



# The Herald of St. Francis

**Feb. 2009**  
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**Next Meeting:**  
Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>  
@ 1:30 p.m.  
  
12:30 p.m.  
for Inquirers,  
Candidates and  
Professed Formation

**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

*Turn to me and be safe.* (Isaiah 45)

It is a short and very sweet message. Turn to me.... when all we do is turn away. Sounds simple enough, but how hard is it, really? When you are angry and need to release that pent up anger, do you turn to Him, or turn on someone else?

When you hear a really juicy story about someone, do you turn to Him, or turn to the next set of listening ears? Those words...wait til you hear what happened, or wait til I tell you the latest are always uttered at someone else's expense.

When your troubles are too heavy to carry one more minute, do you turn to Him or to a bottle or to that chocolate cup cake that you are sure will make you feel better.

Turn to me, such a gentle yet powerful invitation. But the second half of that sentence is even better....and be safe. The mental image of standing within the loving arms of Jesus, is so comforting...so safe.

He should be the direction that we turn. But so often we don't. In this month of February, this time of celebrating love, try turning to Him. He is always there waiting with his arms outstretched!

Kate

## Our February Meeting

We will hold our monthly meeting on Sunday, February 8, 2009 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.

We will be having the "Rite of Admission" for Stella Viola, Francis Urso and Frances Urso as well as the "Welcoming In" for Patricia Simon.

*"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

## Special Announcements for February

Our Regional Minister, Mattie Ward, will be visiting our Fraternity meeting in February. Please make every effort to attend.

Its time for the Franciscan Census again! The demographic forms need to be filled out this year. Each professed member will be asked to take a few minutes at the meeting to fill out this form.

Our Sister, Catherine Kowalski, is in the ICU at Crozer and has repeatedly asked for the special prayers of her Brothers and Sisters. Please keep Catherine close in your prayers.

Most of you know by now that Marian McCole's daughter, Bernadette, is fighting for her life after a grave injury. Please keep Bernadette and Marian, who is sitting by her bedside in the Garden of Gethsemane, in your prayers.

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## Liturgy of the Hours

Evening prayer will be found on page 712 and the Canticle for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time is on page 249.

## 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.

## 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, 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.

## Francis Inn Needs:

- Mens' and Womens' thermals
- Scarves, hats and gloves
- Tuna fish
- Hot Cocoa mix

## February Profession Anniversaries

- Jean Burns (1955)
- Josephine Mays (1967)
- JoAnne Troup (2003)

## Formation

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

- Professed will be reviewing Chapter D4 -- "Fraternity for Franciscans"
- Inquirers: Come & See, Chapter 1
- Candidates: Catch Me a Rainbow Too, Chapter 1

## February Franciscan Saints and Blesseds

- 4 St Joseph of Leonissa
- 6 Sts Peter Baptist, Paul Miki, and Companions
- 7 St Collette

## Reminder

The 2009 Guides for The Liturgy of the Hours are available. The price is \$3.50. Just a reminder to please pay for the Guides that were distributed at the December meeting.

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