



# The Herald of St. Francis

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**Next Meeting:**  
Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
No formal meeting.  
Annual Communion  
Breakfast follows  
11:30 Mass at St.  
Francis of Assisi  
Church.

Newsletter of the St. Francis Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order, St. Katharine Drexel Region  
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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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The glory of Spring surrounds us. The earth is waking up from its' long sleep. Have we awakened from the comfort of our indifference? It is so much easier to turn a blind eye to what goes on around us - so much easier to keep quiet in the face of social injustice.

Jesus could not stand on the water without making waves. Remember St. Francis' plea to preach the gospel...use words if necessary? Do those words resound in your life?

There is a story in the *Little Flowers of St. Francis* where our beloved saint is traveling with wildflower seeds in his pockets. He plants them outside the home of a widow to bring her some joy. This story is rich in symbolism. As the earth wakes up to its potential and ability, how many seeds are *we* planting?

Blessings,  
Kate

## Our May Meeting

The next time we meet will be on **Sunday, May 3**. Our annual Communion Breakfast will take place immediately after the 11:30 Mass. Please bring a dish to share with your Franciscan family.

*"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



## Speak Up!

I understand some of our Brothers and Sisters would like an opportunity to give the on-going formation talk during our meetings. Please let me know which month you would like and what your topic will be. I would be happy to create a schedule.

~Kate

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## 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.

## 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, Jean Burns (if you would like to send Jean a card her address is St. Martha's Manor, Rm. 202; 470 Manor Ave., Downingtown, PA 1933).

## Francis Inn Needs:

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

## May Profession Anniversaries

- Christine Truitt (1954)
- Jim McDonnell (1961)

## Formation

Since we will be having our annual communion breakfast, there will be no formal meeting or formation at the May gathering.

## May Franciscan Saints and Blessed

- 9 St Catherine of Bologna
- 11 St Ignatius of Laconi
- 16 St Margaret of Cortona
- 17 St Paschal Baylon
- 18 St Felix of Cantalice
- 20 St Bernadine of Siena
- 24 Dedication of Basilica of St Francis
- 28 St Mariana of Jesus de Paredes
- 30 Bl Baptista Varano
- 30 St Ferdinand, King

## 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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