

# 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

# Our September Gathering is on Sunday, September 22, 2019

# Agenda:

- 12:00 noon: Mass at St. Clement Mary Hofbauer Church for those who wish to attend
- 1:00 pm Social Gathering: Refreshments provided by: Ann Amrhein, Jim and Kitty Davis, and Beth Dykton
- 1:30 pm Liturgy of the Hours: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction – Evening Prayer: P. 694 Hymn: #182 p. 1704 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Antiphon & Psalms: p. 712 Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7: p. 716 Responsory: p. 717 Marian Antiphon: Evening Prayer II p. 631 Marian Canticle: p. 696 Intercession: p. 717 Lord's Prayer Final Prayer: p. 631 Conclusion: 698

Liturgy of the Hour Participants:

Presider: Beth Dykton, OFS Antiphonarian: Jim Davis, OFS Reader: Ann Amrhein, OFS

*Gentle Reminder: If you are unable to attend the Gathering when you are scheduled for Liturgy of the Hours/Refreshment that it is <u>YOUR</u> responsibility to find a replacement and/or swap with someone!* 

- 1:50 pm Little Flower Business Matters
- 2:00 pm Saint Report Ann German
- 2:15 pm Saint Report Marge Lane
- 2:30 pm Gospel to Life: Facilitator Beth Dykton, OFS
- 3:15 pm Dismissal Please refer to the brown ritual book. Clean up/Lights out

### Birthday Celebrant: (Catching up on our August Birthdays too!)

August	:			
	Maureen Korze	lius	Aug 30	
September				
	Barb Bruno		Sept 4	
	Theresa Gagliano		Sept 14	
October				
	Joan Kane		Oct 14	
Profession Anniversari	es:			
September				
Angie N	Mulcahy	9/25/8	8	
Mike H	uether	9/27/9	8	
October				
Kelly Fr	ederick	10/1/1	6	

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Ann German	10/1/16
Joan Kane	10/1/16
Gary Haigley	10/23/77
Peg Doerfler	10/24/82
Elsie Saylor	10/24/82
Al Gigel	10/26/08
Helen Bridges	10/29/06

#### **Treasury Report:**

#### Present Balance \$1,844.90

#### **Charity for September: Mother Seton Academy**

#### A note from our Treasurer, Kelly Frederick, OFS:

#### **Reminders:**

<u>FAIR SHARE</u>: If you have not paid your Fair Share, please do so now. For Active Members please send your check for \$30.00 to Kelly ASAP.

<u>Monthly Support</u>: If you miss a Gathering please be sure to make up your support to the Fraternity at the next meeting or by sending your check to Kelly.

# Please make checks payable to: LITTLE FLOWER FRATERNITY

Mail to: Little Flower Fraternity c/o Kelly Frederick, OFS 86 Ginwood Lane Baltimore, Maryland 21221

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Amos 8:4-7		
Psalm 113:1-2,4-6,7-8		
1 Timothy 2:1-8		
Luke 16:1-13		

Jesus said to his disciples, "A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.'

The steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.'

He called in his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.' Then to another the steward said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' He replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.' The steward said to him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.'

And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. "For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours?

No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

### **Discussion Questions**

- 1.) Who is Jesus really addressing in speaking this parable?
- 2.) Who are you in the story?
- 3.) In modern day today, how can we recognize the Steward, The Debtors and the Master? In what ways are we living out the parable today?

# Little Flower Fraternity Council

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# MINISTER'S CORNER

#### My Dear Sisters and Brothers;

I hope everyone has had a restful summer! As we gear up to get back into the swing of things on a more regular basis, I hope each of you will be joining us more frequently. We miss you when you are not at the Gathering!

This months Gospel to Life is what we liturgically call the "Stewardship" Gospel, usually followed by a homily "guilting" us into increasing our giving in some sort of manner. Friends, this letter is no different. Our stewardship to the Fraternity is on multiple levels. Each of us is asked to contribute in many ways.

#### In no particular order...

First is financially. We collect for the Fair Share, the Common Fund and to our Monthly Charity. The **Fair Share** is submitted to the <u>region</u>, who then sends a portion to <u>national</u>, who then sends a portion to <u>international</u>. Your \$30 per year goes a LONG way. Each level relies on your support so that all of the wonderful works that are done at those levels can continue. The **Common Fund** is for the benefit of our Fraternity. It helps support our Apostolate (Indian Family), the miscellaneous expenses incurred each month (i.e. donation to St. Clements for the hall usage, supplies and postage etc.) This also covers members of our Fraternity who have not paid their Fair Share but are still on the role and owing of these monies. A **Charity** is selected each month by the Council to support. The monies collected that month get rounded to the nearest \$25 increment and sent to the designated charity. This "catch-up" is also taken from the Common Fund. Your on-going monthly support is very important to the financial health of the Fraternity. This is why it is important to send in your contribution to the Treasurer if you are out, or to catch it up at the next Gathering.

Secondly, we need to "DO" things within our Fraternity. This may be leading in the Liturgy of the Hours, providing refreshments, set up and clean up help each month, leading the discussion in Gospel to Life etc. THIS is a HUGE part of our ongoing conversion! We are called to step outside of ourselves and preach the Gospel at all times! Words being optional, of course! The biggest "DO" we can give our Fraternity is in leadership. I ask you to keep this letter in mind when we come to elections once again!

Third, we must be stewards of Evangelization! We must evangelize not only our Catholic faith but that of being a Secular Franciscan. We must seek out those who desire to learn of Francis and Clair and follow in their charism. In Bishop Robert Barron's book, "Letter to a Suffering Church" (of which everyone will be provided a copy at the gathering!) he states, and I am paraphrasing here, that it is groups like the Secular Franciscans, men and woman of the world that will be critical in saving the church in this very troubling time. Thanks to our Formation Director Joan Kane for bringing this to us! It's a great, short read and will set your spirit on fire!

Last, but certainly not least, we are all called to pray. For each other, the intentions we seek, for our church and Church, for the world...and the list goes on and on.

My Brothers and Sisters, I know you understand the needs of our Fraternity and for the good of the Order. But every so often we just need to put it out there as a gentle reminder. For we do not wish to be the Steward in the parable.

Peace and all good, Paix et tout va bien! (French)

Lisa