



# The Herald of St. Francis

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**Next Meeting:**

Sunday, Apr. 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**  
**Meeting at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Saxer Ave. & Rolling Rd., Springfield Delaware County, Pennsylvania 19064**  
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My dear Brothers and Sisters,

Simply peace and blessings be with you.

Here we are half way through Lent. I don't know about you, but I am not even halfway ready for Easter. How did things get so complicated? St. Francis would run for the hills if he were here today dealing with e-mail, texting, cell-phones, iPods (I don't even know how to turn one on.) We are all so busy looking at computer screens; we don't even have time for conversation with the people who live in our houses.

And how about a conversation with God? Do we rush through our daily prayers with one eye on the clock while our to-do lists sneak into our minds so that we are not even aware of what we are reading in our Christian Prayer Books?

For the rest of Lent, why not take the time to talk to someone you love face to face over a cup of tea. Go visit a friend. Give up TV Reality and find true reality right in our own world. Pay attention to what we are saying or reading as we meditate and pray.

Maybe we should take a page from My Fair Lady, "All I want is a room somewhere, far away from the cold night air, with one enormous chair. Oh wouldn't it be lovely?" Oh so lovely just to turn off all the lights and electronics. Light one little candle. Simply sit back in the quiet and simply listen for the Voice of God. Surely He would say, "Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I will provide for all that you need." (Or, would He be too busy checking e-mail,

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Facebook or blogging somewhere?) I surely hope not.

Think about it. Isn't there a more simple way to live, finding peace, contentment and faith in the Lord?

God bless and may you enjoy an astonishingly simple commemoration of the reason we are. . . the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior. WWFD to prepare and to celebrate?

Adele

## **Our April Meeting**

We will hold our monthly meeting on Sunday, April 10th, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. 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

## **Communion Breakfast**

Next month is our annual Communion Breakfast. Please refer to the enclosed invitation for details.

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## Liturgy of the Hours

Evening prayer for The Fifth Sunday of Lent can be found on pages 366 & 712.

## 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.

## April Franciscan Saints and Blesseds

- 3 St Benedict the Black
- 16 St Bernadette Soubirous
- 17 St Benedict Joseph Labre
- 21 St Conrad of Parzham
- 23 Bl Giles of Assisi
- 24 St Fidelis of Sigmaringen
- 28 Bl Luchesius

## 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: Grace Holley and her

granddaughter Michelle Davis, Frances Bellew, Kimberly Gilligan (Niece of Marie Gilligan), Marie Frantini's daughter (Marie Dolores), Christine Truitt, 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, Mary Lee, Stella Viola, Joseph Santoliquito, Anna Vecchiolli, Claire Quinn, Rev. Mr. Jim Kane, Barry Patterson, Betty Schieman, Kate Kleinert, Carmen Lombertino.

## 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/>

## Francis Inn Needs:

- Pampers Size 5 & 6
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Men's Socks
- Toothpaste
- Prayers!

## April Profession Anniversaries

- Dorothy Leaf 1950

## Our Council

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