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Legend of St Francis- 13. Institution of the Crib at Greccio 1297-1300  
fresco by Giotto Di Bondone, Upper Basilica of St. Francis, Assisi

**It was during Christmastide of the year 1223 that the saint conceived the idea of celebrating the Nativity "in a new manner", by reproducing at Greccio the Crib of Bethlehem, and he has thus come to be regarded as having inaugurated the popular devotion of the Crib. Christmas appears indeed to have been the favorite feast of Francis, and he wished to persuade the emperor to make a special law that people should then provide well for the birds and the beasts, as well as for the poor, so that all might have occasion to rejoice in the Lord.**

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# MINISTER'S LETTER

My dear brothers and sisters,

What a joy it was to see so many of you at our fraternity Mass on Sunday, November 15. For those who were unable to attend the Mass, please know that we missed you and that you were remembered in our prayers.

On November 29 we will celebrate the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new church year. Advent seems to be a season of paradox. It is a time of quiet, interior preparation in the midst of the hectic pace of the holiday season.

Perhaps, because of the current economic crisis, the pace of this Advent season will be less chaotic and we will devote more time preparing our hearts to welcome the Christ Child. Perhaps this Christmas will be simpler in terms of material things, but richer and more meaningful because our focus will be on the true meaning of the season – “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel, which means ‘**God with us**’ ” (Mt 1:23).

Just stop and think about that for a moment – God with us. In whatever storm you are facing in your life now, God is with you. If you are frazzled and stressed from the preparations for a family homecoming for the holidays, or if you are traveling to be with family, God is with you in all the chaos. In all of your family celebrations, God is with you. In the quiet stillness of your heart, God is with you. Whatever your circumstance, God is with you.

Our belief that God is with us fills our hearts with peace, hope and a joy that we must be shared with others. In Matthew 5:14-16, we hear Jesus say to his disciples: “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

**You are the light of the world!** My brothers and sisters, we are called to be the light of the world today. Given our human weakness, this seems like a daunting task. Yet, if we stay connected to the source of our power, Jesus – the true light, we can be beacons of his light in our world – by giving thanks for our family and friends, offering a helping hand to our unemployed neighbors, smiling and being pleasant to a tired cashier, reconciling with an old friend or family member. During this Advent season, I encourage you to:



- Spend a few minutes each day to quiet your mind and heart to experience God's presence with you, and
- Be a beacon of Christ's light, peace and hope to your family members, friends, and all those you meet.

My heartfelt prayer for you and your family is that you will have a peaceful Advent season and that you will experience anew Emmanuel, God with you, this Christmas.

Your sister in St. Francis,  
Maryann



From the Friars' Choir

Christmas is not a date.  
It is a state of mind.

- Mary Ellen Chase

# REGIONAL MINISTER'S LETTER

**Roger Ensign**, the newly-elected Minister of the Divine Mercy Regional Fraternity, attended the annual meeting of the National Fraternity from October 22-25 in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. He asked that the Ministers share this brief overview of the meeting with our fraternity members.

Visitors from the International Fraternity (CIOFS) included Doug Clorey, CIOFS Vice General Minister from Canada, and Fr. Ivan Matijević, OFM from Rome. Doug spoke of the five priorities for the entire Order: 1) Formation, 2) Communication, 3) Franciscan Youth, 4) Presence in the World, and 5) Emerging Fraternities.

Outgoing National Minister Patrick Mendes presented his report on the State of the National Fraternity.

The National Fraternity budget was presented and approved by the National Council.

Several formation sessions were presented by our National Formation Commission chair, Bob Fitzsimmons, and National Spiritual Assistant, Fr. Kevin Queally, TOR. A great deal of information was shared during these sessions.

We need to recapture the vision of the man, and the energy/vitality of the movement. Francis is not just a memory.

There was some discussion about the need for a "Diversity Coordinator" to serve the National Fraternity. The NEC will appoint someone to begin exploring to determine if there is a need.

Discussion re: JPIC (Justice, Peace, and Integration of Creation) which replaces the previous Apostolic Commission structure.

Discussion re: FAN (Franciscan Action Network), an organization by which all branches of the Franciscan Family can speak to Social Justice issues with a unified voice. The current focus is on Immigration Reform.

