



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

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

April 24, 2022

Little Flower Fraternity Family,

Happy Easter! In the scriptural accounts of the Resurrection, the story always begins with someone searching for Jesus at the empty tomb after His departure from it. The Gospels don't tell us where Christ was at that point—nor do they definitively say who saw Him first.

But one saint-supported theory offers an answer to the latter question. According to Pope St. John Paul II, St. Vincent Ferrer, St. Ignatius of Loyola and others, the first witness of Jesus' Resurrection was His beloved Mother Mary.

Mary was the one who had been most united with Our Lord in His suffering and death. She was the one who was waiting for Him with the greatest hope and expectation—the one who, notably, never went to the tomb searching for Him because she knew He wasn't there.

Our Lady's faith in her Son's Resurrection never failed. She did not go looking for the living among the dead. She simply waited, prayerfully keeping vigil throughout the time when Our Lord was hidden in the earth. She knew that He would come. Our Lady waited faithfully for the Resurrection.

One can imagine the tender joy Jesus and Mary experienced upon seeing one another again, after the sufferings they had both endured for our sake. A spear had pierced His Heart and a sword had pierced hers, but now, sin and death were overcome! The night was over and the glorious dawn was here at last.

To see the face of God—how beautiful the reward for us who are faithful, who bear our crosses with love, who wait for the Lord with a hopeful and steadfast spirit and, then experience with great joy his glorious Resurrection as Jesus indwells our souls. Thanks be to God! Happy Easter!

Phil Pucher, OFS, Minister

**OUR MAY MEETING (May7th from 1-3pm) WILL BE IN PERSON**

IN BURKE HALL AT ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

(ZOOM will also be available. See below for logon info.)

Mass at 9am in the church for anyone interested.

### **ZOOM INFORMATION**

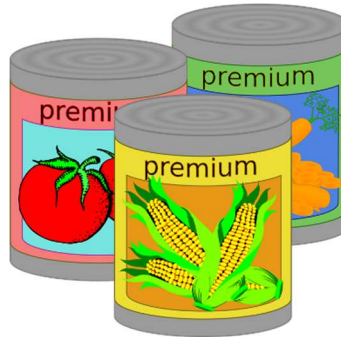
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US (New York) OR Dial 1-833-568-8864 US Toll-free (same Meeting ID and Password)



Please remember that if you require a beverage or snack,  
please bring your own.

**\*\*\*\*HELP US HELP ST. FRANCIS CHURCH FOOD PANTRY!\*\*\*\***



**\*\*\*\*PLEASE BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO EACH GATHERING!\*\*\*\***

*(Note: If you are bringing items from your personal pantry, please check the expiration dates and kindly do not bring expired items for donation as they will likely be discarded)*

**Agenda for Gathering Saturday, May 7, 2022:**  
*(always subject to change by the will of the Holy Spirit!)*

Opening	Brown Book
Liturgy of the Hours	Please volunteer to help lead in this prayer!
Business Matters	Minister Phil Pucher
Short Break	10 minutes
Ongoing Formation	TBD
Announcements and final remarks	Anyone
Closing	Brown Book

***Here we go again!***

***Mark your calendars!***

***There's another Profession coming!***

Please join us on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at Noon for the Profession of Dennis James Bernardo to the Secular Franciscan Order. Please respond to Al Gigel if you plan to attend!



## ***The key to our success is COMMUNICATION!***

If you are in need of prayers for yourself or an immediate family member,  
please make sure to contact our Infirmarian

**Helen Tumminello**

Phone 410-859-8226 (Preferred) or e-mail: [hltumminello@aol.com](mailto:hltumminello@aol.com)

Helen will then get out an e-mail and make phone calls with the information.

*Please keep our contact information in a place with your Will and/or final wishes so that your loved ones can notify us at the appropriate time.*

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

*In order to protect the privacy of our Sisters and Brothers,  
we are only listing the names of those who have asked for/or are in need of our prayers.*

*Joan Kane's Son-in-law and Grandson*

*Kathleen Hale*

*Jim Davis*

*Cathy Via*

*Peg Doerfler*

*Fay Trotta*

## **Retreat...Reflect...Reconnect** **Opportunities for Spiritual Growth**

**May 13-15 Relics of St. Bernadette at Cathedral of Mary Our Queen**

Friday 2:30-4 (Confession, Mass and Veneration Follow); Saturday 7:30am to 3pm;

Sunday throughout day after Masses.

