



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

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

June 30, 2022

Fraternity Family,

“Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock.” Matthew 7:24-25

Sisters and brothers, these verses are followed by the contrast of one who built his house on sand. The winds, the floods, and the rains came against it and it collapsed. It's a clear contrast that leads anyone to conclude that having your house built on solid rock is much better.

The house Jesus is speaking about is your life. And the question he raises is simply, how strong are you? Ask yourself, how strong am I to face the storms, hardships and crosses that will inevitably come my way? When life is easy and all goes smoothly, we do not necessarily need great inner strength. When money is plentiful, we have many friends, we have our health and our family all gets along, life can be good. And, in that case, life can even be easy. But there are few who can go through life without facing some storm.

When the storm overwhelms us, our inner strength is tested and the strength of our inner convictions is required to keep us from being destroyed by our inevitable crises. In this story from Jesus, the rain, floods and wind that buffeted the house are actually a good thing. Why? Because they allow the foundation of the house to manifest its stability.

So it is with us. The foundation of our lives must be our fidelity to the Word of God. Do you believe the Word of God? Have you pondered it, studied it, internalized it and allowed God's Word to become the foundation of your life? Jesus makes it clear that we will have a solid foundation only when we listen to His words and act on them as did our Father Francis of Assisi.

Reflect, today, upon how deeply you believe all that Jesus says. Do you trust in every word He has spoken? Do you believe Him enough to rely upon His promises even in the midst of life's greatest challenges? If your faith has flagged then today is a good day to recommit yourself to the prayerful reading of His Word. All He says in Scripture is true and those truths are what we need to create a firm foundation for the rest of our lives.

Jesus, my Lord and Rock Foundation, help me to listen to Your words, meditate on them, and then to act on them in my life. Help me to believe in Your promises and to trust You even when the storms of life seem fierce and unyielding. Jesus, I trust in you. Amen.

Peace and all good,  
Phil Pucher, OFS  
Minister  
Little Flower Fraternity

Monthly Gathering Saturday, July 9, 2022  
10AM – Noon  
Mass at 9AM for those interested

**ZOOM INFORMATION**

<https://jhuapl.zoomgov.com/j/1612498331?pwd=Y2p4bFJZaHlxElaeTFDM3NwUDcrZz09>

Meeting ID: 161 249 8331

Password: 748638

One tap mobile

+16468287666,,1612498331# US (New York) OR

Dial 1-833-568-8864 US Toll-free (same Meeting ID and Password as above)

**Agenda for Gathering**

**Please remember to bring your own beverage and/or snack.**

Open with the Ritual Book

Liturgy of the Hours

Fr. Bart will provide us with a short talk with Q &A

Joan Kane will give us an update from the Formation Retreat recently held

Business Matters for the good of the Order

Close with the Ritual Book



Fr. Bart is on the move!

Fr. Bart will be moving to the Friary  
at St. Casimir's in Canton.

He will remain as our Spiritual  
Assistant.

All the best Fr. Bart on your move!

**\*\*\*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)*



## ***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.*

*For the repose of the soul of our sister Theresa Gagliano*

*Mike Huether*

*Barb Bruno*

*Maria Mercaldo*

*Jim Davis*

*Peg Doerfler*

*Kathleen Hale*

*Elsie Saylor*

*Cathy Via*

*Fay Trotta*

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

### **SUBSCRIBE TO THE TAU DAILY EMAIL LIST**

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**Little Flower Fraternity celebrates 60 years in October 2022!**  
**Update: We will start with Mass at 10AM followed by a pot luck.**  
**A signup will occur in the coming months.**

**From Ascension Press: HUGE NEWS!!! In response to countless requests, we're thrilled to announce "The Catechism in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)" podcast launching January 1, 2023!! Over the course of 365 days, Fr. Mike will read the ENTIRE Catechism of the Catholic Church, word for word, providing explanation, insight, and encouragement along the way. Don't miss out on this opportunity to finally understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape your life! Go to <https://bit.ly/39Y44yN> to learn more! #CatechismInAYear**

**Latest Up To Now issue link:**

**<https://saintmargaretofcorona.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/May-2022-Up-to-Now-Regional-Newsletter.pdf>**

# Little Flower News Reel

**Birth:day Celebrant:**

**July**

Ryan Chabot

July 20th

**Profession Anniversaries:**

**July**    None

**Treasurer's Report:**

Net balance as of	5/24/2022		\$ 2,236.35
Income			
TOTAL INCOME			\$ 899.85
Expenses			
Ck 1527	Richard Allen	\$ 150.00	Profession Music
Ck 1528	Eric Blair	\$ 50.00	Profession Music
Ck 1529	Fr. Bart Karwacki	\$ 75.00	Profession Celebrant
Ck 1530	St. Francis Church	\$ 100.00	Profession Hall/Church
Ck 1531	FFA #418 Qtly Support	\$ 225.00	Qtrly Apostolate Support
Ck 1532	Defend Life	\$ 125.00	June Charity
Ck 1533	Teresa Knauff	\$ 50.00	Profession Decorations Reimbursement
Ck 1534	Joan Kane	\$ 450.40	Profession Food Reimbursement
Ck 1535	Lisa Gough	\$ 366.55	Profession supplies & printing reimbursement
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,591.95	
<i>Net Income/(Loss)</i>			\$ (692.10)
Net Balance			\$ 1,544.25
Less:	Future Retreat Reserve		\$ (300.00)
Working Balance as of	6/28/2022		\$ 1,244.25

**Charity for July:**

**Companions of St. Anthony (at the Shrine in Ellicott City, MD)**

<https://www.companionsofstanthony.org/about-us/about-the-companions/>

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

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### Little Flower Fraternity Council

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**Invite a friend to join us the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month!**

**Gathering Address**

**St. Francis of Assisi Church**

**Burke Hall**

**3615 Harford Road**

**Baltimore, MD 21218**

## Ongoing Formation Resources Checklist

**In an effort to enhance our Ongoing Formation we need to have everyone take an inventory of their reading materials and what books everyone has or does not have.**

**Please take a few moments to check your bookshelves for the following resources:**

**Please put a check (√) in the space next to the resource you have**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Journey
- \_\_\_\_\_ Catch me a Rainbow Too
- \_\_\_\_\_ Come and See
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pick More Daisies
- \_\_\_\_\_ Essential Documents (hard copy or electronically)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rule Book (Small Red Book or the long white book)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ritual Book (Brown Book)

Do you have a Tau Cross to wear? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please bring this with you to the Gathering on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>!**

**No need to bring the resources themselves...yet!**

**If you will not be at the Gathering please e-mail (or snail mail) it to:**

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8511 Coltrane Court #402  
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**[joankane1014@gmail.com](mailto:joankane1014@gmail.com)**

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_