



THE FLYER

Advent
Mini-Edition

Newsletter for the St. Joseph Cupertino OFS Fraternity

Theme for 2019: **Be Holy!**

Our OFS Christmas Families

While donations have been coming in steadily, checks may be mailed to Gerry Pinkas. Please remember to pray for our two families:

Family #1 has a mother, father, and two children who have been affected by mental illness, foster care, medical issues, and incarceration & are fending off homelessness and hunger.

Family #2 comes to us from the Frederick Mission where they are receiving residential substance abuse treatment in a Christian-based, family-centered setting.

-Denise Donaldson, contributor

Events at The Shrine

Saturday, Nov. 30 from 1-5 pm *Advent Family Festival*

Sat., Dec 7 & Sun., Dec 8 at 7: 30 pm — *Greccio*

The friars count on Secular Franciscans to donate & serve the refreshments after each Greccio service of prayers, carols, and a living Nativity.

Homemade & store-bought cookies as well as brand name Oreos are suggested (the Oreos are for those with nut allergies). Please drop off labeled containers at the Shrine kitchen by 6pm on Saturday. If you want your container back, please come back for it, the friars cannot keep track of containers. Servers will need to dress warmly and bring flashlights.

Saturday, Dec 14 at 7 pm — *Christmas Concert*

Archbishop Curley High School Boys' Choir

Free will offering * doors open at 6:30 * limited seating

OFS Christmas Party

December 15th at 1 pm in the Papal Dining Room.



Lunch will be potluck.

If you have not yet signed up for food, Jeanne Kerins or Juliana Kim will contact you.

Corrections from the Nov Flyer:

book review by Ray Glennon & the dates for the Greccio are: Saturday, *December 7* and Sunday the *8th*.

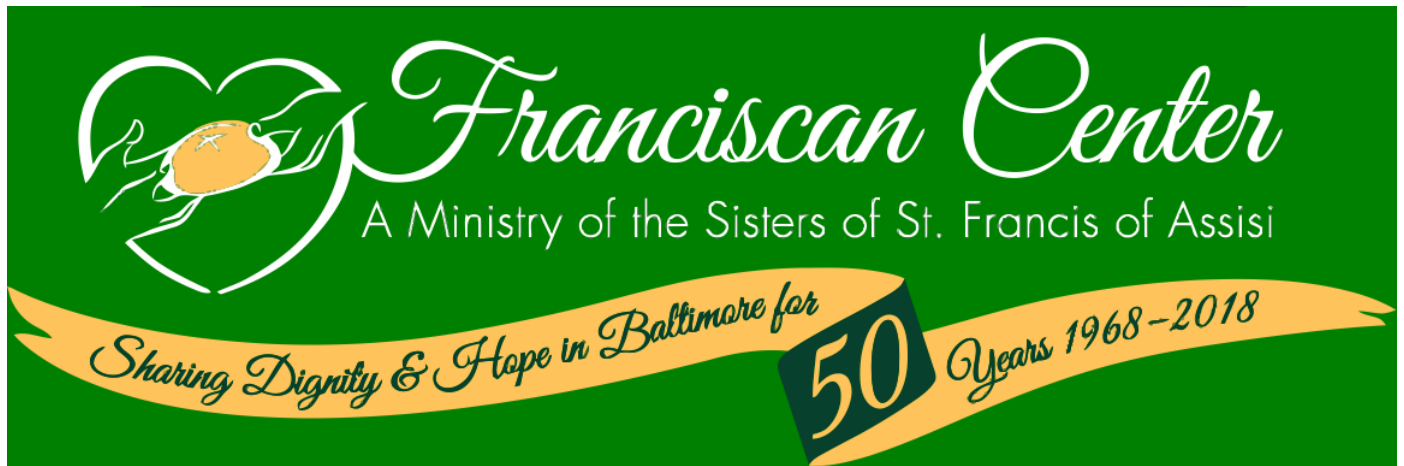
Saturday, December 7

1-3 pm

Our book sharing group will meet on the



first Saturday of each month at the Shrine (usually the Kolbe Room). We are studying *Surrounded by Love: 7 Teachings from St. Francis* by Murray Bodo, OFM.



Holiday Giving Suggestions

by Wendy Welles

The Center greatly appreciates all our wonderful donations and passed on the following most-requested list:

- * Men's clothing
- * Canned food (bulk food cans are nice)
- * New or clean plastic grocery bags
- * Plastic bag mats
- * Personal care items
- * School supplies (at the end of the summer especially)
- * Children's books (new or gently used)
- * Blankets

The Franciscan Center will be holding a **Blanket Giveaway** and hope to give away 1000 new or gently used blankets!!! They are asking that blankets be no larger than Queen-sized. Blankets dropped off at the OFS Christmas party *will be* delivered in time for the event. Please note that Ollie's Outlet is having a wonderful Black Friday sale of \$5 blankets!

*If you DO collect bulky or heavy items before the meeting, please bring them to Sunday Mass and hand-off to Ralph. Ralph usually attends the Sunday noon Mass at the Shrine, but will *not* be there December 1st.