

# The Herald of St. Francis

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#### **Next Meeting:**

Sunday, Aug 9<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
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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**

"You do not have a soul.

You <u>are</u> a soul that has a body"

- C. S. Lewis

An interesting thought. I have always thought of my soul as part of me – not all of me. And that somehow, if my soul is only part of me, I can turn it on and off at will. Why, do you ask, would I want to do that???

I can turn off my soul, when I have juicy gossip to tell. I can turn off my soul when I laugh at something that is costing another person their dignity. I can turn off my soul when I put possessions ahead of piety, wealth ahead of worth.

But if I am a soul, I cannot turn it on and off, I can only injure it – destroy a part of it, every time I continue to do things that offend God. He gave us a plan – guidelines – to live by. Then how do we continue to get it wrong??

That soul was sent to this earth in the form of a human being – and that human part is all too anxious to take the easy road. Nurture your soul – God wants it back someday, in better shape than it arrived!

Pax et Bonum kate

# **Liturgy of the Hours**

Evening prayer for 19th Sunday in ordinary time can be found on page 861.

# Please note: Change in schedule for October

Our Day of Recollection will be held on Saturday, October 10 instead of October 3. The facility cannot accommodate us on the first Saturday. So, please mark your calendars now for the **second** Saturday in October.

# **Our August Meeting**

We will hold our monthly meeting on Sunday, August 9th, 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.

"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 missions, cancelled stamps and caps off of aluminum cans should be given to Rose Marie Gantz.

#### **Formation**

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

- Inquirers: Come & See, Chapter 5
- Candidates: Catch Me a Rainbow Too, Chapters 9 & 10
- The professed will continue reviewing The Admonitions of St. Francis focusing on Number 12.

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#### **Prayer Requests**

"You are to help your brothers until the Lord gives them rest."
-- The Book of Joshua

Please help keep this list current. Let me know if anyone should be removed or needs to be added. You can let me know at the meeting or use the contact information at the bottom of the page. Thanks, Lee.

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; Betty Downey, JoAnne Troup and her family, Jeanette Anderson (Rose Marie Gantz'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, Adele Malloy, Kate Kleinert.

Mary Lee's daughter called and asked that we especially keep her in our prayers.

#### **Francis Inn Needs:**

- Iced tea mix
- Fruit drink mixes
- Personal size deodorant, soaps, toothpaste
- Diapers
- Baby wipes

# **August Profession Anniversaries**

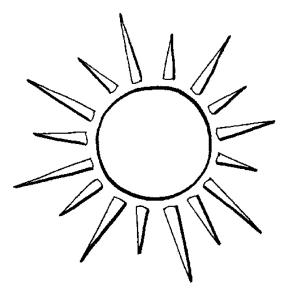
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# **August Franciscan Saints and Blesseds**

- 2 Our Lady of the Angels of Portiuncula
- 4 St John Baptist Mary Vianney
- 7 Bls Agathangelus and Cassian
- 8 Holy Father Dominic
- 11 St Clare of Assisi
- 14 St Maximilian Kolbe
- 17 St Roch
- 19 St Louis of Toulouse
- 21 St Pius X
- 25 St Louis Ix

#### On the web

Don't for get that the fraternity newsletter is available at our web site as soon as it is finished (usually about a week before our next meeting). The web address is: http://www.stfrancisfraternity.com/



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