<https://www.cathedralofmary.org/>

**May 13-15, 2022 - St. Margaret of Cortona Region Regional Retreat**

at Loyola on the Potomac

Click link for more information and registration

<https://saintmargaretofcortona.org/upcoming-events/>

### **The Chosen Watch Party**

Join in viewing the next episode in the series (currently on Season 2). After each episode we reflect and discuss what was seen and how we can relate.

Thursdays through June 9<sup>th</sup> Cathedral of Mary Our Queen 7-9pm in the Parish Center. **Free!**

### **Paul and His Letters by Fr. Bill Burton**

Monday April 25, Monday May 2, Monday May 9 and Wednesday May 18 from 7-8:30pm

This is a **FREE** event but Registration is required at <https://www.cathedralofmary.org/>

**May 14, June 11 and July 9 - Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University**

The Crib, The Cross and The Eucharist

Three Saturdays from Noon to 2pm via ZOOM and **FREE**

<https://www.sbu.edu/academics/academic-resources/franciscan-institute/programs-conferences>

Click on link above for registration and more upcoming events at SBU!

## June 3-5, 2022 – Power and Purpose Conference

Franciscan University of Steubenville (Ohio)

Carpool with others! If enough sign up to go, a bus will be provided. Contact our Infirmarian Helen Tumminello or Donna DuPuis (at St. Philip Neri) for more information at 410-850-4118 or [desdupuis@hotmail.com](mailto:desdupuis@hotmail.com). Secular Franciscans receive a (SIZABLE!) discount!

Use code PPC22DDuPMD in your registration at <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/ppc/>

## June 24-26, 2022 - For This You Have Been Called - OFS Formation Retreat

Become refreshed and invigorated! Restore your excitement!

Open to Everyone!

Early Bird Registration due by April 30<sup>th</sup> \$295. After April 30<sup>th</sup> \$320.  
See Page 7 of the current Up To Now (link below) for more information.

Please reach out to Joan Kane for registration packet.

Washington Retreat House, 4000 Harewood Road NE, Washington DC 20017

## August 2022 Quinquennial Congress

Phoenix, AZ!

Please see the Tau USA or go to <https://secularfranciscansusa.org/> and click on “Quinquennial” for more information

## Little Flower Fraternity celebrates 60 years in October 2022!

Stay tuned for more details!

Latest Up To Now issue link:

<https://saintmargaretofcorona.org/wp-content/uplSoads/2022/02/February-2022-Up-to-Now-Newsletter-1.pdf>

### Little Flower News Reel

#### Birthdays Celebrant:

May

Beth Dykton	May 4 <sup>th</sup>	
Fay Trotta	May 8 <sup>th</sup>	
Jim Davis	May 9 <sup>th</sup>	
Anna Hagerman	May 13 <sup>th</sup>	103 years young!
Stas Chrazanowski	May 17 <sup>th</sup>	

#### Profession Anniversaries:

May

None

**Treasurer's Report:**

Balance as of 3/22/2022	\$2,323.90
Add: Deposits	\$465.00
Less: Disbursements	
Ck #1519 Helen Tumminello (Mass Cards)	\$45.00
Ck #1520 Helen Tumminello (Mass Cards)	\$30.00
Ck #1521 Beans and Bread	\$125.00
Ck #1522 St. Francis Church	\$50.00
Ck #1523 St. Margaret of Cortona Region (1/2 Fair Share)	\$420.00
March Deposit Adjustment	<u>\$10.00</u>
Sub-Total	\$2,108.90
Less: withhold for future Retreats	<u>\$300.00</u>
TOTAL Available for use:	<u><u>\$1,808.90</u></u>

**Charity for May:****To be announced at the Gathering!**Please make ALL checks payable to: **LITTLE FLOWER FRATERNITY**

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**DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR****DENNIS'S PROFESSION ON SATURDAY, JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> AT NOON!**