

# St. Anthony Journal



## St. Anthony of Padua Province

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### Total Self-Giving

I beg You, Lord, let the fiery, gentle power of Your love take possession of my soul, and snatch it away from everything under heaven, that I may die for love of Your love as You saw fit to die for love of mine.

# Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

## BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Blessed are You God, our Father, King of the Ages. You revealed Your love to all when Christ came in poverty. Keep us in Your constant care as we await His manifestation in Glory. May this wreath remind us of Your faithfulness which refreshes us, and of Christ Your Son, the Light Who leads us! Amen.



**HOPE:** O God, I hope with complete trust that You will give me, through the merits of Jesus Christ, all necessary grace in the world and everlasting life in the world to come, for this is what You have promised, and You always keep Your promises. Amen.



**PREPARATION:** Father, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Your Son, prepare our hearts to receive Him today and every day of our lives. You have blessed us with many wonderful things. As You nourish us with these gifts of the earth, nourish us further so that we may be effective witnesses of Gospel Life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



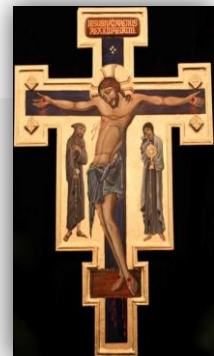
**JOY:** Come! Let us raise a joyful song to the Lord, A shout of triumph to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, and sing God's psalms of triumph. Psalm 95: *"Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you."*



**CHARITY (LOVE):** O God, I love You with my whole heart above all things, because You are infinitely good; and for Your sake I love my neighbor as I love myself. Amen

**PROVINCIAL UNITY PRAYER:** Most High and Good Lord, we praise and thank You for our many blessings. You have chosen and called us to live and labor among Your people as followers of Francis of Assisi. As part of this call, You now lead us to blend our two Province histories into one new Franciscan Province. Bless our efforts with gifts of openness, generosity, growth in personal holiness, and provide us with new energy in the work You gave our Father Francis as builders of Your Church. Amen.

**IMMACULATE MARY, PRAY FOR US ~ ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, PRAY FOR US**



**BISHOP GREGORY HARTMAYER, OFM CONV.**  
MASS OF THANKSGIVING – NOVEMBER 28, 2011





## **FR. PAT GRIFFIN TURNED 93 ON NOVEMBER 15TH**

NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION AT OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION FRIARY, IN DUBLIN

**PAT IS OUR OLDEST LIVING FRIAR!** *Color Commentary Provided by Fr. Paul Miskiewicz , OFM Conv.*

*There was a 10:00 a.m. Parish Mass, followed by a reception in the library (about 35 parishioners came for well-wishing, tea, and cake), then lunch for the frats at the friary. Mary & her husband also came. Pat looks well and interacts well, if asked specific questions. He still has an incisive humor. He stayed from about 9:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m., which was quite amazing (just resting his eyes occasionally). He enjoyed the company. (Interesting how our grey habits look brown!)*



*At lunch: Sr. Margaret, Provincial Delegate (obviously enjoying lunch), Fr. Joe Connick , empty chair of parish priest Fr. Antony (who is taking the picture), Fr. Pat, Fr. Gregory, Fr. Ferdinand (Antony's classmate from India), and Br. Donald.*



*“I have my slice of cake; where's yours?”*

*Actually, he was grateful that he didn't have to blow out 93 candles. (So were we.)*



**FRANCISCAN MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ASSISI- 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY IN THE USA:**

Fr. Michael Kolodziej, Fr. John Koziol, Fr. Abalaro Martinez, Br. Nicholas Wolfla and the parishioners of St. Philip Benizi Parish, Jonesboro, GA, had a benefit for the sisters. Sisters Theresa and Mary came to help and endeared themselves to the parishioners. The Sisters received a check for \$5000.

