



# The Herald of St. Francis

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## Our October Gathering

Instead of the usual Sunday gathering, our next meeting will be our annual Day of Recollection and will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at the Divine Providence Village in Springfield. We will gather at 9 am and will conclude with Benediction at 2:30. Please remember to bring a brown bag lunch. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. Fr. Dennis Weber will be our Celebrant and Retreat Master. See next page for full schedule.

*"And we will be involved in the monthly meeting as an act of worship and a building of community."*

~ The Lay Franciscan Monthly Pledge

## Prayer Petitions

- Ellen C. - health healing
- Carolyn granddaughter - safe baby delivery in Florida
- Rita A. - knee replacement complications
- Larry - strength to work after surgery
- Jim C. - splenectomy healing
- Terry L. - gastric problems
- Betty - kidneys - radiation healing
- Charles - asthma - healing
- Marylou - healing
- Denise - rehab healing (hip)
- Kim - conceive
- Padre Pio Center - Frankfurt - N. Philadelphia
- Molly - hospice
- Kathy - anxiety
- Larry -lung problems

- Debra's grandchildren - stabilization
- Steve - physical health
- Mary Stenson - repose of her soul
- Marsha - heart surgery and kidney problems
- Kathy Howard - anxiety over loss of husband

## A Franciscan Prayer

(Thanks Marie Gilligan)

Heavenly Father, I thank You for the gift of my Secular Franciscan vocation and pray You will help me to value it as much as You do. Bring my heart back to the day of my Profession when the fervor for my Secular Franciscan vocation burned brightly.

Through the intercession of St. Francis and my Holy Mother Mary, I pray for the strength and courage to embrace the promises I made on the day of my Profession. Remind me each day to live the Gospel, knowing that doing this involves my total commitment by: observing the Rule; faithfully attending my Fraternity's monthly gathering as an act of worship and a building of community; developing a greater awareness, understanding and responsiveness to the needs of my sisters and brothers in my local Fraternity as well as the Regional, National and International Fraternities; and wearing the Tau as a symbol of my commitment to the Secular Franciscan Order and it's Rule of life.

Dear Father of Mercies, I pray for your grace. Keep always before me my holy purpose as a "witness and instrument of the Church's mission." Enable me to renew afresh the precious gift of this vocation. I make this prayer through Your Son and my Brother and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



## **St. Francis Fraternity Day of Recollection**

**Saturday, October 14, 2017**

**Divine Providence Village  
686 Old Marple Road  
Springfield, PA**

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| <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  | <b>Gathering and Fellowship<br/>Sign in<br/>Coffee / tea / light refreshment will be available</b>                  |
| <b>9:30 a.m.</b>  | <b>Chapel<br/>Liturgy - Morning Prayer<br/>Franciscan Crown Rosary</b>  |
| <b>10:15 a.m.</b> | <b>Conference by Father Dennis Weber</b>  |
| <b>11:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Mass</b>   |
| <b>Noon</b>       | <b>Lunch – Brown bag lunch</b>  |
| <b>1:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament<br/>Franciscan Examination of Conscience<br/>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> |
| <b>2:30 p.m.</b>  | <b>Benediction</b>  |