The Franciscan Youth involvement in the H2O project to provide water for those in need. They raised \$12,247 for this effort. The National and International Fraternities are challenging all of us to place more emphasis on reaching out to youth; they are the future of the Order.

The Council adopted and approved a resolution condemning the violence against the people of Pakistan.

The Council adopted and approved a resolution in support of FAN's call for health care reform and the Catholic bishops' statement on health care.

Planning has begun for the 18<sup>th</sup> Quinquennial Conference to be held July 3-8, 2012 in Chicago. The theme will be "Why Francis? Claim the Gift."

The suggestion was put forward that the National Fraternity develop an annual theme. The Council approved the theme for 2010: "Celebrate Youth."



December 6 ..... Mary Saber  
December 7 ..... Mary Ann Kristensen  
December 11 ..... Ralph Mason  
December 12 ..... Irene Mecha  
December 13 ..... Veronica Yuhase  
December 17 ..... Helen Wardowski

December 20 ..... Chuck Sapien  
December 24 ..... Joseph Pierce  
December 25 ..... Patricia Meldrum  
December 29 ..... Lorna Brock  
December 30 ..... Frank Laramie  
December 31 ..... Sylvia Snigier



**Deceased Members:**

Margaret D’Hulster († Nov. 4, 2009)  
 Lawrencja Drobnicki († Nov. 8, 2009)

**Deceased Relatives:**

Louis Falzone, uncle of Clara († Nov. 9, 2009)

**Members needing prayers:**

Wilhelmina Adkins	Mary Klein
Peter Aluzzo	Maryann Kummer
Jan Atkinson	Les and Josie Lafata
Kay Balas	Tony Lienert
Gertrude Beattie	Janice Litch
Evelyn Bishop	Rose Longo
Janet & John Bodell	Ilene Manning
Anthony Brodeur	Joseph Marra
Rocco Cesaro	Sophie Martin
Loretta Chmielarczyk	Maria McNally
Julia Erzbischoff-Donahue	Genevieve Ochenkowski
Clara Falzone	Rosie Patin
Wesley Faust	Dolores & Bob Peckham
Marie Fontanive	Theresa Pfaendtner
Mary Gillen	Joseph Pierce
Natalie Grabowski	Valerie Ridley
James Heymes	Mary Saber
Caroline Hojna	Alice Vier
Anna May Jesak	Helen Wardowski
Donna Marie Johnston	Joseph Wisk
Denise Joseph	Stephen Yuhase

**Relatives needing prayers:**

Susan Arcznski, cousin of the Atkinsons  
 Mary Ann Avery, niece of Lorraine Korte  
 Avian, great nephew of the Atkinsons  
 Angel Bettin and Donna Mitchell,  
 daughters of Caroline Hojna  
 Melanie Bruss, niece of Dan and Jan Atkinson

Angelina and Joey Daleo,  
 daughter-in-law & son of Josie and Les Lafata  
 Starr Dehn, niece of Mary Poole  
 Rose Dreissen, wife of Joseph  
 Duane Duchene, father of Clare Falzone  
 Barbara Erzbischoff, mother of Julia E-Donahue  
 John Erzbischoff, cousin of Julia E-Donahue  
 Beverly & Mike Falzone, parents of Clara  
 Karen Fitzpatrick, daughter of Mary Klein  
 Stefan Florescu, husband of Caroline  
 Bob Fontanive, husband of Marie  
 Leo Frangos, nephew of Donna Marie Johnston  
 Doreen Gerwollis, daughter of Sophie Martin  
 Billy Gerwollis, son-in-law of Sophie Martin  
 John Gold, husband of Rose  
 Judy Hojna, Caroline’s sister-in-law  
 Ted Hojna, husband of Caroline  
 Esther Mae Kelly, wife of Charles  
 Fred LaChance, brother of Donna Marie Johnston  
 Manning Family, family of Irene  
 Melanie McAleer, sister of Alice Vier  
 Charlie McCaay & Family of Ilene Manning  
 John McCaay, 5-yr-old with brain cancer  
 Marilyn Nichols, daughter of Anthony Brodeur  
 Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas  
 Teresa Poole, mother of Mary  
 Max Pulgar Vidal Biber, dying cousin of Br. Pat  
 Bob Stevenson, son-in-law of John and Janet Bodell  
 Dan Tyrna, grandson of Mary Hebert  
 Chester Wisk, brother of Joe  
 Fr. Jogues Constance, OFM Cap

**Memorials:**

Mary Davis  
 Betty Henderson  
 Peggy O’Neil

**Those serving in the Armed Forces:**

Andrew Arcznski	Thomas Greenia
Christopher Beattie	Edward Kluk
James Anthony Brannigan	John Marra III
Thomas Chmielarczyk	Joseph Marra, Jr.

