

The Little Portion

February 2020

Next Fraternity Gathering

February 24, 2020
St. Joan of Arc Meeting House
Law Street, Aberdeen, MD

AGENDA

7:30: Rite of Admission for
Richard Elliott
No Liturgy of the Hours
Please bring Ritual Book.
Following Rite of Admission
we will have the Social.

Upcoming Events

What: A Franciscan Lenten Journey of Hope

Presenters:

Fr. Donald Grymski, OFM Conv.
Br. Emmanuel Wenke, OFM
Conv.
Br. Christopher Dudek, OFM,
Conv.

When: March 28, 2020

Where: Archbishop Curley
High School

3701 Sinclair Lane
Baltimore, MD 21213

Time: 8:30 am Registration
Continental Breakfast and
Lunch will also be provided
Concludes: 3pm

Cost: \$25 by March 7th
\$30 after March 7th

Regional Retreat

Date: May 29th – May
31, 2020

Retreat Presenter: Fr. Kevin
Treston, OFM
Registration Form
forthcoming.

St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Fraternity

Ordo Saecularis Franciscanus
St. Margaret of Cortona Region

February Apostolate Donation

Padre Pio Foundation
\$20



Prayer Intentions

The Simmons Family
Ron Teller
Jeffrey Teller Jr.
Wes Wise
Roland Willard
Benjamin Elliott
Mary Rose Scelsi
For all those in our Book of
Intentions.

St. Francis,
St. Clare
and St. Pio
pray for us !



February Birthday



Allen Siegel 2/1

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Inclement Weather Cancellation Policy

If Harford County Schools are
closed, there will be no
Council Meeting or Fraternity
Gathering.

Words of Padre Pio

“Our earthly life is perishing
little by little, and we need to
have our imperfections die
the same way. Imperfections
for pious souls who endure
them, can be sources of
merit and powerful
motivators to acquire virtue
because these imperfections
help us to see the depth of
our spiritual poverty and
move us to exercise humility.

From: *Padre Pio's Spiritual Direction*
For Every Day. Gianluigi Pasquale.
P. 108

**The living father sent me
and I draw life from Him; So
whoever feeds on me will
also draw life from me.**

John 6:57

Words of St. Francis

"In this world, I see nothing corporally of the Most High Son of God Himself except His most holy Body and Blood. And I will that these most holy mysteries be honored and revered above all things."

from the Testament of St. Francis

"Francis understood, as the Catechism teaches, that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith."

*Day by Day with St. Francis
by Peter Giersch. P. 140*

Then the angel said to me,
"Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding banquet of the Lamb.'" And he added,
"These are the true words of God." (Rev 99)

March Ongoing Formation

We will resume our discussion from Chapter 3 of *Discovering the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition*. Be prepared to discuss questions 11,12 and 13 based on the reading of pages 61 (Joy and Gratitude) to 64. This will complete the reading and discussion of the book.



Soups and Spiritualities For Lent

*John the Evangelist Parish
Conference Center
13305 Long Green Pike
Hydes, MD 21082*

March 10, 2020 the talk will be on ***Franciscan Spirituality***.

Presenter will be:

Sr. Carol Czyzewski, FSSJ

There is no cost for this.

Time: 12 noon for soup

12:45 to 2:30 for the

Presentation on Franciscan Spirituality.

If you wish to register please call St. John's at:

410-592-6206 or email at
office@sjehydes.org

Please call or email as soon as possible to allow St. John's to plan for the number of people attending.

If you know someone interested in St. Francis and/or the Secular Order, this would be a nice event to invite them to.

Some of you may remember Sr. Carol as she gave our Fraternity a presentation when we met at St. John the Evangelist.

Liturgy of the Hours Resources

As Franciscans we are encouraged to pray the Liturgy of the Hours on a daily basis. If one can't do both Morning and Evening Prayer at least try to pray one of the Hours.

Two Resources the National Formation Director has sent out are the following websites:

Beginner's Guide to the Liturgy of the Hours:
(Download PDF)
https://0e3a43f3-36d5-42da-98c3-3e82cb3f9775.filesusr.com/ugd/b4d491_f3a2e72a5d584429ba71463b491bf309.pdf

The Beginners Guide is a step by step guide on how to use the Book Christian Prayer.

