



# The Herald of St. Francis

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**Next Meeting:**

Sunday, Mar. 14<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

With all the snow we have had, the warmth and beauty of Spring seem impossibly far away. No matter how much snow we get – and we've had enough, thank you! – Spring will still come. Even as we dig out from yet another storm, the magic of Spring is taking place. We can't see it just yet, but the bulbs are beginning to peek through the ground. Life is beginning to surge through the trees and shrubs although it will be a while before we see the first leaves. There are crocuses out there somewhere willing to bloom as soon as the snow melts. In spite of a long and dark Winter, Spring will surely come. It is a life cycle and we have witnessed it every year of our lives.

Are you in the Winter or Spring of your spirituality? Are you polishing and sharpening your faith during Lent? Or are you buried under the burdens of your life? But just like Spring, Easter will arrive with all its glory whether we are "snowed in" or blossoming with a renewed faith and commitment. How much nicer it will be to greet the Easter morn with spiritual sunshine.

May your journey through Lent deliver you to every promise of Easter!

Blessings,  
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## Our March Meeting

We will hold our monthly meeting on Sunday, March 14th, 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 Sixth Sunday of ordinary time can be found on page 931 (342).

## 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.

## March Profession Anniversaries

- Betty Downey 1994

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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, Stella Viola, Joseph Santoliquito, Anna Vecchiolli, Claire Quinn.

## Francis Inn Needs:

- size 4, 5, and 6 diapers
- deodorant
- sugar
- bleach
- disposable razors
- tea bags
- toothpaste
- table-sized jelly
- paper towels

## March Franciscan Saints and Blessed

- 2 Bl Agnes of Prague
- 9 St Frances of Rome
- 24 Bl Didacus Joseph of Cadiz

## On the Web

Don't forget 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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