



October 3-4: Feast of St Francis

Saturday, October 3 at 6:30pm
Transitus: Remembering How St Francis of Assisi Embraced Sister Death.

Sunday, October 4 at 8am
Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St Francis.

Sunday, October 4 at 1pm
Blessing of Animals.



May God grant you peace and all good!

October 22-25: Icon Retreat

John the Forerunner

Experience “A Brush with God” through the media of wood, pigment brush and prayer with iconographer Peter Pearson. Peter brings 40 years of iconographic experience with a gentle approach leading everyone, from novice to accomplished painter a prayer experience unlike any other. No experience needed, just a desire to learn and experience the divine touch in Life. Original icon of St John the Baptist is from the hand of Gabriel Toma Chituc.

Cost: \$285 includes all materials. Optional room and board extra.

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Events at Holy Dormition Byzantine Franciscan Friary

September 13: Pilgrimage for Peace

10am **Matins**

11am-1pm and 3-5pm **Food Service**

noon **Holy Anointing** for Healing

1pm **Hierarchical Divine Liturgy** with
Bishop Kurt of Passaic

3-5pm Used Book Sale (Francis House)

3:30pm **Children's Programs**

4pm **The Shape Love Takes: Peace,
Family and the Cross.** Spiritual
Talk by Ann Koshute: *against the
noise & terror of this world, our
peace is found in Christ, as our love
is shaped by the Cross*

5pm **Vespers** for the Feast of the Exaltation
of the Cross



Sunday, December 13 at 3pm
Emmanuel Moleben and Concert

Sung by the Northeast Pennsylvania Byzantine Cantors. Prepare to celebrate Christmas with scripture and songs. Carols sung in English and Slavonic.



A Quiet Refuge

Clare House is available for private overnight retreats. Please contact Fr Carmen, OFM, for more information:
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The Light of Christ

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

Matthew 22:37-40

We can only see when there is at least a little light. How do you bring light out of darkness? In a dark room, we turn on the light switch or a flashlight, or strike a match. In the utter darkness, God simply spoke: “Let there be light!” When our hearts are dark, we pray for Christ to bring light.

Christ is our Light

We interpret life and the commandments of God all in the Light of Christ. The Son of God, the Word of God, Jesus Christ frames the whole law and its interpretation by the love of God and neighbor. In the light of this love we strive to live even in the darkest moments.

When we feel crushed, we might recognize with St Paul that we are hard-pressed, but not wholly crushed:

For God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to bring to light the knowledge of the glory of God on the face of Jesus Christ. But we hold this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing power may be of God and

not from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not constrained; perplexed, but not driven to despair.

2 Corinthians 4:6-10

Our frail human bodies give witness to a greater glory and power of God working in and even with us, against the powers of darkness, when we place our trust in the Lord rather than our puny selves.

We are not constrained by the options others offer, trying to push us to react in fear in politics, in how we spend or save money, in how we treat others. We prayerfully and deliberately choose to generously love even those who cannot or will not love us back. We share the Light who is Christ, even through our ordinary mundane choices, rather than hiding it under a basket.

We do not allow sorrow or anger to have the last word. Our Last Word is our First Word, the Word eternal, Jesus Christ.

Directions to Holy Dormition Friary

From I-80 exit 256: Take PA-93 south. The second traffic light (Main St) is a five-point intersection, including a right hand turn into the friary driveway.

From I-81 exit 145: Take PA-93 north. Pass Gould's Supermarket on your right. The next traffic light is a fivepoint intersection where the first left turn is the friary driveway.