



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

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

November 1, 2020

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we begin to wind down our Liturgical Year and prepare for Advent and the start of the next Liturgical Year it is a wonderful time to take stock of things and ready the way for the coming of our Savior. In this time of a pandemic, political vitriol and ever increasing violence and racism in our world, we need this Advent NOW more than ever.

However before we get to the changing of the chapter of the church year, we must step back and celebrate those that have gone to their eternal home this past year. While none of our present members have passed this year we did lose a former member, Margee (Williams) Foxwell, back in February. I know many of us lost family since last November. Let us continue to keep them in our prayer. During our Liturgy of the Hours at our Gathering, let us focus on those that have died.

Since we also celebrate the Feast of All Saints, let us remember those saints that are great intercessors for us. How many times have we turned to St. Anthony when something is lost? Or to St. Jude when a cause seems completely hopeless? If you are like me, sometimes you pray to both of these Saints at the same time! Yet, when we give our saint reports we are giving each other an opportunity to add a saint to our arsenal of intercessors. I look at it like spreading the wealth. If we narrow down to a more specific saint to intercede for us then it just might take the load off of another saint that is overwhelmed! I know that sounds rather "earthly" but the Saints were at one time human and roamed among the vastness of this creation.

Lastly, and in conjunction with our Gospel to Life, the Gospel passage is every preacher's favorite (insert sarcasm here). We talk about the "talents" we are given by God. Thus, we, as a Fraternity, are no different. The pandemic has drastically reduced the overall financial giving of our members. Some of you have been very faithful in submitting your monthly contribution. To those who are on top of this, I say THANK YOU! However, there has been a steep decline. I know times are tough now. Some have been out of work for several months and may still be out of work. The cost of everything just keeps going up and up. However, the Fraternity must still meet our commitments. If you have not sent in your contribution lately, please send that off to Kelly Frederick as soon as possible. Her address is further in this newsletter.

Taking our talents one step further, in the not too distant future we will be needing to hold elections. It will be here before you know it! I urge you to consider running for an office. We are always looking for dynamic people to help us make our Fraternity a place to come and be fed...body, mind, soul and spirit.

Our Gathering this month will be led by our Vice Minister Beth Dykton. The Annual Chapter of Ministers Zoom is at the exact same time. Mike Huether and I will be on that call. However, I may pop in during a break if I can. And, yes, I can access 2 zooms at once! (I guess I go zoom-zoom then??LOL)

May everyone have a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with all of God's abundant blessings!

Peace and all good,  
Lisa

**Our next Gathering will be via ZOOM on Saturday, November 14, 2020 from 10AM to Noon**

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**Agenda for Gathering:**

**Opening Prayer:** Brown Book: Page 35

**Liturgy of the Hours - Morning Prayer for Saturday of Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time**

Presider	Al Gigel
Antiphonarian	Joan Kane
Reader/Responsory	Dennis Bernardo
Opening	Page 689 Morning Prayer
Preface	Page 845
Hymn	Page 1560 Hymn #49 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"
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Canticle of Zechariah	Page 691
Intercessions	Page 850
Final Prayer	Page 850
Closing	Page 694

**Saint Reports for this next year**

The Council this year has decided that our Saint reports would be on the Saint we chose for our Confirmation. Our reasoning was that we selected this saint for a reason. Wouldn't it be good to take time to revisit our saint and reflect on how they have interceded for us throughout our life?

Phil Pucher

Bettie Onorato

**Ongoing Formation – Joan Kane**

Joan will be providing us with a summary of an on-line conference she attended.

## **Gospel to Life: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading** Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

**Psalm** Psalm 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5

**Second Reading** 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

**Gospel** Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one--to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the one who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. "After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'"

Questions:

- 1.) In our community, do we try to know and value the gifts of each person? Is our community a place where people are able to make known their talents and make them available to others? Sometimes, the gifts of some generate envy and competitiveness in others. How do we react?
- 2.) How is the following statement to be understood: "For anyone who has will be given more; but anyone who does not have will be taken away even what he has"?

**Closing Prayer:** Brown Book, Page 36

**Birthday Celebrant:**

<b>November</b>	Anne German	November 24 <sup>th</sup>
	Kathleen Hale	November 24 <sup>th</sup>

**Profession Anniversaries:**

<b>November</b>	None
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## 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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