



# The Herald of St. Francis

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**Next Meeting:**

Sunday, Sept. 13<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  
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## Minister's Notes

Labor Day.....wasn't it just Memorial Day???? The summer has disappeared!

This particular holiday weekend has many meanings - the end of summer, the beginning of school, the last big cook out, and the real meaning - honoring working people.

Whether we are employed or retired, we are still working in some capacity. Going to a job, keeping the house clean, keeping up with repairs, keeping the yard in good order. The list of the work we do every day is endless.

How far down on that list is Laboring for the Lord? Are we doing the Lord's work at first,.... or at last? Do we fit Him into our day, or is our day devoted to Him? How long after you get up in the morning, do you make your first prayer? And it can be as simple as Good morning, Lord. Thank you for giving me another day.

Laboring for the Lord should never be a burden. It is a joy to be able to do something for someone who has been kind and generous with you. As Secular Franciscans, our work is to carry the Lord with us so He can be present to others - in a smile, holding a door, allowing someone to go ahead of you, patience with someone who isn't as capable as you any more.

Laboring for the Lord is a job that doesn't come with vacation days, or even any time off. But oh, that retirement package is spectacular!

May all your labors begin and end in Him!

Pax et bonum,  
kate

**If you are unable to fulfill your obligation to attend the monthly meeting, please call Rita Dourdoufis at 610-352-2413.**

## **Please note: Change in schedule for October**

Our Day of Recollection will be held on Saturday, October 10 instead of October 3. The facility cannot accommodate us on the first Saturday. So, please mark your calendars now for the second Saturday in October.

## **Our September Meeting**

We will hold our monthly meeting on Sunday, September 13th, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. in Conway hall. 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

## **Liturgy of the Hours**

Evening prayer for 24th Sunday in ordinary time can be found on page 931.

## **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.

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## Formation

Formation sessions begin at 12:30 p.m. in Conway Hall.

- Inquirers: Come & See, Chapter 6
- Candidates: Catch Me a Rainbow Too, Chapters 10 & 11
- The professed will continue reviewing The Admonitions of St. Francis.

## 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: Santa Ricci, Grace Holley and her granddaughter Michelle Davis; Frances Bellew, Kimberly Gilligan (Niece of Marie Gilligan); Marie Frantini's daughter (Marie Dolores); Christine Truitt; Antoinette Iorio; 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, Jean Burns, Adele Malloy, Kate Kleinert.

Mary Lee's daughter called and asked that we especially keep her in our prayers.

## Francis Inn Needs:

- Iced tea mix
- Fruit drink mixes
- Personal size deodorant, soaps, toothpaste
- Diapers
- Baby wipes

## September Profession Anniversaries

- Patricia Dougherty (1993)

## September Franciscan Saints and Blessed

- 1 Bl Beatrice of Silva
- 2 Bls John Francis Burte, Severin Girault & Companions
- 4 St Rose of Viterbo
- 17 Stigmata of Our Holy Father Francis
- 18 St Joseph of Cupertino
- 20 St Francis Mary of Camporosso
- 23 Finding The Body of St Clare
- 26 St Elzear of Sabran & Bl Delphine

## 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/>

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