St. Thomas More House of Prayer in PA provides many resources for learning and praying the LOH:
<http://www.liturgyofthehours.org/>

Please take a look at these websites. We can always learn something and may be inspired to pray the Liturgy of Hours with more devotion and fervor. This is truly a gift of our Church.

Joy LaCour, O.F.S
Formation Director

Minister's Message

At our January Gathering, I had mentioned that for some time I had been thinking about our Fraternity having a theme as we embark on a New Year and are almost finished with *Discovering the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition*. A few years back (before I became Minister) a member of another fraternity spoke about their fraternity having a theme for the year. I thought to myself what a nice idea! I thought about this on and off for a while. The Pew Survey in September (which I mentioned in my Minister's Message last month) about belief in the Real Presence made an impact on me. Then in December, while praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament the inspiration came to me that a theme on the Eucharist was appropriate. I took the idea to the Council and they agreed to having a theme on the Eucharist. Br. Emmanuel suggested a name - Franciscan Life:

Living in Faithfulness to the Eucharist.

We know how devoted in love both Francis and Clare were to the Eucharist. I encourage you to read verses 26-29 from Francis' *Letter to the Entire Order*. This is a beautifully written piece to meditate on in prayer.

It is my hope that by focusing on the Eucharist this year and increasing our knowledge on the Blessed Sacrament through the spirituality of Francis and Clare and teachings of the Church, we may penetrate more deeply into the profundity of this wonderful Sacrament of Love, develop a greater appreciation of it and increase our love of Jesus. In and through the Eucharist, Jesus Christ bestows unfathomable graces.

The greatest call for each one of us is the call to holiness and we all are striving for holiness. We Franciscans cannot settle for mediocrity. As St. Francis wrote in his

letter, "Hold back nothing of yourselves for yourselves so that He Who gives Himself totally to you may receive you totally."

Bonnie Ng, O.F.S.

From the

Letter to the Entire Order

26. Let the whole of mankind tremble, the whole world shake and the heavens exult when Christ, the Son of the living God, is (present) on the altar in the hands of the priest.

27. O admirable heights and sublime lowliness! O sublime humility! O humble sublimity! That the Lord of the universe, God and the Son of God, so humbles Himself that for our salvation He hides Himself under the little form of bread!

28. Look, brothers, at the humility of God and pour out your hearts before Him! Humble yourselves, as well, that you may be exalted by Him.

29. Therefore, hold back nothing of yourselves for yourselves so that He Who gives Himself totally to you may receive you totally.

Sacred Places: A Lenten” Pilgrimage” to the Holy Land

Where: St. Margaret’s Parish in Bel Air

Presenter: Fr. Greg Friedman, O.F.M.

Fr. Greg Friedman, O.F.M. is an Author, Retreat Director and Guide for Holy Land Pilgrimages. He resides at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, D.C.

Monday March 9th: Jesus at Capernaum: A Pilgrim’s Mission

Tuesday March 10th: Finding Mary in the Holy Land

Wednesday March 11th: At the Holy Sepulchre: What Wondrous Love

Time has not been posted in the bulletin yet.

Call St. Margaret Parish Office for Time if it is not given at our Fraternity Meeting.

410- 838-6969

Letter from Birthright of Harford County

Margaret Wise received the following letter from Birthright after our Donation at Christmas. It reads as follows:

“You made Our day! Birthright would like to thank you for the following donation of baby clothes, bedding items, diapers and other. Because of You, we can provide clothing to women and children in need and assist struggling families to meet the material needs of their child(ren). Thank You for being wonderful You.

Please call us anytime at 410-838-0443, if you have any questions, would like an update on what we are doing, wish to volunteer, or would like to attend a tour of the ministry. We would love to meet you in person , so we can say thanks, face to face”

God bless you,

Anne Bowman, Birthright Volunteer

*Altar in Blessed
Sacrament Chapel
Basilica of the
Immaculate
Conception
Washington, D.C.*

