



The Little Flower Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order St. Margaret de Cortona Region

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

September 29, 2020

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As I write this month's letter I realized it is the Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabrielle and Rafael. Well, now, isn't that just God's Divine Providence? Because our Brother Phil Pucher will be giving us a presentation on Angels this month! I am really looking forward to this. Angels have always intrigued me. I know my Guardian Angel works overtime with me!

Now that Gov. Hogan has moved the State of Maryland into the next Phase, we are hoping that some further restrictions will be lifted by the Archdiocese of Baltimore with regard to other gatherings. As of now, we have still not heard of any changes. However, we would like to be prepared for when we get the green light. What I need to know from all of you, especially those that normally attend Fraternity, how likely are you to come to our Gatherings on the 2nd Saturday of the month. This information will be critical to make sure our Gathering space is adequate and social distancing can be achieved. Further, we will need to be prepared to sanitize the area when we are finished. We will need a few people to handle this at the conclusion of each gathering. If you would be willing to assist in this, please let me know.

To that end the best way to reach me is by e-mail or text. I realize some of you do not have that capability. If you need assistance and I cannot be reached, please feel free to contact another Council Member. My work has escalated due to other colleagues needing to be out to care for children and their studies. While I am abundantly grateful to be employed, this has required longer work days so that the work for our nation can continue. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Lastly, I ask for continued prayers for Fr. Justin. As I am writing this he is somewhere over the Atlantic Ocean on his way back to Rome. The out pouring of support and love shown to Fr. Justin by all of you has truly touched our hearts. Jerry and I are blessed to have you in our lives.

Peace and all good,

Lisa

Angels Among Us – Phil Pucher

In recent months we have started to wonder more and more about Angels. Phil has been so gracious to put together a brief presentation on Angels. I am sure we will find this fascinating and informative!

Gospel to Life: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (If time permits)

First Reading	IA 25:6-10A
Psalms	PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4,5,6
Second Reading	PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel	MT 22:1-14

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."' Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen."

Questions:

- 1.) Who are the persons who are normally invited to our feasts? Why? Who are the people who are not invited to our feasts? Why?
- 2.) What are the reasons which today prevent many people from participation in society and in the Church? What are some of the excuses that people offer to exclude themselves from the duty to participate in the community? Are those excuses valid?

Closing Prayer: Brown Book, Page 36

Birthday Celebrant:

October Joan Kane Oct 14th

Profession Anniversaries: An Abundance this month!

October

Helen Bridges	10/29/2006	Peg Doerfler	10/24/1982
Kelly Frederick	10/01/2016	Ann German	10/01/2016
Al Gigel	10/26/2006	Gary Haigley	10/23/1977
Joan Kane	10/01/2016	Elsie Saylor	10/24/1982

Treasury:

Thank you to all who have sent in their Fair Share! It is still not too late to do so. Please send your contribution to Kelly as soon as possible. If you should need assistance with this, please let one of your Council Members know.

Charity for October and November:

Every year at Christmas we support an individual or family to help make the season a little bit brighter. Last year we supported Bettie Onorato's grandson and his family, Jamie and Amanda Long and their children Jude and Cora. As many of you know Jamie lost his battle to cancer earlier this year. Amanda and the children seem to be coping as best they can, but this Christmas will still be difficult for all of them. Additionally the pandemic has placed even further burden on them as Amanda is a teacher and is trying to juggle teaching her students and teaching her young children. I know she is well supported by family. But tuition costs for next year will only rise.

The Council has voted to lend support to Amanda again this year. Please send your monetary donations to Kelly. Please make sure to designate your contribution for the Long Family.

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