**Pray for ALL**

**who have entrusted themselves to our prayer.**

Help keep our list up-to-date,  
 to remove or add names, call:

**Jo Marie Nardi at 586-978-2335**

# Brothers and Sisters

Many of us made our Profession as Secular Franciscans during the month of November, so it was especially appropriate that we celebrate a Mass with the Renewal of Profession at our November 15<sup>th</sup> gathering. An exceptional number of Secular Franciscans – about 80! – were present, which is always encouraging. **Ona Harris Wilson** came all the way from Louisiana to be with us and to introduce to us her new husband, Leonard. Coincidentally, November 15<sup>th</sup> also marked the anniversary of the death in 1987 of Capuchin **Fr. Lawrence Merten** who served as Third Order Director of our Fraternity from 1949 until 1959 and who received the profession of many of us “old-timers”. I was professed on Nov. 1, 1953 and Joe was professed on Nov. 16, 1986. I’ll ask Br. Pat to include the Prayer of Renewal in *The Poverello*, if there’s room, so that we can pray it even daily at home. At the meeting which followed the Eucharist, we also heard the good news that **Joe Driessen’s** wife, Rose, **Dan Marotta’s** wife, Dot, and **Loretta Chmielarczyk** are all doing well. **Maryann Kummer** graciously provided everyone with a beautiful booklet entitled, “Spirit of Advent – Daily Devotions for Advent,” by Capuchin Fr. Martin Pable. After our meeting, Br. Pat led a few of us to the graves of **Maxine Piaseczny** and **Joe Doeren** where we joined hands and prayed.

During this month of All Souls, we remember in particular two of our members who passed to their eternal reward recently: **Marge D’Hulster** and **Laurie Drobnicki**.



Marge D’Hulster



Laurie Drobnicki

Marge’s body was discovered by her sister, Bessie Arens, in her apartment on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Professed on July 6, 1958, Marge was an integral member of the former Women of Clare Cell Group. An unassuming doer of

good works and faithful volunteer (especially for the SFO and the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers), Marge helped many in need and was a woman of prayer. At the Funeral Home, the Rosary was prayed, followed by a wake service led by our new minister, **Maryann Kummer**. **Jo Marie Nardi** and myself proclaimed the readings. Many shared their memories of Marge. Joe and I went to the “Footsteps of St. Francis” Pilgrimage with her in 1991. At both the wake and the funeral Franciscans were well represented. Thanks to **Irene Mecha**, **Kay Balas**, who is homebound, was able to attend and pay her respects to Marge, her friend and associate in the Women of Clare Cell Group. The Funeral was celebrated at St. Sylvester’s. In memory of their friend, the former Women of Clare ordered a beautiful white vestment and stole from the **Eucharistic Mission Band** to be sent to the missions.

**Lawrencia Drobnicki** was a very dear long-time member of our Fraternity and the mother of Capuchin **Br. Michael Drobnicki** who was at her side when she passed away on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Laurie was professed on May 10, 1975, and was a very active member of our Fraternity. She also served as a Eucharistic Minister in a local hospital, and worked in the Solanus Casey Gift Shop. Laurie had been diagnosed with cancer a number of years ago. The cancer went into remission for 13+ years before it recurred this past year. Laurie was a strong woman of faith who used her personal experience as an opportunity to express her gratitude to God and witness to her faith. May the souls of both Marge and Laurie, and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

**Charlotte and Jim Heymes’** daughter, Therese Blondell, had her surgery and is doing well at home. The family thanks you for your prayers and good wishes.

At our last Mass for the Deceased members of our Fraternity gathered at St. Bonaventure’s only to discover that the **Troubadours** Fraternity had also gathered there to celebrate the Mass of Profession of **Rita Ann Saigh** and **Kimberly Ann Spaniola**. The decision was made to have a joint celebration. The chapel was packed. Musicians, **Michael and Chris Duffy**, enlivened the celebration with their music; **Pat Carsley** and **Jo Marie Nardi** made a few introductory remarks, and **Capuchin**

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**Fr. Ray Stadmeyer** presided. The time together was a blessing!

