



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, February 23, 2020

At St. Clements

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: Joan Kane, Marge Lane, Maria Mercaldo, Bettie Onorato

1:30 pm Liturgy of the Hours: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction – Evening Prayer: P. 861

(Please Stand)

Hymn: #182 p. 1704 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Antiphon & Psalms: p. 861

(You may be seated)

Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-7 p. 865

Responsory: p. 866

Marian Antiphon: Evening Prayer III p. 252

Marian Canticle: p. 696

(Please stand through conclusion)

Intercession: p. 717

Lord’s Prayer

Final Prayer: p. 631

Conclusion: 698

Liturgy of the Hour Participants:

Presider: Joan Kane, OFS

Antiphonarian: Marge Lane, OFS

Reader: Maria Mercaldo, OFS

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

1:50 pm Little Flower Business Matters

2:00 pm Intentions of Pope Francis – Joan Kane

2:15 pm Saint Report – Beth Dykton

2:30 pm Gospel to Life:

3:15 pm Dismissal – Please refer to the brown ritual book. Clean up/Lights out

THIS IS OUR LAST GATHERING AT ST. CLEMENTS.
PLEASE SEE MINISTERS CORNER FOR DETAILS.

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

January

Kelly Frederick	January 12 th
Al Gigel	January 20 th
Mike Huether	January 21 st
Marissa Reynoso	January 20 th
Peg Doerfler	January 13 th
Frank Passaro	January 6 th

February

Ann Amrhein	February 12 th
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March

Gary Haigley	March 14th
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Profession Anniversaries:

January

Beth Dykton	01/23/2011
Lisa Gough	01/23/2011
Marissa Reynoso	01/31/2015

February

Marge Lane	02/27/2005
Frank Passaro	02/27/2005

March

None

Charity for February: Fr. Guy for the Chihumba School

A note from our Treasurer, Kelly Frederick, OFS:

Fair Share:

At the recent Chapter of Ministers Meeting held in November 2019, it was proposed and voted to raise the Fair Share to \$40.00 per year. It should be noted that The St. Margaret of Cortona Region has one of the lowest Fair Share amounts in the country. Fraternities in Hawaii have a Fair Share of \$100 per year. Our Regional servant leaders work very hard to keep costs to a minimum, but as with all things, the costs to function keep rising.

FAIR SHARE: For Active Members please send your check for \$40.00 to Kelly ASAP.

Monthly Support: 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

Gospel to Life: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading LV 19:1-2, 17-18
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 103:1-2,3-4,8,10,12-13
Second Reading 1 Cor 3:16-23
Gospel MT 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples:

“You have heard that it was said,

An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil.

When someone strikes you on your right cheek,
turn the other one as well.

If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic,
hand over your cloak as well.

Should anyone press you into service for one mile,
go for two miles.

Give to the one who asks of you,
and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

“You have heard that it was said,

You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.

But I say to you, love your enemies
and pray for those who persecute you,
that you may be children of your heavenly Father,
for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good,
and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.

For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have?

Do not the tax collectors do the same?

And if you greet your brothers only,

what is unusual about that?

Do not the pagans do the same?

So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

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MINISTER'S CORNER

My Dear Sisters and Brothers;

At our last Gathering it was discussed and voted upon with a majority affirmed to the positive that we relocate and change our meeting time, day and week of the month.

Starting on SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020 from 9:45am – 11:45am we will be meeting at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church at 1704 Old Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21221.

When we move, our Hospitality set up will change: We are now going to BYOB (Bring your own beverage) The Council will supply something to munch (donuts or bagels etc.) We want to lessen the set-up/clean-up and focus more on prayer, deepening our faith and connecting to the charism of St. Francis.

Council will meet that same day from 8:30-9:30am.

