



**SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS
SACRED HEART COMMUNITY (SHC)
NEWS BRIEF – DECEMBER 1, 2023**

DECEMBER 3, 2023: 1ST WEEK OF ADVENT - HOPE

NEW EMAIL – Effective Immediately:

- Sr. Sue Artone-Fricke's Sue@DenverOSF.org
- Donna Kroll's DonnaK@DenverOSF.org

Other fransicanway.org emails are not expected to change.

ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE:

All sisters and associates from the three North American provinces and communities (St. Francis Province, Holy Name Province, and Sacred Heart Community) are invited to attend a ZOOM Advent Prayer Service on **Monday, December 11, 2023, 4:30 MT**. This service will be hosted by St. Francis Province (SFP). The ZOOM link will be sent out next week. Stay tuned.



PRAYER REQUEST:

Dante (SHC Associate, Maria Gentile's nephew), age 26, died recently in a tragically situation. Dante was found dead (under mysterious conditions) in New Orleans after going to visit friends. Dante was a talented musician, poet, songwriter, and painter. He leaved behind his mother, stepfather, sister, and a new nephew born only a week before he died, and who he never got to meet. Please prayer for the rest of his eternal soul and his family's broken heart.

SISTERS' BIRTHDAYS:

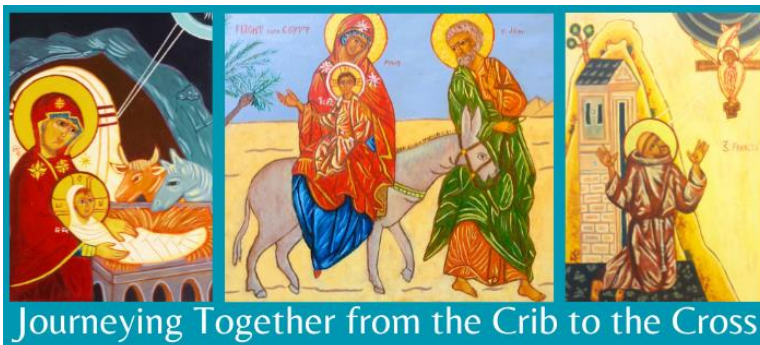
- Sr. Francesca Delgado, December 1st
- Sr. Sue Artone-Fricke, December 3rd
- Sr. Karen, December 7th

ARCHIVES:

Please reference the [U.S. Catholic: Faith in Real Life](https://uscatholic.org/articles/202311/as-religious-vocations-dwindle-who-will-preserve-the-churchs-history/) article from November 27, 2023, "*As religious vocations dwindle, who will preserve the church's history?*" by Sally Witt, CSJ. <https://uscatholic.org/articles/202311/as-religious-vocations-dwindle-who-will-preserve-the-churchs-history/>

Sally Witt, C.S.J., is a Sister of St. Joseph of Baden, Pa., and lives near Pittsburgh. A historian, she has published histories of three congregations of women religious. The latest, *Beyond the Frontier: The History of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia, KS* (Word Association Publishers) came out in 2020. Her poems have appeared in *U.S. Catholic*, local and national publications, and in *Spirituality*, a Dominican publication from the Republic of Ireland.

Also attached is the FCA Newsletter, November 2023.



FRANCISCAN FEDERATION RETREAT - JOURNEY TOGETHER FROM THE CRIB TO THE CROSS

Begin 2024 journeying together with Franciscan friends at a unique Franciscan Federation virtual retreat designed to inspire, connect, and transform. Our speakers will bring their Franciscan wisdom to the themes of Greccio (the crib), Journeying, and Francis' Stigmata (the cross) on this special day of reflection and sharing. The speakers for this virtual retreat, Father Murray Bodo, OFM, Eunice J. Park, MTS, MAMC, and Darleen Pryds, PhD will inspire as we discover, together, how events that occurred 800 years ago continue to transform us today. This special day will be offered twice, **January 14, 2024, 1-5pm Eastern and February 4, 2024, from 3-7pm Eastern**; join whichever day works best with your schedule. The retreat is available to all who are interested in starting 2024 with a Franciscan focus. Register at [Annual Retreat - Franciscan Federation \(franfed.org\)](https://www.franfed.org) Submitted by Sr. Liz Fuhr

VINO y CHOCOLATE - Returns!

*Sr. Alicia Cuarón & Romaine Pacheco
cordially invite you to the return of...*

Vino y Chocolate

Friday, December 8, 2023, 5:00-8:00 pm

Centro San Juan Diego
2830 Lawrence Street, Denver, CO 80205

*Come visit these creative & festive tablescapes
decorated for Christmas dinner.*

In the spirit of the season, please bring an unwrapped
gift of clothing or a toy for a child to be distributed at
immigrant children's shelters in Denver.

Questions, call Romaine at 720-849-7935



CALENDAR OF SACRED HEART COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Please contact Donna Kroll if you have any questions.

Date, Time	Event	Notes
2023		
Nov 23, 2:00	Thanksgiving dinner potluck (please rsvp to Sr. Leandra by Nov. 15)	At Marycrest, hosted by Guadalupe Community
Dec 11, 4:30	Advent Prayer via Zoom	For North American sisters and associates, hosted by SFP
Dec 24, 7:00	Christmas Eve Mass	At Marycrest followed by snacks, hosted by Casa Chiara Community
2024		
Feb 10, 10-4	Community Retreat Day	At Xavier Retreat Center, Denver
Mar 6, 4:30	Lent Prayer via Zoom	For North American sisters and associates, hosted by SHC
May 9, 4:30	Foundation Day Prayer via Zoom	For North American sisters and associates, hosted by HNP
June 6-June 8	Annual Community Meetings	At Xavier Retreat Center, Denver
June 28-30, 2024	Celebrating 150 th Years of Franciscan Presence in North America	Holy Name Province, Stella Niagara, NY

