



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

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

February 28, 2023

My sisters and brothers of the Little Flower Fraternity OFS,

We are called to pray, fast, and give alms during Lent.

If you pray as you want;
If you fast as you want;
If you give alms as you want;
Then you will live Lent as you want.

However,

If you pray as God wants;
If you fast as God wants;
If you give alms as God wants;
Then you will live Lent as God wants.

Which do you want? Your Lent or God's Lent. As it is often said, the choice makes all the difference. Discern wisely.

Peace and all good,
Phillip Francis Pucher, OFS
Servant Minister
Little Flower Fraternity OFS

What's next....

March Gathering

Saturday, March 11, 2023

Mass 9AM

Gathering 10am - Noon

Attendance, as always, is highly recommended.
We will be having our Fraternal and Pastoral Visitation.

Please bring your own beverage/snack.

APRIL 2023 GATHERING DATE CHANGE

The second Saturday in April 2023 is Holy Saturday.
The Council decided to move our April Gathering to **APRIL 15, 2023**.
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

******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

She's back!

Helen Tumminello

Phone 410-859-8226 (Preferred) or e-mail: hltumminello@aol.com

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

Our Sister Helen is returning as our Infirmarian! A **HUGH THANK YOU to our Sisters **Joan Kane and Kelly Frederick** for picking up the slack while Helen recovered.*

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.*

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| Phil Pucher | Barb Bruno | John Tumminello | Helen Tumminello | Jim Childress |
| | Dennis Bernardo | Jaci Curry | Debbie Gough (Sister-in-law of Lisa) | |
| Kathleen Hale | Elsie Saylor | Jennifer and Brian | Dean Burnap | Stephanie (Mark Evans' niece) |
| | Tanya Marie | Marlene Jones | Rich Polkowski | Lawson |

To enroll in Perpetual Masses
National Shrine of Our Lady Good Help
4047 Chapel Drive
New Franken, WI 54229
920-866-2571
<https://championshrine.org/>

Retreat...Reflect...Reconnect

Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

Formation Retreat Weekend

June 23-25, 2023

Washington Retreat House

Details to follow

Regional Retreat

Loyola on the Potomac

July 14-15, 2023

Details to follow

Latest **Up To Now** issue link:

<https://saintmargaretofcorona.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2022-November-Up-To-Now-Newsletter.pdf>



Adoration Corner

Many parishes around the Archdiocese are needing adorers of the Blessed Sacrament. Below are some churches and contact info if you are able to share your time with the Lord at Adoration.

Baltimore Basilica

www.adorationpro.org/baltimorebasilica

(select weekly commitment)

Questions ana.farias@baltimorebasilica.org

St. Francis of Assisi

Thursdays 8am-Noon

Immaculate Conception Church (Towson)

<https://adorationpro.org/ictowson>

St. Philip Neri

Wednesdays 9am-6pm

If your parish has adoration hours, please e-mail Lisa and give her the information.

Prayer for Canonization of Blessed John Dun Scotus

O Most High, Almighty and gracious Lord, Who exalts the humble and confounds the proud heart, grant us the great joy of seeing Blessed John Dun Scotus canonized. He honored Your Son with the most sublime praises; he was the first to successfully defend the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary; he lived in heroic obedience to the Holy Father, to the Church and to Seraphic Order. O most Holy Father, God of infinite love, hear, we beseech You, our humble prayer, through the merits of Your Only Begotten Son and His Mother, the Gate of Heaven and Spouse of the Holy Spirit.



Birthday Celebrant:

March:

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| Cathy Via | March 11 th |
| Gary Haigley | March 14 th |

Profession Anniversaries:

March:

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| Maureen Korzelius | 3/21/1965 |
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Treasurer's Report:

Little Flower Fraternity
Financial Report
February 27, 2023

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| Net balance as of | 1/28/2023 | | \$ 2,555.97 |
| Income | | | |
| TOTAL INCOME | | | \$ 575.00 |
| Expenses | | | |
| ck 1561 | St. Francis Church | \$ 100.00 | February Retreat |
| ck 1562 | Al Gigel | \$ 31.15 | Mic Stand/Batteries |
| ck 1563 | Kelly Frederick | \$ 63.57 | Coffee - Retreat |
| ck 1564 | Beth Dykton | \$ 90.99 | Food - Retreat |
| ck 1565 | Lisa Gough | \$ 143.33 | Retreat/Newsletter Supplies |
| ck 1566 | Fr. Guy Kagere | \$ 150.00 | Chihumba School |
| | TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 579.04 | |
| <i>Net Income/(Loss)</i> | | | \$ (4.04) |
| Net Balance | | | \$ 2,551.93 |
| | Working Balance as of 2/27/2023 | | <u>\$ 2,551.93</u> |

Charity for March:

St. Philip Neri Homeless Ministry

Homeless Ministry: This Ministry helps those in need within our community. It consists of hosting the Winter Relief Program, mentoring those recently placed in housing, and meeting needs of local homeless neighbors. We recognize the people God has put on our doorstep, and use the opportunity to create real relationships and intentional friendships. Service to the homeless alters our understanding of the Great Commission and changes us into the disciples God uses to accomplish His plan.

A Special donation of \$100 was made to Food For The Hungry. This will be matched 22 times (\$2200!) to help those most in need.

A Lenten Opportunity for Almsgiving:

From Carolyn D. Townes, OFS,

National Animator, Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation

“... I was thirsty and you gave me drink...” (Matthew 25:35)

Article 15 of our Holy Rule states: *“Let them individually and collectively be in the forefront in promoting justice by the testimony of their human lives and their courageous initiatives. Especially in the field of public life, they should make definite choices in harmony with their faith.”*

Our Holy Father exhorts: **“Almsgiving**, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us. And thus to rediscover the joy of God’s plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness.”

One such courageous initiative where we can give alms is our annual **Lenten H2O Project**, an international project to promote Christian solidarity, advocacy and financial support for poor communities who have no access to clean drinking water.

For two weeks in Lent, I invite you to abstain from drinking any beverage except water, and set aside any money normally spent on sodas and coffees. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters who do not have clean water to drink, we increase our connections, awareness and responsibility to poor communities and God's Creation. You can choose to give individually or collectively with your families, fraternities, or faith communities. Last year, your generous donations helped bring clean water to communities here in the US and abroad. On behalf of those communities, we thank you most kindly.

Please send all contributions to the **H2O Lenten Project 2023**, c/o Claudia Kauzlarich, 2007 Maverick Trail Harrisonville, MO 64701-1545. **Make the check payable to OFS-USA;** with H2O Project in the memo line. And thank you for your generous contributions.

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

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

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Invite a friend to join us the 2nd 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.