My son, Ed, will be leaving Afghanistan around the 13<sup>th</sup> of January. After returning to Michigan in mid-February and a little vacation with his wife, he should be back to work by mid-March. As if serving in a war zone isn't bad enough, Ed was struck by the H1N1 (Swine) Flu for about three weeks. Continue to pray for Ed and for all those serving in our armed forces.

**Fr. Jogues Constance**, who served our Fraternity from 1973 to 1981, has been moved to Hospice Care at St. Bonaventure's Monastery. Initially, he will not be having visitors other than his immediate family. Since his condition varies by the day, **Br. Larry LaCross**, the local minister, will be working closely with the

monastery's nurse and the hospice people to determine if and when visitors might be permitted. Joe and I were able to visit Fr. Jogues at the nursing home on November 13<sup>th</sup>. We also visited him for his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday on November 20<sup>th</sup>, and it was obvious that in that short amount of time his condition had deteriorated. On the second visit he did not recognize either of us and his words were minimal, spoken almost as if an automatic reflex. We brought a Napoleon with a candle on it, lit it and sang "Happy Birthday" and helped him to blow it out. As we were leaving, he tried to say something but was unable. The effects of the tumor are progressing rapidly. Recently Fr. Jogues lost the use of his right arm and leg. So, keep praying for Fr. Jogues!

Faye



## Renewal of Profession

I thank you, Lord, for having called me to the Secular Franciscan Order. I ask forgiveness for my weaknesses and failures against the Gospel and against the Rule. I pray that you will allow me to experience once again the zeal I felt on the day I made my Profession. I commit myself again to live the Gospel according to the Rule and Constitutions of the Secular Franciscan Order, until the end of my days. May I live in peace with everyone, and show my gratitude for the great gift I have received: my Franciscan calling. May I be a witness and instrument of the Church's mission among all people, proclaiming Christ by my deeds and by my words.



**Victoria Caileanu**  
4 years old  
**Burkitt lymphoma**

When little Victoria lost a drastic amount of weight – 10 pounds in less than two weeks – her mother, Mariya, was terribly worried. Victoria's skin began to turn yellow and she complained her stomach hurt. Mariya rushed her daughter to a doctor, and tests revealed devastating news: Victoria had a tumor in her abdomen. Mariya was shocked to learn her little girl had cancer. The doctor advised that St. Jude Children's Research Hospital offered the best treatment and care for pediatric cancer and provided a referral. The hospital was 300 miles away, but if they drove all night, she could be there by morning. At St. Jude, Victoria quickly began receiving chemotherapy to destroy the enormous mass. Today, tests indicate that there are no more tumor cells in her body. Victoria is home again, and back to her happy self. She likes to run, wrestle with her siblings, pose for pictures and swing on the swing set. She also loves coloring and puzzles. Now that Victoria is feeling better, the family is eager to give back. "St. Jude helped us so much, and we paid nothing," said Mariya. "For a family without a big income, a hospital like this is really important."

# Rule Reflections for December

## Article 14

Secular Franciscans, together with all people of good will, are called to build a more fraternal and evangelical world so that the kingdom of God may be brought about more effectively. Mindful that anyone “who follows Christ, the perfect man, becomes more of a man himself,” let them exercise their responsibilities competently in the Christian spirit of service [see *Lumen Gentium*, 31 and *Gaudium et spes*, 93].

**Scripture:** Mt 10:40-42; Lk 17:7-10; 22:24-28; Jn 13:1-17; Phil 2:3-4; James 2:14-26

### For personal reflection:

1. What characterizes “people of good will”?
2. How do we exercise our responsibilities “competently in the Christian spirit of service”?

