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Next Meeting:

Sunday, Nov. 8th
@ 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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Minister's Notes

Are you a host to God or held hostage by your ego? A tough question!

Being held hostage by your (my!) ego sounds like it's the harder place to be. In reality - it is soooooo much easier. Isn't it easier to hold onto your desire to be right - no matter how it belittles someone else? Isn't it easier to feel superior to someone not dressed as nicely or speaking as well as you? Isn't it easier to keep talking about yourself than to listen to a brother or sister?

Being a host to God requires room - room in you. And that, my friend, means you have to get rid of something else to let God move in.

There is no better time of year than now to allow that to happen. As we approach Advent, let us truly become hosts to God. Along with Mary, let us carry the Infant Jesus in a place inside of us that is safe and holy and free of our inflated ego.

If you are going to honor the God that is in you, why not take it a step further and honor the God that is in your brothers and sisters? What a wonderful gift to lay in the manger!

Pax et bonum,
Kate

Our November Meeting

Our November meeting will include our annual Memorial Mass. Formation groups will meet as usual at 12:30. A brief, regular meeting will begin at 1:30 followed by Mass.

"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

If you are unable to fulfill your obligation to attend the monthly meeting, please call Rita Dourdoufis at 610-352-2413.

Annual Christmas Gathering

To accommodate as many of our Brothers and Sisters as possible, our Christmas gathering will begin promptly at 12:30 for everyone. Set up will start at noon. Our annual Crib Service will begin at 12:30 in Conway Hall, followed by our party. These changes were made to allow as many as possible enjoy the Christmas gathering and still get home before dark.

Liturgy of the Hours

Evening prayer for 32nd Sunday in ordinary time can be found on page 931.

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 7
- Candidates: Catch Me a Rainbow Too, Chapters 12 & 13
- The professed will continue reviewing The Admonitions of St. Francis.

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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, 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

November Profession Anniversaries

- Marie Gilligan 1998
- Terry Ritter 1998
- Frances Lay 1996
- Elizabeth Taylor 2000
- Donna Maroonik 1978
- Virginia Drew 2000
- Betty Fanelli 2006
- Carmella Patterson 2006
- Kate Kleinert 2004
- Carmen Lombertino 2004
- Robert Mulhern 2047
- Lee Potts 2008
- Adele Malloy 2008
- Robert Santoliquito 2008

November Franciscan Saints and Blesseds

- 4 St Charles Borromeo
- 7 St Didacus of Alcala
- 13 St Frances Xavier Cabrini
- 14 St Nicholas Tavelic
- 17 St Elizabeth of Hungary
- 18 Bl Salome
- 19 St Agnes of Assisi
- 24 Commemoration of All Deceased of The Franciscan Orders
- 26 St Leonard of Port Maurice
- 27 St Francis Anthony Fasani
- 28 St James of The March
- 29 All Saints Of The Franciscan Orders

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