



## **The Little Flower Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order St. Margaret de Cortona Region**

Come and be fed...body, mind, soul and spirit

September 24, 2022

My Secular Franciscan brothers and sisters,

Peace be with you. With great joy the Little Flower Fraternity OFS will celebrate its 60th Anniversary of its founding this month of October 2022. Let us all join together to thank and praise our God for our Fraternity and the many, many Secular Franciscans who have sustained its life and growth over these 60 years.

I pray daily for you and our fraternity that your prayers may be met and that we may grow in faith, hope, and love in our fraternal life.

Seek to be humble always as did our Seraphic Father once he gave himself completely to our Blessed Savior. Exert yourself in humility not in making yourself the center of attention. Scripture teaches us clearly, "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted" (Lk. 14:11).

Our great Franciscan saints are perfect examples of this in that their focus was love of God, love of the Church and love of others, but in the end these great saints were often lifted high for others to see. Seek to be one of those great saints by humbling yourself this day.

Ponder humility, meditate upon humility often and convince yourself of its value. Through it the beauty and Mercy of God will shine forth and without words as Francis encourages us the Gospel will be preached.

As a final note please be guided by our rule which calls upon each of us to attend faithfully all fraternity gatherings unless we have a legitimate reason to be absent or are excused for reasons of health. Our fraternity can only grow stronger in spirit and unity when we all share our gifts and talents with each other regularly in fraternal fellowship.

May God bless you and keep you as the days of Fall continue,

Peace and all good,

Phillip Francis Pucher, OFS  
Minister, Little Flower Fraternity OFS

**LITTLE FLOWER FRATERNITY  
60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022  
MASS 10AM  
ANNUAL RECOMMITMENT OF PROFESSION  
FOLLOWED BY POT-LUCK LUNCH IN BURKE HALL  
FELLOWSHIP WILL BE IN ABUNDANCE!  
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**~Transitus~**

**Monday, October 3, 2022**

**7:00 pm**

Archbishop Curley High School  
3701 Sinclair Lane  
Baltimore, MD 21213

OR

Shrine of St. Anthony  
12290 Folly Quarter Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21042



**In Honor of St. Francis, Patron of Animals**

“Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired Saint Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.”



**\*\*\*HELP US HELP ST. FRANCIS CHURCH FOOD PANTRY!\*\*\***

**\*\*\*PLEASE BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO EACH GATHERING!\*\*\***

*(Note: If you are bringing items from your personal pantry, please check the expiration dates and kindly do not bring expired items for donation as they will likely be discarded)*



### ***The key to our success is COMMUNICATION!***

If you are in need of prayers for yourself or an immediate family member, please make sure to contact our Infirmarian

**Helen Tumminello\***

Phone 410-859-8226 (Preferred) or e-mail: [htumminello@aol.com](mailto:htumminello@aol.com)

Helen will then get out an e-mail and make phone calls with the information.

*\*Our Sister Helen will be convalescing from surgery for the foreseeable future. Please send your prayer intentions to **Joan Kane or Kelly Frederick** (e-mail is best). Contact info is at the end of this newsletter.*

*Please keep our contact information in a place with your Will and/or final wishes so that your loved ones can notify us at the appropriate time.*

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

*In order to protect the privacy of our Sisters and Brothers, we are only listing the names of those who have asked for/or are in need of our prayers.*

Barb Bruno    Ron Polkowski (Husband of Cathy)    Vince Pucher (Brother of Phil)  
Helen Tumminello    Cindy Evans    Mark Evans    Ceci Evans    Jeremy (Son of Cindy)  
Maria Mercado    Debbie Gough (Sister-in-law of Lisa)    Peg Doerfler  
Kathleen Hale    Elsie Saylor

