

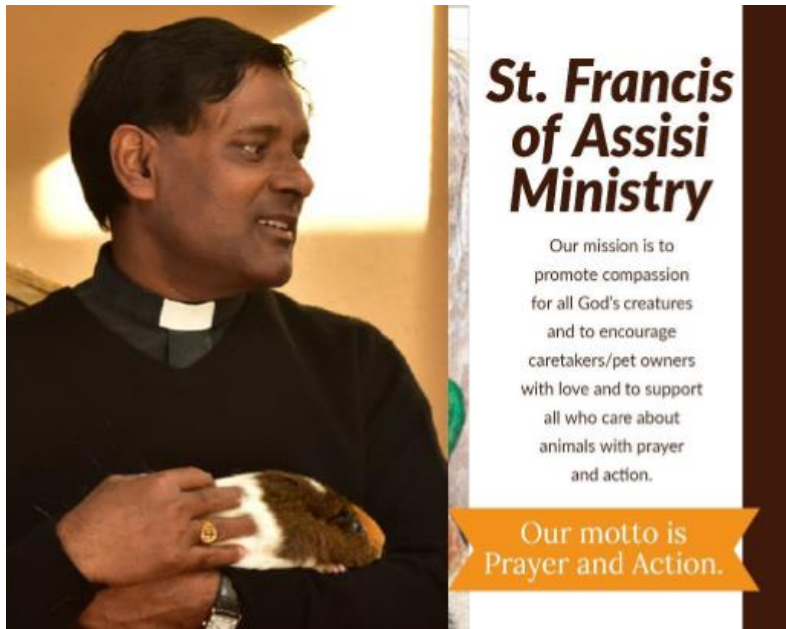


Saint Paul Catholic Church

Saint Francis Ministry

Quarterly Newsletter

October 2020



Our Regular Events

- ◆ *Weekly Eucharistic Adoration*
7:00PM to 8:00PM on Tuesday evening
- ◆ *Pet owner consolation and prayer*

Upcoming Calendar of Events

- ◆ September 25 – October 3 – St. Francis of Assisi Novena
- ◆ October 3 – Blessing of the Animals – Santo Niño Shrine - Peace Path - 9AM
- ◆ October 3 – 9 - Youth Group Pumpkin Patch
- ◆ October 9 – Annual Pet Owners Grieving Mass for people who have a sick pet or who have lost a pet. Love offering - Humane Society of Tampa
7PM Rosary, 7:30PM Mass

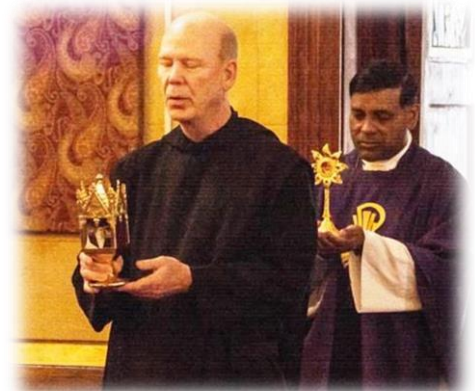
For more information on St. Francis of Assisi Ministry or for prayer requests for an ailing pet contact st-francis-ministry@stpaulchurch.com

Our ministry was born from the love of God's creations. We need your prayerful support to provide comfort and aid to the sick, neglected, dying and in-need pets of our community.

**Regular meeting time
for our ministry:
Second Saturday of every
month at 9 AM.**

St. Francis of Assisi Annual Retreat – St. Leo Abbey

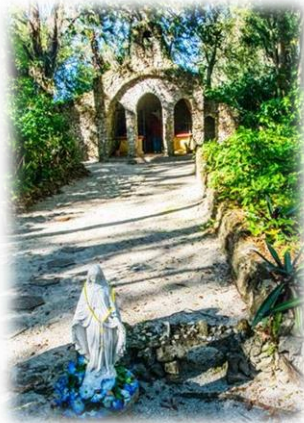
St. Francis of Assisi Ministry held its first annual retreat at the St. Leo Abbey in St. Leo, Florida on February 29. During our all day reflection we were met by our host Bro. Apollo who graciously directed us to our morning mass in the St. Leo chapel. The mass was celebrated by our own Fr. Bob and concelebrated by Fr. Ryan and processing in with the relics of St. Therese of Lisieux and Padre Pio, of which we were graced with both throughout our retreat.



Our morning session focused on Forgiveness with the afternoon session topic on Healing. We participated in morning prayers with the brothers then joined them for lunch in silence. Members were given free time to reflect around the beautiful St. Leo campus before adjourning to our final benediction and anointing at the Our Lady of Lourdes and Gesthemane Grotos.



The Lourdes and Gethsemane Grottos – St. Leo University



Across State Route 52, next to the Golf Course, are the Abbey's grottos, constructed in 1916-1917, from creek stones by Henry Moeller and others. There are walking paths to several meditative and historical spots.

Located at the head of the path that leads to the grottos is a Statue of the Risen Lord, donated by Father Vincent Crawford, OSB. At his feet are the names of the young members of Saint Leo University, who died during World War II and the Korean conflict.

The Grotto is dedicated to our Lady of Lourdes. It is here that the first Abbot, Charles Mohr, OSB (Order of Saint Benedict), 1902-1931 is buried. The path is marked with the Stations of the Cross, a Lenten prayer.



