



# The Herald of St. Francis

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**Next Meeting:**

Sunday, Jan. 10<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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## Minister's Notes

It was the best of times. It was the worst of times. These are the opening lines of Charles Dickens' *Tale of Two Cities*. I can't think of a better way to sum up the last year.

We have lost several of our brothers and sisters, but we have welcomed in new hopefuls. It was a very tough year financially, but we have continued to support our Indian family and the Inn of St. Francis.

Our faith has been tried and then renewed at the best Day of Recollection we ever had. Our churches are seeing fewer people; but, here at St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity, our little band of Professed who meet for ongoing formation has grown both in numbers and spirituality.

It was the Season of Light. It was the Season of Darkness. It was the Winter of Despair. It is the Spring of Hope (a *Tale of Two Cities*) As we move toward the Spring of Hope, let us seek the hope and the light and the love that God Himself holds out to us.

May God smile on us all in the New Year!

Pax et bonum,  
Kate

## Elections

Our elections are scheduled for January 10th barring any bad weather. All professed Franciscans are asked to be present for this important event. Absentee ballots are not permitted. Please keep the elections in your prayers. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart! Candidates can be named right up until the actual vote is taken.

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

## Our January Meeting

We will hold our monthly meeting on Sunday, January 10th, 2010 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

## Liturgy of the Hours

Evening prayer for Feast of the Baptism of the Lord can be found on pages 242 and 214.

## 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 for Inquirers, Candidates, and Professed. Please contact your formation leader if you need to know the readings.

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## Thomas Lamb

Our Brother, Thomas Lamb, was called home to the Lord on December 8th. The phone chain was not initiated because the services had already taken place when the Fraternity was notified. Please keep Thomas and his family in your prayers.

## Prayer Requests

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

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*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.*

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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.

## Francis Inn Needs:

- Personal size deodorant, soaps, toothpaste
- Diapers
- Baby wipes

## January Profession Anniversaries

- Francis Dee 1963

## January Franciscan Saints and Blessed

- 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother Of God
- 3 Holy Name of Jesus
- 7 Bl Angela of Foligno
- 12 St Bernard of Corleone
- 14 Bl Odoric of Pordenone
- 16 Sts Berard ond Companions
- 24 St Francis De Sales
- 27 St Angela Merici
- 30 St Hyacinth of Mariscotti
- 31 St John Bosco



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