**Retreat...Reflect...Reconnect**  
**Opportunities for Spiritual Growth**



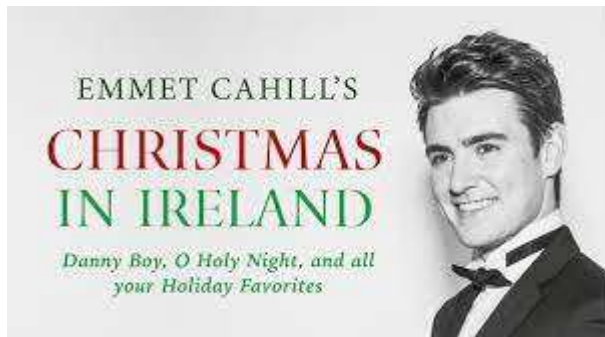
Saturday, October 22, 2022 8AM

Cathedral of Mary Our Queen

5200 North Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21210

To register:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Baltimore/LittleSistersofthePoorNunRun5Kand1MileRunWalk>



**Sunday December 4, 2022**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 8501 Loch Raven Blvd. Baltimore, MD 21286  
Tickets \$55 (VIP includes Meet and Greet and front of house seating) and \$35 for Concert only with General Admission Seating. Meet and Greet at 2:30pm and Concert at 4pm.  
Contact the Rectory for Tickets 410-668-7935

**Saturday, February 11, 2023**

**Little Flower DIY Day of Retreat and Recollection**

Instead of our Monthly Gathering this day we will be holding a full day of presentations and discussions to help us deepen our faith and our roles/duties as Secular Franciscans. We are looking to the Fraternity itself to provide topics to present. More to follow but start thinking about what YOU would like to present!

Optimal length would be 15-20 minutes plus 10 minutes for Q&A each  
Help will be provided with any Powerpoint/Audio/Visual assistance you may need.

**Latest Up To Now issue link:**

<https://saintmargaretofcortona.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/2022-August-Up-to-Now-Regional-Newsletter.pdf>



**Birthday Celebrant:**

**October**

Joan Kane

October 14<sup>th</sup>

**Profession Anniversaries:**

**October**

Helen Bridges	10/29/2006	Gary Haigley	10/23/1977
Peg Doerfler	10/24/1982	Joan Kane	10/01/2016
Mark Evans	10/18/2020	Phil Pucher	10/26/2008
Kelly Frederick	10/01/2016	Elsie Saylor	10/24/1982
Ann German	10/01/2016		

## Treasurer's Report:

Little Flower Fraternity  
Financial Report  
September 24, 2022

Net balance as of	8/24/2022		\$ 2,098.25
Income			
TOTAL INCOME			\$ 271.00
Expenses			
Ck 1544	Fr. Bart Karwacki	\$ 150.00	Quarterly Stipend
Ck 1545	FFA #418	\$ 225.00	Quarterly Apostolate
Ck 1546	Mother Seton Academy	\$ 150.00	September Charity
Ck 1547	St. Francis Church	\$ 50.00	September Gathering
Ck 1548	St. Margaret Of Cortona Region	\$ 420.00	Balance of 2022 Fair Share
	TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$ 995.00</u>
<i>Net Income/(Loss)</i>			\$ (724.00)
Net Balance			\$ 1,374.25
Less: Future Retreat Reserve			<u>\$ (300.00)</u>
Working Balance as of	9/24/2022		<u>\$ 1,074.25</u>

## Charity for October & November:

### Christmas Outreach

So that we may generously provide financial support to an Outreach Center during these trying times we are focusing two months of our Charity Donations to this cause.  
*(Specific Outreach Organization has not yet been determined as of this Newsletter)*

Please make **ALL** checks payable to: **LITTLE FLOWER FRATERNITY**

Mail to: Little Flower Fraternity  
c/o Lisa Gough, OFS  
121 Warwick Drive  
Lutherville, MD 21093

## Little Flower Fraternity Council

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**Invite a friend to join us the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month!**

**Gathering Address**

**St. Francis of Assisi Church**

**Burke Hall**

**3615 Harford Road**

**Baltimore, MD 21218**

*St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us.*