



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

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

June 27, 2021

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

PRAISE GOD!!!

Our July Gathering will be a hybrid of IN-PERSON and ZOOM!

While we still find our way to get back to a standard day, time and place for our Gathering, we have been granted use of the outdoor grounds at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City on Saturday July 10 from 10-Noon. We will end with Noon Mass together in the Church on the grounds. If you need transportation, please let me know and we can arrange to car pool or pick up folks for the trip over. Please let me know by Thursday July 8th if you will be needing a ride. Also, we may need lawn chairs. If you have an extra 1 or 2 please bring them. Lastly, we will not be having any sort of "social" as in the "olden days" so please bring your own beverage of choice (and any personal snack) with you if you so wish.

Afterwards, if anyone is so inclined we can do a "dutch-treat" style lunch in the area. We can discuss some options when we gather that day. Some recommendations in the area are: LeeLynn's off of RT 108, Kelsey's Pub at the Normandy Shopping Center or Mission BBQ on RT 40 just west of RT 29.

It will be so nice to see all of your lovely faces IN PERSON!

However, we realize not everyone may be up to par with meeting in person just yet and that is okay. I will have my laptop and we can ZOOM anyone in that would like to join in that regard. (Although, I will caveat that, with my limited ability for technology, the quality of the zoom interaction may not be all that great. Just trying to manage expectations here!)

Next, just a reminder that our elections will be coming up in OCTOBER! We need 2 people to volunteer to be the nominating committee. ALL POSITIONS are up for election/re-election.

Lastly, as we prepare to celebrate the Independence of our great nation, let us always remember those that fought for our rights. Some paid a very high price so that we may live in a land where we can worship God both openly and privately without fear or retaliation. Let us remember those in other lands that are being murdered for their religious beliefs.

May you have a happy and safe Independence Day and I look forward to seeing you on July 10th!

Pax,

Lisa

ZOOM call information for Saturday, July 10, 2021 from 10AM to Noon

If you are using video, click on the link:

<https://jhuapl.zoomgov.com/j/1601387988?pwd=M3ErK2RZQJHS3JRTUtzNEdBmWxiUT09>

Meeting ID: **160 138 7988**

Password: **081679**

If you will be using video from your phone, please use the information below:

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If you will be only calling in without video, please call:

1-833-568-8864 US Toll-free (then use the same Meeting number and password as above using the # sign after the Meeting ID and the Password.)

Agenda for Gathering:

Opening Prayer: Brown Book: Page 35

Liturgy of the Hours - Morning Prayer for the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We will select the Presider, Antiphonarian and Reader when we gather.

Presider	TBD
Antiphonarian	TBD (Women will be Side 1 and Men will be Side 2)
Reader	TBD
Invitatory Antiphon	Page 1383 (Use alternate Antiphon "Let us sing to the Lord as we keep this day in memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary" and will be repeated between each verse)
Invitatory Psalm	Page 688
Opening	Page 845 Morning Prayer
Hymn	Page 1592 #77 Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly
Antiphons	Page 845
Psalmody	Page 845
Reading	Page 1383 Galatians 4:4-5
Responsory	Page 1383
Gospel Antiphon	Page 1385 #5
Canticle of Zechariah	Page 691
Intercessions	Page 1385
The Lord's Prayer	
Closing Prayer	Page 1386
Closing of LoH	Page 694

Little Flower Business Matters – Lisa Gough

- Infirmarian Report - Helen Tumminello
- Fraternity Elections – we are due to hold our elections in OCTOBER. We need 2 members to form a Nominating Committee. We are called to be SERVANT LEADERS. Each of us has a responsibility to help guide and lead our Brothers and Sisters in Fraternity.

Minister's Note: As I mentioned at the last Gathering, after an abundance of prayer, reflection and discussions with my family, my personal Spiritual Advisor and a life coach, I will not be able to seek a second term as your Minister. Demands with my aging parents and obligations at work do not afford me adequate resources needed to be an effective leader for this Fraternity at this time. I will stay on through the election.

What is feeding our souls? *Minister's Note: I need volunteers!!! Please consider sharing your experiences!!*

This month Phil Pucher will give a reflection on his journey with his consecration to St. Joseph.

Around the ROOM and the ZOOM!

Everyone is invited, when called upon, to share some good news or positive things happening in your life, family, parish, neighborhood, workplace, etc. Each person will be called upon in turn.

Ongoing Formation – NEW! We Are Many Parts

Recently, we stumbled upon a topic that seemed of interest to those on the ZOOM. We have created “We Are Many Parts” as a way each month we will hear from a selected a member of the Fraternity to share in their journey to the Secular Franciscans. You can share topics such as who approached you to check us out, what drew you to the Order, what aspect(s) of St. Francis did you find surprising or fascinating, etc. We want to hear about YOUR journey and your initial (and ongoing!) conversion.

Our spotlight this month is our Councilor **Al Gigel**.

Closing Prayer: Brown Book, Page 36

Birthday Celebrant:

July None

Profession Anniversaries:

July None

Charity for June: Beans and Bread

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