

# 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 October Gathering is on Sunday, November 24th

# The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

### Agenda:

12:00 noon:	Mass at St. Clement Mary Hofbauer Church for those who wish to attend – we will recognize our			
	deceased members at Mass			
1:00 pm:	Social Gathering: Refreshments provided by:			
	Lisa Gough, Joan Kane	e, Marge Lane, Maria Merc	aldo	
1:25 pm:	Welcome Prayer from the Brow	wn Book		
1:30 pm:	Liturgy of the Hours			
	LOH Participants:			
Preside	er: Joan Kane, OFS Antiphonar	ian: Marge Lane, OFS Rea	ader: Maria Mercaldo, OFS	
	Evening Prayer II: p. 6			
	-	lim With Many Crowns"		
	Antiphon & Psalms: p.	. 679		
	Reading: p. 682			
	Responsory: p. 682			
	Marian Canticle: p. 69	6		
	Intercession: p. 682			
	Lord's Prayer			
	Final Prayer: p. 636			
1:50 pm:	Little Flower Business Matters			
2:15 pm:	Saint Presentation: Ann German			
2:30 pm:	Saint Presentation: Al Gigel			
2:45 pm:	Gospel to Life – Joan Kane Facilitator			
3:10 pm:	Dismissal: Ending prayer form the Brown Book.			
3:30 pm:	Locked up and lights out			
Birthday Celebrants:				
Novem		December		
Ann German	Nov 24 <sup>th</sup>	Kitty Davis	Dec 19 <sup>th</sup>	
Kathleen Hale	Nov 24 <sup>th</sup>	Marge Lane	Dec 3rd	
Profession Anniversarie	25:			
Ann Amrhein	12/17/89	Anna Hagerman	12/28/80	
Kitty Davis	12/22/91	Kathleen Hale	12/28/80	
Theresa Gaglia	no 12/16/84			

#### **Charity:**

At our last gathering, it was unanimously decided that the Little Flower Fraternity would support the Long Family. Jamie Long is Bettie Onorato's Grandson who has been on a journey with brain cancer. All treatments are not working. Jaime is in hospice care and is immobile. Jaime is only 39 years old and was a teacher at Curley HS. He has a wife, Amanda and they have 2 small children, Jude is 5 and Cora is 14 months. We will add whatever is collected this month to what was collected last month and we will send a card and check to the Long's to help cover whatever expenses they have. The medical bills alone will be daunting for Amanda to handle down the road.

Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

We will also have a Christmas card at the gathering for anyone that would like to leave a brief note.

Or if you wish to reach out directly: Amanda Long 8210 Sagamore Road Baltimore, MD 21237

#### Announcements:

- November Gathering we will remember our deceased Brothers and Sisters at Mass and during LOH
- December Gathering will be with Mary Our Queen on December 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have a Pot Luck sign up in November for this event.

#### Save the Date:

- March 28, 2020 Lenten Retreat (Formerly Annual Day of Reflection) at Curley High School Presented by the Friars! More details to follow.
- May 29-31, 2020 Priestfield Retreat
- June 20, 2020 Priestly Ordinations Cathedral of Mary our Queen (5 new priests this year!)
- June 21, 2020 First Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr. Justin Gough, Immaculate Heart of Mary All are invited!
- July 2020 Summer Seminar at St. Francis University Loretto, PA

Gentle Reminder: If you are unable to attend the Gathering when you are scheduled for Liturgy of the Hours/Refreshments that it is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement/or swap with someone.

#### Gospel to Life:

First Reading — 2 Samuel 5:1-3 Psalm 122: 1-2,3-4,4-5 Second Reading — Colossians 1: 12-20 Gospel Reading — Luke 23:35—43

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews."

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

**Discussion Questions** 

- 1.) Have you ever received help in the hour of despair? What happened?
- 2.) Have you ever attended a joy-filled funeral? What did the tone of the service say about the character of the deceased or loved ones? Did the service inspire you? Why or why not?
- 3.) Reflect on your inner attitudes. What causes you dark feelings? What gives you hope? How can you offer both to the Lord this week?

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Just a reminder:

All checks should be made payable to LITTLE FLOWER FRATERNITY.

Contributions and Fair Share payments can be sent to our Treasurer:

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### **Minister's Corner**

My Brothers and Sisters:

Jesus, Remember Me, when you come into your Kingdom

The month of November is a time to remember in a special way our loved ones, friends and Fraternity Brothers and Sisters that have entered into God's Paradise. In the Gospel for our Gathering Sunday we are challenged with how we deal with our preparation and acceptance of death. Not a very cheerful topic, right? WRONG! If we peel back layers of meaning and reflection we find that God, though His Son, is giving us such immense joy! The question is, are you open to it? God's Grace and Mercy is there for the taking! All we need do is surrender and accept what He wants to give us. I invite each of you to consider this as a part of our ongoing conversion. Are we truly open and desiring of what He has in store for us in Paradise? Can we get out of our own way here on earth to envision what Heavenly Paradise might be?

For our Gospel to Life I encourage each of you to listen intently on the Homily at Mass that weekend (Sorry...no snoozing during the Homily this week <sup>(i)</sup>). Further, we want you to bring to the group what you heard in that message. Our Gospel to Life is a time for all of us to be heard and to give our thoughts, questions, perspectives, feedback, experiences etc. It is a time to SHARE!

Lastly, and to reiterate the message in the Charity portion of this Newsletter, please be as generous as possible, both in financial support and mostly in prayer. Let us pray that Jamie will enter into God's Heavenly Paradise and that his family and friends will know that he is going to a really good place.

Peace and all good, Mír a všechno dobré (Czech)