



The Herald of St. Francis

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Next Meeting:

Sunday, July 13th
1:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m.
for Inquirers
and Candidates

Newsletter of the St. Francis Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order, St. Katharine Drexel Region
Meeting at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Saxer Ave. & Rolling Rd., Springfield Delaware County, Pennsylvania 19064
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If you are unable to fulfill your obligation to attend the monthly meeting, please call Rita Dourdoufis at 610-352-2413.

Minister's Notes

How is your Franciscanism doing these days?

Seems like a strange question. I'm not asking how you are doing, what's new or what's going on. How is your Franciscanism doing? Is it gaining weight or is it on a diet, slowly being lost, shed or forgotten?

These are hard times to be a Franciscan. Everything is disposable, replaceable, or of little value. Got a better one? Throw the old one out. Can't use all of that...chuck the rest.

There are no vacation plans in my foreseeable future, but I plan to take my Franciscanism on holiday this summer. My soul deserves some renewal and refreshment. With gas prices so high it is now in vogue to take a Staycation. - a word coined to mean you are staying home. In my day, we said we were going to Yardsville - and spent some happy hours in our own back yard. This summer, why not say your morning office outside in the early hours before the heat and hustle begins. Spend an hour with your Lord in a park or reflect on our brother Francis as you do some gardening. Francis walked around with wild flower seeds in his pocket. He is still planting

seeds today. What seeds have you planted lately? We carry many in our hearts, but they are no good until they are planted and shared.

So..how is your Franciscanism doing???

Our July Meeting

We will hold our monthly meeting on Sunday, June 13 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in Conway hall. We will recite the Franciscan Crown Rosary and after our regular meeting and prayers, we will proceed to St. Francis Church for Benediction.

"And we will be involved in the monthly meeting as an act of worship and a building of community."

--from The Lay Franciscan Monthly Pledge

Don't Forget

- To sign the attendance log
- Petition slips
- Pennies for the missions, cancelled stamps and caps off of aluminum cans should be given to Rose Marie Gantz.
- Please save any free religious articles you receive in the mail for Mary Ellen Gontaryk.

Liturgy of the Hours

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, page 861 (619-620).

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Formation

Formation sessions begin at 12:30 p.m. in Conway Hall.

- **Candidates** – “Catch Me A Rainbow, Too”, Chapters 13, 14 & 15
- **Orientation** – “Come & See”, Chapters 1 & 2
- **Inquiry** – “Come & See”, Chapters 3 & 4
- **Professed** – D1 Seraphic Vision

Prayer Requests

“You are to help your brothers until the Lord gives them rest.”

-- The Book of Joshua

Please remember in prayer:

Santa Ricci, Grace Holley and her granddaughter Michelle Davis; Frances Bellew, Kimberly Gilligan (Niece of Marie Gilligan); Marie Frantini’s daughter (Marie Dolores); Christine Truitt; Antoinette Iorio; Jean Cannon; Betty Downey, JoAnne Troup and her family, Bernie Kleinert (Kate Kleinert’s Husband), Mary Ann Palmer, Rev. John M. Quinn, O.S.A. (Rose Benner’s Brother); Jeanette Anderson (Rose Marie Anderson’s daughter-in-law), Mary Betancourt, Lisa Davis (Marie Gilligan’s daughter-in-laws mother); Cyrilla Pine, Marian McCole, Christine Somers, Father Paul Stenson, Mary Stenson, 4 yr old Evan Nickel.

St. Francis Inn Needs:

- Powdered juice or iced tea mix
- Any individual toiletries (soap, deodorant, powder, toothpaste)
- Toothbrushes
- New Tee shirts any size

July’s Franciscan Saints and Blessed

- 8 St Gregory Grassi
- 9 St Nicholas Pick And Companions
- 10 St Veronica Giuliani
- 12 Sts John Jones And John Wall
- 13 Bl Angeline Of Marsciano
- 14 St Francis Solano
- 15 St Bonaventure
- 21 St Lawrence Of Brindisi
- 23 St Cunegunda
- 23 St Bridget Of Sweden
- 24 Bl Louise Of Savoy
- 27 Bl Mary Magdalene Of Martinegro

Come and See

Marians request is if anyone has a copy of *Come and See*, please return it.

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