



# The Little Flower Secular Franciscan Fraternity

## St. Margaret de Cortona Region

St. Clement Mary Hofbauer Church Hall  
1220 Chesaco Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21237

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

**July Gathering is on Sunday, July 28th**

### Agenda:

12:00 noon: Mass at St. Clement Mary Hofbauer Church for those who wish to attend

1:00 pm Social Gathering: Refreshment provided by: Bettie Onorato, Marissa Reynoso, Maureen Korzelius

1:30 pm Liturgy of the Hours: July 28<sup>th</sup>, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hymn: Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God (see last page of newsletter)

Antiphon & Psalms: p. 712

Reading: 2 Cor 1:3-7 p. 716

Marian Antiphon: Evening Prayer II p. 622

Marian Canticle: p. 696

Final Prayer: p. 717

Liturgy of the Hour Participants:

Presider: Bettie Onorato, OFS

Antiphonarian: Marissa Reynoso, OFS

Reader: Maureen Korzelius, OFS

1:50 pm Little Flower Business Matters

2:00 pm Speaker Timothy Rubeling, Franciscan Seminarian

2:45 pm Saint Report – Peg Doerfler

3:00 pm Gospel to Life – Lisa Gough facilitator

3:20 pm Dismissal – Please refer to the brown ritual book. Clean up/Lights out

**Can't attend this month's Gathering?** Please be mindful that if you are scheduled for Liturgy of the Hours and Hospitality to contact another Fraternity Member to cover for you, (Make sure you reciprocate this!) It is unfair to those that do attend and have to fill in at the last minute. Further, even though you cannot attend, the working of the Fraternity and our charitable works continue. Please make sure to mail your contributions to Kelly or bring to the next Gathering. Thanks!

### Birthday Celebrant:

**July**

Bettie Onorato July 28<sup>th</sup>

**August**

Maureen Korzelius August 30<sup>th</sup>

**Profession Anniversaries:** None!

### Treasury Report:

February Charity: Franciscan Missionary Board

Coming Up in **AUGUST!**

## FIELD TRIP!



### **Franciscan Monastery in Washington, DC Sunday, August 25, 2019**

Beth has obtained the St. Anthony bus for us to use. We can accommodate 12 people on the bus. Please sign up at the July Gathering or contact Lisa if you wish to come. There is no charge for the bus, but we will kindly ask for a freewill donation to give to St. Anthony's for use of the bus.

Schedule for the day: (There will time for individual Prayer and, of course The Gift Shop!)

9:45 am - Meet at St. Clement's

Noon - Attend Noon Mass at the Monastery

1-1:40 pm – Lunch Please bring your own brown bag lunch. I will have bottled water in a cooler. There is a picnic area across the street from the Monastery or there are gardens to walk through and find a spot to eat.

2pm – Private tour by Larry Bleu, OFS

6pm – Arrive back at St. Clement's (pending traffic)

#### **Gospel to Life:**

First Reading – Genesis 18:20-32

Responsorial Reading — Psalm 138: 1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8

Second Reading — Collossians 2:12-14

Gospel Reading — Luke 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything. ' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence."

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. What was the Disciple really asking for in the first paragraph?
2. How can we link the second and third paragraphs (individually and combined) to the prayer in the first paragraph?

## MINISTER'S CORNER

My Dear Sisters and Brothers;

Welcome to the hazy, lazy, crazy days of summer!

I am very excited to welcome Timothy Rubeling as our guest speaker this month. Timothy is a Franciscan Seminarian! He will provide a short talk and give us a glimpse into his journey and discernment in his vocation. If the name Rubeling seems familiar, his brother, Fr. Michael Rubeling is the Associate Pastor at St. John the Evangelist in Severna Park, and another brother, Peter Rubeling, is a Seminarian for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Such a faith-filled family! Please join us to show our support to this young man who is on a rather remarkable journey! As of this writing he is in India on a Mission trip!

In August we are taking a Field Trip to the Franciscan Monastery in Washington, DC. (Details previously provided in this newsletter) If we fill the bus, we can carpool the rest. Many thanks to Beth for organizing this and getting us our own private tour guide!

Many from our Fraternity attended the Priestfield retreat in May. It was fantastic to see such a great representation from Little Flower there! Brother Michael was just awesome! He was a Secular before he joined the Order, thus providing a unique perspective. You should have received an e-mail from Joan with a link/summation of the retreat. If you were unable to attend, I encourage you to read the information. Our resident poet laureate, Bettie, was even able to work a Conversion Van into her poem for Br. Michael! She is so gifted!

As you receive this, a few of us will be in Loretto, PA at St. Francis University at the Summer Seminar. We will bring back to you what we have learned with our Franciscan Sisters and Brothers there.

Well, so much for the LAZY part of summer!

However, in all the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, some things should remain constant. One is our prayer life. It can be very easy to let it slide when we are busy and burdened with many responsibilities. Isn't it funny that in these times is when we need to make sure our prayer life is in full tact? Just remember that there is no wrong way to pray! Some like recited prayer such as the Rosary. Others, more structured, such as the Liturgy of the Hours. And some just like to have those long conversations with God. (Somehow, I think He likes those the best!) I invite you to step out of you normal comfort zone in your prayer life and explore something you have never tried, or haven't done in a while. You might find you like it!

Enjoy your summer!

Peace and all good (Fred och allt gott! *Swedish*)

Lisa

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## Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness;  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek, and you shall find.  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.  
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Man shall not live by bread alone,  
But by every word  
That proceeds out from the mouth of God.  
Hallelu, Hallelujah!