**Background:** Article 14 references two sources from the Documents of the Second Vatican Council: *Lumen Gentium*, 31 and *Gaudium et spes*, 93. *Lumen Gentium* is about “the laity”. The competence of the laity [their “specialty”, as it were] is in all things “secular”. “But by reason of their special vocation it belongs to the laity to seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and directing them according to God’s will. They live in the world, that is, they are engaged in each and every work and business of the earth and in the ordinary circumstances of social and family life which, as it were, constitute their very existence. There they are called by God that, being led by the spirit to the Gospel, they may contribute to the sanctification of the world, as from within like leaven, by fulfilling their own particular duties. Thus, especially by the witness of their life, resplendent in faith, hope and charity they must manifest Christ to others. It pertains to them in a special way so to illuminate and order all temporal things with which they are so closely associated that these may be effected and grow according to Christ and may be to the glory of the Creator and Redeemer.” *Gaudium et spes* speaks about remaining faithful to the gospel while at the same time collaborating with others who love and work for justice to create God’s kingdom. “Mindful of the Lord’s saying: ‘by this will all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another’ (John 13:35), Christians cannot yearn for anything more ardently than to serve the men of the modern world with mounting generosity and success. Therefore, by holding faithfully to the Gospel and benefitting from its resources, by joining with every man who loves and practices justice, Christians have shouldered a gigantic task for fulfillment in this world, a task concerning which they must give a reckoning to Him who will judge every man on the last of days.

1. Not everyone who cries, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter into the kingdom of heaven, but those who do the Father’s will by taking a strong grip on the work at hand. Now, the Father wills that in all men we recognize Christ our brother and love Him effectively, in word and in deed. By thus giving witness to the truth, we will share with others the mystery of the heavenly Father’s love. As a consequence, men throughout the world will be aroused to a lively hope—the gift of the Holy Spirit—that some day at last they will be caught up in peace and utter happiness in that fatherland radiant with the glory of the Lord.”

### Group Discussion:

In what concrete ways can you help to build a more fraternal and evangelical world?

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Our Lady of Hope Choir presents “The King Shall Come”  
A Choral Meditation narrated by Fr. Jim Bjorum  
and featuring the Our Lady of Hope Dance & Repertory Company  
Sunday, December 20, 2009, 2 PM at St. Bonaventure’s, Detroit  
followed by a Social hosted by the St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans.**



# Celebrating Gina Rizzo



Pietro and Elda Peressini immigrated from Udine, Italy 1924 and settled in Hazard County, Kentucky. One year later, on August 7, 1925, their daughter, Gina, saw the light of day. The following year, 1926, the family moved to Detroit where a son, Nivardo, was born.

They belonged to San Francesco Church in downtown Detroit. When they moved to a large farm house near Seven Mile and Kelly, the family joined Assumption Grotto Parish, and later Guardian Angels Parish where Gina and her brother made their First Holy Communion and were confirmed. Gina attended Burbank Grade School. In 1939, she entered the new Edwin Denby High School and graduated in 1943. In 1941, the Peressini Family was among the founding families of St. Jude Parish where, in the original small, wooden church, Gina married her high school sweetheart, Samuel Rizzo, in 1948.

Gina's father died in an accident in 1951 and, in 1956, her mother married Tommaso Martinello who would pass away in 1987. Gina took care of her elderly mother who reached the amazing age of 105 when she died last year.

After 20 years of marriage, Gina's husband left her. For the next 38 years Gina prayed for him, and as he lay dying, he called for her and they were reconciled before he died in June of 2006.

Gina worked as a clerk at the downtown J.L. Hudson store from 1943-1950, as a clerk at the Connor Park Florist, as a manager at Fruit-a-Rama at Eastland, and at other office clerk positions in the 1970s. In 1974, Gina received a grant from the Pontiac Business Institute and in 1976 gained employment at the Macomb County Courthouse in Mount Clemens where she worked for the Friend of Court until her retirement in 1997.

In the late 1950s and early '60s, Gina belonged to the St. Clair Shores Players and won a Jackie [similar to an Oscar] for her work on children's plays performed at the

three school districts. Her involvement with the Players was mostly backstage, but for a brief moment she had a small part on stage in the play, Auntie Mame. From 1956 to 2005 Gina was a parishioner of St. Gertrude's Church in St. Clair Shores where she was involved in the Ladies Altar Society, the Educational and Worship Committees, the SERF Vicariate, and served as a lector and Eucharistic Minister. She also taught catechism at St. Gertrude's for 13 years. Gina now belongs to St. Edmund's Church in Warren.

In her free time, Gina enjoys cooking, sewing and photography. She has a new digital camera and is learning how to operate it. She will be attending a class on Digital Fundamentals at Macomb Community College soon.

Gina joined the Fr.Solanus Guild in 1970. She served as the Recording Secretary for the Guild Council from 1974 to 1979. In 1979, she was recognized for her dedicated service. She also served as a lector, Eucharistic Minister, photographer at Guild events, and was a member of the Hospitality Committee.

