



The Herald of St. Francis

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Our July Gathering

We will hold our monthly gathering on Sunday, August 13TH at 12:30 PM in Conway Hall. We will participate in ongoing formation, recite the Franciscan Crown Rosary and, after our regular meeting and prayers, we will proceed to St. Francis Church for Benediction.

Please do your best to arrive on time (or even a little early) so we can begin our gathering promptly at 12:30.

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.”

~ The Lay Franciscan Monthly Pledge

St. Francis Inn Needs

- Men's & Women's Underwear
- Men's Shoes
- Dinner-size Forks
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste

- Paper Towels
- Prayers

Prayer Petitions

Please contact Fran Urso at francesurs@aol.com or 610-202-8965 if you would like to include a petition in the newsletter. A new list will be generated each month.

- Mary - pain relief
- Tom- surgery
- Sue - neck surgery
- Pereira family - healing
- Ken - repose of his soul
- Raven - repose of her soul
- Scotting family - peace and healing
- Kathy - special intention
- R - conversion of his family
- Amanda - addiction
- Psych Choices - mental health of patients
- John and Diane - family healing
- John Gallagher - repose of his soul
- David - stage 4 cancer

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Formation Information

I'm going to be on vacation in August and will most likely not be able to attend our gathering. Marie Gilligan had been kind enough to offer to do our ongoing formation session. Thanks Marie!

Reflections on the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis, "Make me an instrument of your peace."

To be a peacemaker we must move beyond "me" to "thee"

Reflections:

1. What inner conflicts and dissensions exist within myself? How can I move beyond these conflicts to inner Easter peace?
2. When have I been a peacekeeper and absorbed violence and pain? How did I become a source of peace for others?
3. When have I been a peacemaker and taken a prophetic stand against injustice? How did my action compel others to rethink their attitudes?
4. In what ways can I actively till the ground for justice and sow seeds of peace in my home, neighborhood and workplace?

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring love.

Where there is offense, let me bring pardon.

Where there is discord, let me bring union.

Where there is error, let me bring truth.

Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.

Where there is despair, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.

Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

O Master, let me not seek as much

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love,

for it is in giving that one receives,

it is in self-forgetting that one finds,

it is in pardoning that one is pardoned,

it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life.



St. Francis, pray for us
