



# The Herald of St. Francis

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**Next Meeting:**  
Sunday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>  
@ 12:30 p.m.

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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## Our November Gathering

We will hold our monthly gathering on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm in Conway Hall. We will hold ongoing formation until 1:30 followed by a 15 minute coffee/tea break. We will then proceed to St. Francis Church for our annual Mass of Remembrance at approximately 1:45 p.m. Fr. Quan Tran will be our Celebrant.

If you are unable to fulfill your obligation to attend the monthly meeting, please call Pat Simon at 610-352-5390

*"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 and flip tops off aluminum cans

## December Gathering: Something New This Year

This year, our December gathering will be held at Central Park Restaurant on Baltimore Pike in Springfield (next to the Best Buy) on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 3:00. We will begin with a brief fraternity meeting before celebrating our annual creche ceremony. This will be followed by a buffet lunch and party. Spouses, children, and grandchildren are welcome.

## November Profession Anniversaries

- Marie Gilligan 1998
- Terry Ritter 1998
- Frances Lay 1996
- Virginia Drew 2000
- Carmella Patterson 2006
- Carmen Lombertino 2004
- Robert Mulhern 1947
- Adele Malloy 2008
- Lee Potts 2008
- Robert Santoliquito 2008

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## St. Francis Inn Needs:

- Prayers
- Enfamil (or any type formula)
- All types of toiletries (travel size)
- Cereal = Oatmeal (Quick Oats)
- Extremely needed - men's white socks + M & L underwear

## 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). Materials and reading lists for upcoming ongoing formation sessions are also available. The web address is:  
<http://www.stfrancisfraternity.com/>

## Formation Information

During our November ongoing formation session, we will listen to and discussing a talk entitled "Spirit and Life: Francis's Reading of the Gospel" by Br. William Short, O.F.M. from the CD collection St. Francis of Assisi: A New Way of Being Christian. This CD has been provided to all the fraternities in the St. Katharine Drexel Region by the regional council.

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For there are some who long to know for the sole purpose of knowing, and that is shameful curiosity; others who long to know in order to become known, and that is shameful vanity. To such as these we may apply the words of the Satirist: "Your knowledge counts for nothing unless your friends know you have it." There are others

still who long for knowledge in order to sell its fruits for money or honors, and this is shameful profiteering; others again who long to know in order to be of service, and this is charity. Finally there are those who long to know in order to benefit themselves, and this is prudence.

~ Saint Bernard of Clairvaux,  
*Sermon 36 on The Song of Songs:  
The acquiring of knowledge*

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For he was not a dull listener of the Gospels, but commending all things he had heard to his compendious memory, he diligently strove to implement them to the letter.

~ Thomas of Celano, *First Life of St. Francis*