



The Herald of St. Francis

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Our September Gathering

We will hold our monthly gathering on Sunday, September 9TH at 12:30 PM in Conway Hall. We will participate in ongoing formation, have some social time with our fraternal family, and then recite the Franciscan Crown Rosary and the Liturgy of the Hours.

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

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.

- Judy A. - overall health
- Joe - Kidney testing



- Lillian Schieman - repose of her soul
- Betty, John, Bob and family - healing
- Patti - physical and domestic healing
- Midge - in hospice
- Wendy and Vince - healing and grace
- Bill - repose of his soul
- Cindy - spiritual and mental healing
- J - strength and spiritual guidance
- Anthony - major heart valve leak and strength for his family

St. Francis Inn Needs

- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Travel Size Toiletries
- **Men's & Women's Underwear (especially men's boxer shorts) — All Sizes**
- Men's Shoes — All Sizes

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- Diapers — All Sizes
- Baby Formula & Baby Food
- Powdered Lemonade & Iced Tea
- Prayers

Formation Information

In September, our candidate for Profession, Kathy Cerone, will be using the formation session to bring us all up to date with the apostolate she has organized to visit the sick and homebound member's of our fraternity.

Food for Thought

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

~ Matt. 22:39

And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

~ Matt. 25:40

The Beatitudes*

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*4 Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.*

*5 Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.*

*6 Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be satisfied.*

*7 Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.*

*8 Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.*

*9 Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.*

*10 Blessed are they who are persecuted for
the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*11 Blessed are you when they insult you and
persecute you and utter every kind of evil
against you [falsely] because of me*

*12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will
be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the
prophets who were before you.*

*Insertion into a local fraternity and
participation in fraternity life is essential for
belonging to the OFS. Appropriate initiatives
should be adopted according to the directives
of the national statutes, to keep those
brothers and sisters united to the fraternity
who — for valid reasons of health, family,
work, or distance — cannot actively
participate in community life.*

~ *The General Constitutions of the
Secular Franciscan Order, Article 53.3*

*In addition to being present at regular
gatherings we need to be attentive to the
needs of OFS members who, for valid
reasons, are unable to attend regular
gatherings. Councils can design ways and
means for communicating with them.
Personal visits are made and we keep
relationships alive.*

*Reasons for being absent from gatherings
can be quite different. Each person needs
special attention from the Franciscan
fraternity family. Appointing someone for
this ministry can help us avoid any form of
neglect. What we learn over and over in the
Constitutions is never to neglect the issues
that surround us. That certainly applies to
caring for fraternity members. Our actions
show them that they are truly our brothers
and sisters.*

~ Lester Bach, OFM Cap, *Giving Life to
the Words – The Secular Franciscan
Constitutions: A Spiritual Commentary*