There are numerous reasons as to why we changed:

- Less steps
- There is a Chapel, kitchenette area and restrooms all on the same floor
- The meeting area has a big screen TV/Monitor to hook up a laptop
- There is a large white board we can write the Liturgy of the Hours and other notes
- There is a Communion Service at 8AM in the Chapel if anyone wishes to attend
- The Second Saturday of the month has less conflicts such as Holiday weekends, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

There is also another benefit to relocating to OLMC. It is a vibrant parish. There is always something going on in the parish community and in the school. In addition to the Pre-K through 8th there is also a High School. We have recognized that the prime demographic for us to try and increase our numbers is to reach out to new “empty nesters”. With a High School we have a better opportunity to evangelize who we are. It will be up to all of us to be present at the various events the Parish holds. This is how we get out our message. The reason for a Saturday is it will be more attractive to potential new members. Sundays are a very precious commodity when you work full-time and still have a home to maintain. Saturday mornings people are a little more inclined to spend a few hours deepening their faith. We will be done by Noon and then have the rest of Saturday and all day Sunday to take care of matters.

With the move/change we also recognize that this may not work for some of our members. I kindly ask you to give it a chance before transferring. The last thing we want is for you to stop attending Fraternity. If this new arrangement just does not work for you, we will help you find a Fraternity that fits better to your needs. I have notified Mary Our Queen, St. Michael and Padre Pio Ministers of our change.

You may notice a 2 month gap between Gatherings. In March we are hosting the Lenten Retreat and hope you will be able to attend. If the cost is a challenge for you, please see me as we have some scholarship money available if needed.

In April, the 2nd Saturday falls on Holy Saturday. Therefore, we have a few “external” choices for everyone to partake. See the section below of “Upcoming Events”.

I know change is never easy. However, from the beginning of our term we recognized that we needed to grow our Fraternity and that we needed an environment that fit into the demographic for this growth. I hope each of you hangs in there with us as we continue on our Journey together!

Peace and all good,
Friður og allt gott (Islandic)
Lisa

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars!

March 13, 2020 (Friday) David Haas in concert at the Holy Land Monastery \$20 in advance \$25 at the door (cash only)

March 14, 2020 (Saturday) Retreat lead by David Haas at the Franciscan Monastery 9-3:30 \$40

March 28, 2020 (Saturday) Retreat – A Lenten Journey of Hope at Archbishop Curley High School Early Bird \$25 until March 7th. Speakers: Fr. Donald Grzymiski, Br. Emmanuel Wenke and Friar Christopher Dudek. Sponsored by Little Flower Fraternity

April 4, 2020 (Saturday) Day for Inquirers and Candidates at The St. Anthony Shrine on Folly Quarter Road in Ellicott City. Stay tuned for details!

April 18, 2020 (Saturday) Walters Art Gallery, The St. Francis Missal – carpool. We can have up to 15 people on a tour. The Space where the exhibit is located is not large and this is the max that can be held in there. More details to follow! If you wish to visit on your own, the Exhibit is there until May 31, 2020. FREE!

April 25, 2020 (Saturday) Begin Anew! 9:30-4:30 Holy Family Fraternity, Sisters of Virginia – St. Benedict Monastery, Bristow, VA Speakers: Br. Kip Ledger and Br. Mike Meza (From last year's Retreat at Priestfield!) \$45

May 29-31, 2020 (Friday evening through Sunday Lunch) Regional Retreat at Priestfield. Fr. Kevin Treston OFM from the Holy Land Monastery is the Speaker. More details to follow!

June 20, 2020 (Saturday) Priestly Ordinations 10AM Cathedral of Mary Our Queen

June 21, 2020 (Sunday) Noon Mass First Mass of Thanksgiving Rev. Justin A. Gough Immaculate Heart of Mary Loch Raven Blvd and Putty Hill Ave. Reception following in school gym.

July 9-12, 2020 OFS Sumer Seminar at St. Francis University, Loreto, PA – Speakers Fr. Christopher Panagopols, TOR and David Seitz, OFS, “Called to Act With Justice”

Or if you want something to experience in your home without having to go out, please visit the regional website, <https://saintmargaretofcortona.org/regional-bulletin-board/> and check out the series on Metanoia from the Wild Goose!

I will have flyers on most of these at the next gathering!

BUSY, BUSY, BUSY!