Gina worked with her friends, Sally Reynolds and Helen Battie, on raising funds for the Fr. Patrick Peyton Family Rosary Crusade. In 1971, the trio took a pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain, and Lourdes.

In 1974, **Grace and Dominic Cusumano** invited Gina to attend the Secular Franciscan Formation classes held at the home of **Marie and John Amore**. In 1975 **Fr. Jogues** received Gina's Profession in the SFO at St. Bonaventure's Monastery, and in 2006, Gina celebrated 30 years as a Professed member of our Fraternity.

Gina attributes her spiritual growth to her Secular Franciscan vocation. She feels very blessed to have enjoyed many close friendships during her life. Gina is now 84 years old and has many wonderful memories. Even though every day she has a new ache or pain, she has been blessed with great friends and a loving family for which she will be eternally grateful.

We love you, Gina!



## MARK YOUR 2009 CALENDARS

**December 6 ..... Council Meeting (2:30 pm)**

**December 11 ..... Christian Service at the Meldrum Kitchen (10:30 AM-1:00 PM)**

**December 20 ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Meeting - Christmas Concert (Formation at Noon; everyone at 1:30 pm)**

# Franciscan Saints of December

- Dec. 1 ..... Bl. Mary Rose Pellesi, Religious of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Christ (Sant'Onofrio)  
 Dec. 2 ..... Bl. Mary Angela Astorch, (1592-1665) Virgin, Capuchin Poor Clare  
                   Bl. Raphael Chylinski, Conventual Franciscan Friar  
 Dec. 4 ..... Bl. Peter Pettinaio of Siena, (1230-1289) Penitent, Secular Franciscan  
 Dec. 8 ..... Immaculate Conception [patron of the Franciscan Family]  
 Dec. 10 ..... Bl. Peter Tecelano, Franciscan Third Order  
 Dec. 11 ..... Bl. Hugolino Magalotti, (1300-1373) Secular Franciscan, hermit  
 Dec. 15 ..... Bl. Mary Frances Schervier, Third Order of St. Francis, virgin  
 Dec. 28 ..... Bl. Matthia of Nazzarei, (1253-1320) Virgin, Poor Clare  
 Dec. 30 ..... Bl. Margaret Colonna, (1254-1280) Virgin, Poor Clare

## Christmas Word Search and Secret Message



BTHEFMIRSTNBOETLCTHEA  
 AANGEILDIDHESAHYHWATN  
 STBLESSESMOTHERORCTEG  
 HRTYATINPOLHORESIESHE  
 PEPHJLERDSLLINEFSIELL  
 EDGOLELUYSYEAVKNTSTRS  
 SHEYLTSAYINHLFIIMEAEL  
 ODSWHOEURETEHONEATYIL  
 JAYKEEEPSINMPGGTSHENC  
 TREEDECORATIONSICRSDA  
 NATIVITYHEEPONACAOLEN  
 IDWISLORACSAMTSIRHCED  
 ANTERSNYLIMAFIGHDTRY  
 SHATWASSEERTSAMTSIRHC  
 SSANTACLAUSODEEPNOELA  
 EGALLIVSAMTSIRHCNOELN  
 LNOMELEGOORCSREZENEBE  
 ONOETHREESPIRITSLBORS  
 PNISTHHEKISTHGILNTGOF  
 HISNOWGLOBERSROAIEOLT  
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 NTSORFKCAJIAIDTHEMEZZ  
 BOBCRATCHITMSDREHPEHS

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| Angels       | Elves            | Reindeer          | Baby Jesus      | Family           |
| Saint Joseph | Bethlehem        | Gifts             | Santa Claus     | Blessed Mother   |
| Holly        | Shepherds        | Bob Cratchit      | Jack Frost      | Snow Globe       |
| Candy Canes  | Lights           | Star              | Christmas Cards | Manger           |
| Three Kings  | Christmas Carols | Midnight Mass     | Three Spirits   | Christmas Trees  |
| Mistletoe    | Tiny Tim         | Christmas Village | North Pole      | Tree Decorations |
| Egg Nog      | Poinsetta        | Yule Log          |                 |                  |