Featured Pet – Angel the Dachshund

By Brenda Ryder

Rescue is bitter sweet! I first got involved in rescuing by saving off-track race horses. So



it was only natural when our 16 ½ year old Doxie Rocky passed of old age, we would turn to Florida Dachshunds Rescue for a new furry friend. It did not take long. Angel “Penny” Ryder was a four year old female who was recovering from horrific injuries; she had broken ribs, a ruptured lung and she had been surrendered.

For all the warnings about adjustment periods, there was none. My live-in mother (RIP) had mild dementia at that time and we quickly decided the young dog would be happier and more active coming to work at our store, Carrollwood Copy Center.



Angel thrived! She loved coming to work to see her customers, children, and employees. She was just a joy! She was a happy little girl with a love of lizard hunting.

She was also my first “Velcro dog”. She had to be by my side at all times. She bonded to me very tightly.

I do not know when my next dog will come along. But, it will be a rescue.

Angel passed in February after a brief bout with oral cancer, she was 14. Her absence at the shop is profound! The missing cookie jar is a daily reminder. Each client was allowed to give her one biscuit. Some of her friends abused the privilege and gave her more!



Her wings were ready – my heart was not!

I hope everyone will adopt, not shop. For every breed there is a rescue. A rescue animal is one of the most rewarding experiences you can have. And ... "Grief is the price we pay for love!" Miss you Angel girl.

Caring for our Pets during COVID 19

Humane Society of the United States



People confirmed to have COVID-19 (or who are symptomatic or believe themselves to have been exposed) should avoid contact with other people as well as with pets, avoiding not only all contact but also sharing any food. If a sick person must care for animals during their illness, it's important they practice good hygiene; they should wash their hands before and after any interactions with their pet. For more information, see the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's guidelines.

The CDC and the World Organization for Animal Health have issued advisories saying there is no evidence at this time that companion animals can spread the COVID-19 virus to people. On a related note, in early April, the Bronx Zoo confirmed that several of its big cats became ill and one of its tigers tested positive for the virus, likely after being exposed to a zoo employee who was shedding the virus.

The WSAVA (World Small Animal Veterinary Association) Global Veterinary Community—an association representing more than 200,000 veterinarians—also states that the evidence strongly indicates that COVID-19 cannot be contracted from pets. The association does, however, caution that there is still much we don't know and updates will be provided as new information becomes available.

Should I have a preparedness plan for my Pet(s)?

Humane Society of the United States

In the event of a crisis or disaster, we urge everyone to have a preparedness plan in place. And, get the word out! Remind community members that having a plan for pets is critical; individuals who become sick or require hospitalization will need to have someone to take their animals. If you can, please endure the current situation from the safety of your own home.

Some steps to take include:

- Identify a family member or friend who can care for pets if someone in the household becomes too ill to care for pets.
- Have crates, food and extra supplies on hand for movement and relocation of pets if necessary.
- Keep all animal vaccines up to date and have copies of those records available in the event that boarding becomes necessary.
- Ensure that all medications are documented with dosages and administering directions. It's a good idea to include the prescription from your veterinarian with the medications and your pet's to-go bag.
- Pets should have proper identification: a collar with ID tag and a microchip with current, up-to date contact information.

We understand not everyone has a personal support system or the financial means to meet the above recommendations. When experiencing difficulty in creating a preparedness response, please reach out to local shelters and animal service agencies to find out what support is available. During this crisis, there may be options of temporary housing for pets, donated supplies, subsidized veterinary services and more available to help people care for and stay together with their pets.

Update: California Wildfires

Why California's hellish wildfires are so different than Florida's

Daily Commercial

By: Kimberly Miller

Santa Ana winds are hot tumbles of desert-dry air, squeezed free of humidity from their travel over the Sierra Nevadas and shot like a rocket through canyon passes into the heart of the Golden State.

They are unique to California, a function of high pressure over the Great Basin that can turn the Pacific into glass with offshore winds or ignite hell on Earth from a single spark.

While Florida suffers from vast wildfires, especially during La Niña years, the Santa Anas, as well as California's mountainous terrain and summertime dry season makes it more susceptible to the kind of killer blazes raging through the state this month.

As of late Thursday, three people had died in the Woolsey fire northeast of Los Angeles, which had burned nearly 98,000 acres and destroyed over 500 structures.

The Camp Fire north of Sacramento has burned more than 140,000 acres, destroyed at least 8,000 homes and killed a confirmed 56 people, some of whom were overcome by the inferno in their flame-scarred cars and burned-down houses.

It's a tragedy stoked by a warming globe — longer, hotter summers, less rain — and one watched with empathy by Florida fire officials as the Sunshine State enters its own dry season.

But if Florida fires can travel 15 to 20 miles across the state's spongy flat landscape, California's fires sprint at 30 to 40 mph on rugged uphill slopes, said Scott Peterich, a state wildfire mitigation specialist for South Florida.

To read more about this topic go to <https://www.dailycommercial.com/news/2018/11/16/why-californias-hellish-wildfires-are-so-different-than-floridas>

How you can help!

Central California Animal Disaster Team

The Central California Animal Disaster Team is a volunteer organization that sets up emergency shelters for animals during disasters.

If you would like to help find shelters for animals displaced by the Creek Fire, go to <https://ccadt.org/donate/>.

The Humane Society of the United States

We never know where disasters will strike or when animals may be in need of urgent rescue, but we know we must be ready. Your support makes our preparedness rescue, care and relief work possible. To donate, go to <https://www.humanesociety.org/disaster-relief>.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
And where there is sadness, joy
O Divine Master, grant that I may
Not so much seek to be consoled
as to console
To be understood, as to understand
To be loved, as to love
For it is in giving that we receive
And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it's in dying that we are born to Eternal Life



Amen