



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

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

December 27, 2022

Brothers and sisters in fraternal love,

We have experienced in the past month or so both the season of great joy in the Nativity of our Blessed Lord and Savior and the season of deep grief at the going home to God of our beloved sisters Margaret "Peg" Doerfler and Anne "Cookie" Amrhein. Paradoxically joy and grief live together in the human heart. Rejoice our Savior is born; pray for the repose of the souls of our dear sisters in Francis.

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and the princes are back home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, then the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal those broken in spirit, to feed the hungry, to release the oppressed, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among all peoples, to make a little music with the heart, as did St. Francis, our Seraphic Father. Now let us radiate the Light of Christ, every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say. Now let the work of Christmas begin.

Most high, most glorious, most loving God our Father enlighten our hearts with true and perfect joy during this year of grace 2023 A.D.

Family in faith, please make it a New Year's resolution to attend every fraternity meeting in 2023 unless it is physically impossible for you to attend. Living your Franciscan vocation in fraternity is one of the cardinal rules of our Franciscan on-going formation. I look forward to seeing you at our fraternity meeting on January 14, 2023. And remember Holy Mass is at 9AM for those who may want to celebrate and receive the Lord in Holy Communion

Peace and all joy in Jesus,
Phillip Francis Pucher, OFS
Servant Minister
Little Flower Fraternity OFS

What's next....

Gathering Saturday, January 14, 2023 10am – Noon
The Holy Spirit will guide us in the order of things!

- Liturgy of the Hours
- "What it Takes" – Due to a shortage of time last month please **re-read** the Introduction and Chapter One and answer the questions for yourself. (see note below)
- Fr. Bart's Spiritual Talk

Note: The Council has come to the consensus that we feel more time is needed on the start of the "What it Takes" formation resource. We ask that you prayerfully go into the book and intently read the required chapter(s). A suggestion is to read the questions at the end before reading the chapter. This will help you to read the chapter with an end goal.

SAYE THE DATE!

PERFECT JOY!

In Rejection Celebrating the Joy of Jesus in the Season of Lent

**The Retreat will be on
Saturday, February 11, 2023
Start with Mass at 9am, Continental Breakfast provided.
Bring your own lunch.
Beverages and snacks will be provided throughout the day.
Wrap up, cleaned up and out by 3pm**

******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

She's back!

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 is returning as our Infirmarian! A HUGH THANK YOU to our Sisters Joan Kane and Kelly Frederick for picking up the slack while Helen recovered.***

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.*

Phil Pucher Barb Bruno Stas & Cass Chrazanowski Donna Dellaglio
John Tumminello Jim Childress Debbie Gough (Sister-in-law of Lisa)
Kathleen Hale Elsie Saylor Jennifer and Brian Loretta Vandenberg Dean Burnap

For the repose of the souls of our Franciscan Sisters Margaret (Peg) Doerfler and Anna (Cookie) Amrhein.

Retreat...Reflect...Reconnect

Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

Our March 11, 2023 Gathering we are planned to have our Pastoral and Fraternal Visitation. All are highly encouraged to attend.

APRIL 2023 GATHERING DATE CHANGE

The second Saturday in April 2023 is Holy Saturday.
The Council decided to move our April Gathering to APRIL 15, 2023.
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Greccio Service

Sunday, January 8, 2023
4pm (Doors open at 3:30pm)
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
Presented by the Choirs of Archbishop Curley High School
Free and open to the public

Oyster Roast

January 22, 2023
1-5pm Burke Hall \$65 Call the Rectory for Tickets

Inquirers and Candidates Day of Reflection and Recollection

March 11, 2023
Shrine of St. Anthony
Details to follow

Formation Retreat Weekend

June 23-25, 2023
Washington Retreat House
Details to follow

Regional Retreat

Loyola on the Potomac
July 14-15, 2023
Details to follow

Latest **Up To Now** issue link:

<https://saintmargaretofcortona.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2022-November-Up-To-Now-Newsletter.pdf>



Adoration Corner

Many parishes around the Archdiocese are needing adorers of the Blessed Sacrament. Below are some churches and contact info if you are able to share your time with the Lord at Adoration.

Baltimore Basilica

www.adorationpro.org/baltimorebasilica

(select weekly commitment)

Questions ana.farias@baltimorebasilica.org

St. Francis of Assisi

Thursdays 8am-Noon

Immaculate Conception Church (Towson)

<https://adorationpro.org/ictowson>

St. Philip Neri

Wednesdays 9am-6pm

If your parish has adoration hours, please e-mail Lisa and give her the information



Birthday Celebrant:

January:

Dennis Bernardo	Jan 2 nd
Frank Passaro	Jan 6 th
Kelly Frederick	Jan 12 th
Teresa Knauff	Jan 19 th
Al Gigel	Jan 20 th
Cathy Polkowski	Jan 20 th
Marissa Reynoso	Jan 20 th
Mike Huether	Jan 21 st

Profession Anniversaries:

January:

Beth Dykton	01/23/2011
Lisa Gough	01/23/2011
Marissa Reynoso	01/31/2015

Treasurer's Report:

Little Flower Fraternity
Financial Report
December 27, 2022

Net balance as of	11/22/2022		\$ 1,567.25
Income			
TOTAL INCOME			\$ 850.00
Expenses			
Ck 1553	St. Francis Church	\$ 200.00	Christmas Baskets
Ck 1554	St. Vincent de Paul (St. Joe's Fullerton)	\$ 200.00	Christmas Charity
Ck 1555	St. Francis Church	\$ 50.00	December Gathering
Ck 1556	Franciscan Center	\$ 200.00	December Charity
Ck 1557	FFA #418 (Qrtly pymt \$75/mo)	\$ 225.00	Indian Family Apostolate
Ck 1558	Fr. Bart Karwacki (Qrtly pymt \$50/mo)	\$ 150.00	Quarterly Stipend
	TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$ 1,025.00</u>
<i>Net Income/(Loss)</i>			\$ (175.00)
Net Balance			\$ 1,392.25
Less:	Future Retreat Reserve		<u>\$ (300.00)</u>
	Working Balance as of	12/27/2022	<u>\$ 1,092.25</u>

Charity for January:

Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility
<https://www.iccr.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

St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us.