I understand one another." That's very dangerous thinking my friends. The road to Hell is paved with those who are misled by these false thoughts and principles.

We cannot allow even the smallest offense to happen. We are human.... and we suffer under or

from the sin of Adam and Eve, original sin. Still, we can overcome sin, with His help. So open these fetters of iron that hold us prisoner. Tell Satan to take a leap off the nearest cliff, back into the abyss whence he came. He is counting on our weaknesses so don't give him any. Also there's a wise saying: "Idleness is the devil's playground." Keep your mind occupied with Jesus and Mary, and the Angels and Saints, and after a while temptation fades into the background.

Many, maybe most of us these days, suffer illness, social injustice, poverty, homelessness; our lives are a valley of tears. When we learn how to pray, when we begin or maintain that interior life with Jesus, returning to Him our love by not sinning, by seeking the road to perfection, then we will also learn how to cope with suffering. We'll find a way to channel the merit gained by suffering, perhaps in reparation for our sins and those of the whole world. Your suffering will continue but it will now work for you and for the glory of God and for our brothers and sisters. On days when we feel worse than usual, it could be that God has a special mission for us. This is when your suffering is used to help someone who is really hurting at that particular moment. It is not necessary for us to know who it is!

May He bless you and keep you! Happy St. Francis feastday!

Fred

