



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

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

September 4, 2021

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Sorry for the lateness of this newsletter. My work has been unbelievably busy with fiscal year end a ton of new work coming onboard. In all this craziness I am grateful to be gainfully employed. Aren't we supposed to rest on occasion?

First, our trip to the Museum of the Bible has been postponed. With the delta variant and COVID cases on the rise, plus with many in our group having somewhat compromised health, I felt it would be prudent to put this off for just a little while longer. If you have already paid, please let me know if you would like a refund or if you would like to have the funds placed into the Common Fund/Charity or towards your Fair Share.

In addition to the pandemic, I will not be available at all that day. My niece and her husband will be bringing their daughter up to Baltimore from North Carolina to be baptized that day by Fr. Justin. Since I am the Godmother, you bet I will be there! Please keep Rachel Mary in your prayers on her Baptism Day.

Second, we have good news! We will hold our September Gathering via ZOOM! Phil Pucher has graciously agreed to lead the Gathering that day! Thank you, Phil, for jumping in to help. See the ZOOM details below.

Then there is MORE good news! Our Elections next Month will be **IN PERSON** at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 3615 Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21218 starting at 10am. If you need a ride, please reach out to a member of the Council. There is a 9am Mass in the church. It might be appropriate for us to gather for Mass then hold our elections. I have reached out to the region to lock in the date and time. For us to have successful elections, we MUST have a quorum (50% plus 1). **If you cannot attend in person, please let The Nominating Committee (Al Gigel or Helen Tumminello) know as soon as possible.** We will have coffee and donuts available. My friends, this is election is important. This is YOUR Fraternity, YOUR voice, and YOUR connection to our faithful brothers and sisters. YOUR FRATERNITY IS WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!

In other news, please note that Transitus will be October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM at the Church of the Annunciation, 5212 McCormick Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21206. Please try to attend if possible. Please note that this is within Baltimore City limits, and, at present, masks will be required during the Service.

Lastly, please remember all those that perished on this day 20 years ago, September 11, 2001. It's hard to believe how our whole world changed that day. Please pray for their souls, their families and friends and for our great nation and all of those currently serving. We still have so much more healing to do.

Stay safe, stay well.

Pax,

Lisa

## **ZOOM Information for Saturday, September 11, 2021, at 10AM**

Click here for the link

**<https://jhuapl.zoomgov.com/j/1606404830?pwd=cUV5TnFBaitSUKJsWTV2eldBZUIzZz09>**

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### **Agenda for Gathering:**

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

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

*[We will select the Presider, Antiphonarian and Reader when we see who is on ZOOM.](#)*

Presider	TBD
Antiphonarian	TBD (Women will be Side 1 and Men will be Side 2)
Reader	TBD
Invitatory Antiphon	Page 1383 (Antiphon will be repeated after each verse)
Invitatory Psalm	Page 688
Opening	Page 1383 Morning Prayer
Hymn	Page 1592 #77 Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly
Antiphons	Page 916
Psalmody	Page 916
Reading	Page 919 Philippians 2:2-4, 14-16
Responsory	Page 919
Gospel Antiphon	Page 919
Canticle of Zechariah	Page 691
Intercessions	Page 919
The Lord's Prayer	
Closing Prayer	Page 920
Closing of LoH	Page 694

### **Little Flower Business Matters**

- Infirmarian Report - Helen Tumminello
- Fraternity Elections – **SATURDAY OCTOBER 9,2021** – Al Gigel will give a brief overview this month of the process and answer any other questions.

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### **What is feeding our souls?**

I know your souls are being fed! All of you are very avid readers and have such strong prayer lives! Tell us what you are reading! Please offer up your brief synopsis of your latest page-turner!

## Around 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 – We Are Many Parts

Recently, we stumbled upon a topic that seemed of interest. We have created “We Are Many Parts” as a way for us to hear of a member’s journey. 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 **Kelly Frederick**.

**And if time permits....** we will do **Bible Roulette!** We will have someone randomly open the Bible, read a passage and then we will discuss the passage. Sort of like Gospel to Life on the fly! (By the way we did this last month and boy, oh boy, the Holy Spirit not only spoke to us but kind of gave us a slap upside the head! It was so powerful, poignant and so relevant to what is going on in our world. It was the first chapter of Lamentations.)

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

## **Birthday Celebrant:**

### **September**

Barb Bruno	Sept 4
Kitty Davis	Sept 19
Theresa Gagliano	Sept 14

## **Profession Anniversaries:**

### **September**

Mike Huether	September 27, 1998
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## **Charity for September: Catholic Relief Services**

Please make **ALL** checks payable to: **LITTLE FLOWER FRATERNITY**

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