



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

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

August 28, 2022

Sisters and brothers in joyful fraternity,

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. Luke 14:1

This line should not be overlooked in that it reveals a common reaction that some have to Jesus. What is the reaction? It's the tendency to observe Jesus carefully from a distance.

Reflect, today, upon any tendency you have to only "observe" Jesus and His will from a distance. If you find you are curious and interested in the presence of God around you, do not hesitate to act on this curiosity, allowing His words and presence to change your life. Do not let yourself become concerned about what others may think. Give your life to Him without hesitation, as did Saint Francis of Assisi and his first followers, and you will be eternally grateful you did. Ask the Lord to lead you to a deeper level in your Franciscan vocation and fraternity life and he will. Pray for the grace to be a Franciscan disciple of the Lord and not just a Franciscan observer of the Lord by fully immersing yourself in the life of the Fraternity and our Holy Mother Church.

Peace and all good during these final days of summer.

Phillip Francis Pucher, OFS
Minister

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

ZOOM INFORMATION

UPDATE: Due to lack of virtual participation, this will be the last month we offer ZOOM at our Gatherings.

<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

Tentative: Council needed to push our meeting a week which did not allow ample time to get the newsletter written, printed and mailed out in time before the gathering.

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

Not necessarily in this order...The Holy Spirit is the only one who knows the agenda!

Open with the Ritual Book
Liturgy of the Hours
Rite of Welcome for Donna Dellaglio
Formation - Fr. Bart will provide us with a short talk with Q &A
Ongoing Formation – TBD
Business Matters for the good of the Order
Close with the Ritual Book

Follow up: Recently we have been focusing on Our Rule and various documents. You can find them online at our regional website under “Documents” <https://saintmargaretofcortona.org/>

******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

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

Our Sister Helen will be convalescing from surgery for the foreseeable future. Please send your prayer intentions to **Joan Kane or Kelly Frederick (e-mail is best). Contact info is at the end of this newsletter.*

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.*

<i>Helen Tumminello</i>	<i>Cindy Evans</i>	<i>Mark Evans</i>	<i>Ceci Evans</i>	<i>Maria Mercaldo</i>
<i>Dick Vandenberg (Father of Lisa Gough)</i>			<i>Debbie Gough (Sister-in-law of Lisa Gough)</i>	
<i>Monaca (Friend of Marge Foor)</i>		<i>Peg Doerfler</i>	<i>Kathleen Hale</i>	<i>Elsie Saylor</i>

Retreat...Reflect...Reconnect

Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity Annual Picnic

Sunday September 18, 2022 1-4pm

Shrine of St. Anthony, Folly Quarter Road, Ellicott City, MD

Mass at Noon for those interested

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided. Guests may bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert.

Please RSVP to Beth Dykton NO LATER THAN September 4, 2022

mybese@aol.com phone 301-641-4764

60 NEVER LOOKED SO GOOD!

Little Flower Fraternity celebrates 60 years in October 2022!

We will start with Mass at 10AM followed by a lunch pot luck.

(See sheet at end of Newsletter for what folks have signed up to bring)

We would love to have ALL of our members, especially those that are excused, to join us this day. If you need a ride, please reach out to the Council and we will get this done!

Latest Up To Now issue link:

<https://saintmargaretofcorona.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/2022-August-Up-to-Now-Regional-Newsletter.pdf>

Little Flower News Reel

Birthday Celebrant:

September

Barb Bruno

September 4th

Marge Foor

September 22nd

Anne Prosser

September 22nd

Profession Anniversaries:

September

Sandy Chabot

9/7/1997

Mike Huether

9/27/1998

Cathy Polkowski

9/7/1997

Treasurer's Report:

Little Flower Fraternity
Financial Report
August 24, 2022

Net balance as of	7/26/2022		\$ 1,723.25
Income			
TOTAL INCOME			\$ 676.00
Expenses			
Ck 1541	Jona Kane	\$ 101.00	Books
Ck 1542	St. Francis Church	\$ 50.00	July Gathering
Ck 1543	St. Lawrence Seminary	\$ 150.00	Charity - July
	TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$ 301.00</u>
<i>Net Income/(Loss)</i>			\$ 375.00
Net Balance			\$ 2,098.25
Less:	Future Retreat Reserve		<u>\$ (300.00)</u>
Working Balance as of	8/24/2022		<u><u>\$ 1,798.25</u></u>

Charity for September:

Mother Seton Academy
<https://mothersetonacademy.org/>

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

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Invite a friend to join us the 2nd Saturday of every month!

Gathering Address

St. Francis of Assisi Church

Burke Hall

3615 Harford Road

Baltimore, MD 21218

Little Flower Fraternity

60th Anniversary Celebration October 8, 2022

Pot Luck

(Please bring your own serving utensil for your dish)

Beth Dykton	Bean Salad
Maria Mercaldo	Shrimp Salad
Al Gigel	Mini cakes and Grapes
Kelly Frederick	Rolls
Dennis Bernardo	Pasta Salad
Mike Huether	Pepperoni/sausage/cheese tray
Jon Curry	Dalmas (Greek Meatballs)
Linda Herilla	Chicken Salad
Gary Haigley	Bag of Chicken
Phil Pucher	Sandwich tray
Cathy Polkowski	Cake
Sandy Chabot	Fruit
Anne Prosser	Cake
Donna Dellaglio	TBD

Notes: The Council has ample plates, cups, utensils, napkins, water and sodas.