



# The Herald of St. Francis

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## Exciting News!

### Our Fraternity Has a New Home

Our Lady of Peace Parish  
208 Milmont Ave, Milmont Park, PA 19033

Thanks to the efforts of Br. Kip and the generosity of his friend, Rev. Joseph Devlin, pastor of Our Lady of Peace Parish, we have a new place to gather now that Conway Hall is unavailable for the foreseeable future.

We will still begin our official gathering at our usual 12:30 pm but Br. Kip would like us to try to attend Mass together at 11:30 am, especially this first month here. Initial Formation for inquirers and candidates will now be held at 9:30 am so that group will be definitely attending Mass. Perhaps we can all try to all sit together. The meeting place in the former convent which is to the right of the church. Park anywhere behind the church.

## Our Next Gathering

We will hold our next monthly gathering on April 14<sup>TH</sup>. 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.

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

## Rite of Installation

Our new location is not the only big news to report this month. We're also excited to announce that Brother Kip has officially been named our new spiritual assistant by the regional provincial.

To celebrate this important occasion, we will hold the Rite of Installation for a Spiritual Assistant (yes that's a thing), during the April meeting.

Our former Fraternity Minister (current Regional Minister) Kate Kleinert has kindly agreed to serve as presider during the Rite.

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## 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.

- Trish special intentions
- Antoinette - cancer
- Piccone's - health
- Betty - Health and family healing
- Tristan - physical and mental health
- Billy - mass in his lungs
- Gretchen - speedy recovery from surgery
- Lee's Dad - recovery from surgery
- J&J - blessing of their marriage
- End of Abortion
- Rosemarie - healing from surgery and for her family
- Phyllis - going through chemotherapy

## Annual Fair Share

Please remember that this year's Fairshare contribution of \$30 was due in March.

The Fair Share is not meant to be a hardship. If your financial circumstances makes it difficult to contribute please let a council member know.

## Regional Elections

Elections for the Regional Executive Council were held at the St. Francis Retreat House in Easton on Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The following people have been elected to Regional positions:

- Kate Kleinert – Minister
- Gretchen Bienkowski – Vice Minister
- Justin Carisio – Formation Director
- Teresa Redder – Secretary
- Frank Urso – Treasurer

- Cindy Loudon – Councillor at Large
- Ted Bienkowski – Councillor at Large

Please keep the newly elected Council in your prayers as they prepare to serve you for the next three years!

## St. Francis Inn Needs

- Men's Shoes — All Sizes
- Baby Formula
- Powdered Milk
- Oatmeal (not instant or “one minute” please)
- Spray Air Freshener or Deodorizer
- Spray cleaners (Lysol, Formula 409, disinfectants, cleanser, or similar items)
- Paper Towels
- Dish Towels
- Prayers

## Formation Information

Brother Kip's postulant class will provide our April ongoing formation session and the topic will be penance.

## Food for Thought

*The term Penance in Franciscanism is equivalent to the biblical meaning of metanoia, understood as an intimate conversion of the heart to God, as a vital attitude, a continuous state of being. It is not a question of doing penance but of being penitent.*

~ Fr. Lino Temperini, *Penitential Spirituality in the Franciscan Sources*

