



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

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

October 31, 2022

My Secular Franciscan brothers and sisters,

Franciscan family, this November let us reflect upon these things.

First, we reflect upon our own desire to know more about our God, our faith, our Church and our Franciscan vocation. And as we discover and increase in this desire and knowledge don't stop there. Allow it to draw you ever closer to the message of our Lord.

Secondly, be attentive to the "holy curiosity" of those around you. Perhaps a neighbor, family member or coworker a fellow fraternity brother or sister has shown interest in what your faith and what our Church has to say. When you see that, pray for them and ask God to use you as He did John the Baptist to bring His message to all who seek it.

Thirdly, November is the month we celebrate three other important realities and practices of our beautiful Catholic Church as we are called to reflect on all the Saints, those already in heaven, and our own desire to be among them after this life.

We also are called to the ministry of service to our beloved dead and all the souls in Purgatory and on the Earth who yearn to enter the Kingdom of Love which our Savior Jesus, the Christ of God, promised us who remain faithful to him to the end. Pray daily for the holy souls in Purgatory and for the conversion of all to God-Life.

Finally, we are called in a special way to thank and praise our dear Lord during this month in which we celebrate all the good things God has done for our nation throughout our history as we spend a day in national Thanksgiving on our annual holiday. Of course, as faithful Franciscans we make all five of these realities a part of our daily prayers and our Franciscan walk.

St. Francis and Clare of Assisi, pray for us. Have a blessed Thanksgiving everyday knowing that you belong to Christ Jesus.

Peace and all good,

Phillip Francis Pucher, OFS  
Minister, Little Flower Fraternity



# Retreat...Reflect...Reconnect

## Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

### Advent Bible Study

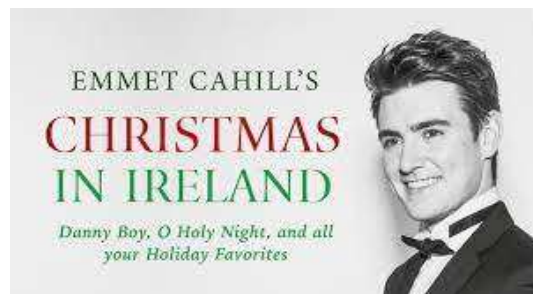
#### **“The True Meaning of Christmas – The Birth of Jesus and the Origins of the Season” by Michael Patrick Barber St. Francis Church**

Take a break from Hallmark Christmas movies and learn much more about the Advent-Christmas season, the source of all the joys of Christmas that the secular world tries to practice often without knowing why.

Our Advent-Christmas Bible & book study begins on Thursday, December 1, continues on Wednesday, December 7, Thursday December 15, and concludes Thursday December 22.

We will be reading and discussing the Gospel narratives about the birth of our Savior Jesus and reading the book written by Michael Patrick Barber, titled *The True Meaning of Christmas: The Birth of Jesus and the Origins of the Season*.

Please call Gina Gross in the rectory to pre-register so that we can order the books. The donation of \$15 covers the cost & shipping of the book. BYOB = bring your own Bible.



**Sunday December 4, 2022**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 8501 Loch Raven Blvd. Baltimore, MD 21286  
Tickets \$50 (VIP includes Meet and Greet and front of house seating) and \$35 for Concert only with General Admission Seating. Meet and Greet at 2:30pm and Concert at 4pm.  
Contact the Rectory for Tickets 410-668-7935

**Saturday, February 11, 2023**

#### **Little Flower DIY Day of Retreat and Recollection**

Instead of our Monthly Gathering this day we will be holding a full day of presentations and discussions to help us deepen our faith and our roles/duties as Secular Franciscans. We are looking to the Fraternity itself to provide topics to present. More to follow but start thinking about what YOU would like to present!

Optimal length would be 15-20 minutes plus 10 minutes for Q&A each

Help will be provided with any Powerpoint/Audio/Visual assistance you may need.

**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:**

**November**

Ann German	November 24th
Kathleen Hale	November 24th
Linda Herilla	November 24th

**Profession Anniversaries:**

**November**

None

**Treasurer's Report:**

Little Flower Fraternity  
Financial Report  
October 9, 2022

Net balance as of	9/24/2022		\$ 1,374.25
Income			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>			<b>\$ 420.00</b>
Expenses			
Ck 1549	St. Margaret of Cortona Region	\$ 125.00	Chapter of Ministers
Ck 1550	St. Francis Church	\$ 50.00	October Gathering
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b><u>\$ 175.00</u></b>
<i>Net Income/(Loss)</i>			<i>\$ 245.00</i>
Net Balance			\$ 1,619.25
Less:	Future Retreat Reserve		<u>\$ (300.00)</u>
Working Balance as of	10/9/2022		<u><u>\$ 1,319.25</u></u>

**Charity for October & November:**

## Christmas Outreach

This year we will split the funds raised for Christmas between  
**St. Francis Church Christmas Baskets (Collecting non-perishables as well)**  
 and  
**St. Vincent de Paul at St. Josph Fullerton Church**

**Charity for December:**

## Franciscan Center

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

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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**

*St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us.*