# DECEMBER 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
<b>6</b> ADVENT II Pss: Wk 2  <b>SFO</b> <b>COUNCIL:</b> <b>2:30 PM</b>	7	<b>8</b> <b>IMMACULATE</b> <b>CONCEPTION</b> <b>(HOLY DAY</b> <b>IN US)</b>  St. Joan of Arc: 1 PM	9	10	<b>11</b> <b>CHRISTIAN</b> <b>SERVICE</b> <b>MELDRUM</b> <b>KITCHEN</b> 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM  Solanus Cell: 7:30 PM (Bolands')	12
<b>13</b> ADVENT III Pss: Wk 3  <b>FRATERNITY</b> <b>GATHERING</b> Candidates - 12 <b>ALL: 1:30 PM</b> <b>Concert: 2 PM</b>	14	15	16	<b>17</b> EMB Board: 10 AM	18	19
<b>20</b> ADVENT IV Pss: Wk 4	21	22	23	24	<b>25</b> <b>CHRISTMAS</b>	26
<b>27</b> <b>HOLY</b> <b>FAMILY</b> Pss: Wk 1	28	29	30	31		

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Stephen Haycox

Tony Lienert

Patricia Munafo

Beverly Sapien

Chuck Sapien

### Spiritual Assistant:

Br. Patrick McSherry

### APPOINTMENTS

#### Infirmarians:

Jo Marie Nardi

Sylvia Stanik

#### Continuing Formation Commission:

Chuck & Bev Sapien (chairs)

#### Christian Service Commission:

Patricia Munafo (chair)

#### Hospitality Commission:

Teresa Westbrook-Lienert

& Tony Lienert (chairs)

#### Recruitment Commission:

Janet Bodell (chair)

#### Eucharistic Mission Band (EMB):

To be announced

### MEETING CONTACTS

(for Locations and Times of Meetings)

#### Fr. Solanus Cell (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 7:30 pm):

Faye Boland

#### St. Joan of Arc Satellite (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 1 pm):

Frank Liccardello

#### Third Sunday General SFO Meeting:

Chuck & Bev Sapien

#### Bl. Luchesio Cell (4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 7:30 pm):

Connie Musial

### FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

Meldrum Soup Kitchen

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Contact to be announced

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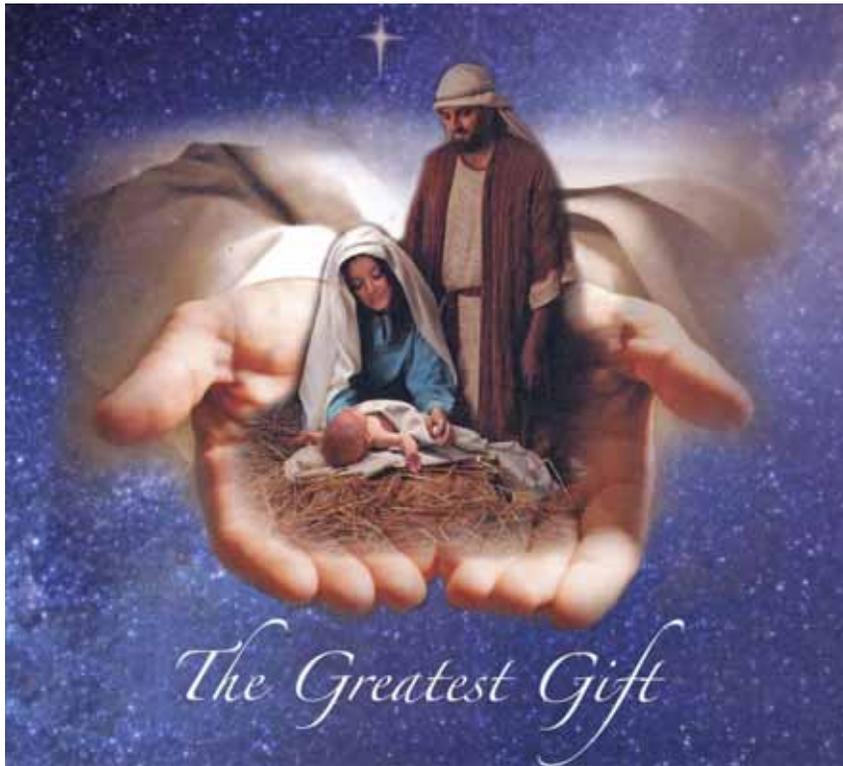
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