

# Little Flower Fraternity Newsletter May 2026

Ordo Saecularis Franciscanus



St. Margaret of Cortona Region

Next Gathering

May 9, 2026

Burke Hall-St. Francis

## Agenda

**Opening Prayer** at 10am

**LOH Saturday** of the 5<sup>th</sup>

Week of Easter.

**Psalter** : Saturday of

Week 1, p.770

**Reading, Responsory**

Intercessions, Prayer

on pp.539-540

**President** – Mike Huether

**Antophonarian** -

Joan Kane

**Reader** – Sandy Chabot

Formation;

**Fr. Bart**- 2<sup>nd</sup> Beatitude

Break

**Teresa**- Discussion of

Move to Our Lady Queen

of Peace Parish, Middle

River

**Closing Prayer**

## Clothing Donation

The Fraternity will be

collecting gently used

Spring and Summer

clothing to donate to the

St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Pease bring the clothing to

this month's Gathering.

Thank you.

## Treasurer's Report

2026.04.30

Beginning Balance - **\$4872.31**

Expenses:

Archive Storage - \$46.00

SFA Hall Rental. - \$75.00

SA stipend

April, May, June. - \$225.00

2025 Fair Share

Invoice #105. \$922.00

(20 Active X \$45

1 Excused x\$22)

Expenses Total **\$1268.00**

Deposit #1 03.24.26. \$344.00

Deposit #2 mobile. \$20.00

**Total Deposits. \$364.00**

Total in hand \$3968.31

Reserve Fair Share - \$1100.00

(2026)

**Working balance. 2868.31**

**CD 6 months \$2K@ 2.71%**

(not included in working balance)

## Prayer List

Anthony Longo and wife

Peggy Passaro

Sharon B, Ginger's friend

Tina, Marge's daughter

Freeman Davis,

Dennis' friend

Giovanni Gianetti ,

Gary's friend

Megan and baby, Joan's

friend

Phil Pucher

## Minister's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

At our May Fraternity meeting I have 2 important issues to discuss with everyone.

First, the issue of moving our Fraternity Meeting to Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Middle River, MD. I have received several complaints of the overall condition and location of St Francis Hall. The latest being the smell of

leaking gas. We will have a discussion where everyone may voice their opinion on this matter. We will then have a vote. If the majority wish to move than that will take place.

Next, the Council approved that in place of our regular Gathering, a pilgrimage to St Anthony Shrine will take place on June 13<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of St. Anthony. Since it is the Year of St Francis. It is fitting that as

Secular Franciscans we participate in the Year of St. Francis as a Fraternity. There will be a guest speaker, Confession, available, Mass and Adoration. You can also receive a plenary Indulgence. Let us support the Conventual Friars with whom we are bonded. I think this will be a wonderful time for our Fraternity.

Peace and All Good

Teresa

## **AVE, AVE, AVE, MARIA**

Mary is the mother of Jesus, and because Jesus gave her to us at his crucifixion, she is our mother as well. As we venerate her, we ask for her intercession on our behalf with Jesus, her Son.

She is known by many titles: Queen, Virgin, Mother of God, Our Lady, Theotokos, Woman, First Disciple of Christ, Mother of the Church, Tower of Ivory, House of God, Holy Tabernacle. Her titles are too numerous to list.

She is the chosen woman, most holy, full of grace, faithful, and loyal, among many other virtues.

Because she has demonstrated both maternal love and spiritual courage, we look to her as a source of comfort and intercession. She does not seek recognition or control but instead allows God to work through her. Whether through the Rosary or personal prayer, many find peace and strength in seeking her intercession.

May is the month traditionally dedicated to her, so let us celebrate May 2026 in a special way. Each day, we can honor her by praying to her under one of her many titles.

Ann German, O.S.F.

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### **Photos of the Room at Our Lady Queen of Peace Middle River, MD**



View from Back of Room to Front



View from Front of Room to Back

The chairs in photo were arranged for a movie. They will set up the chairs and tables as we prefer. Table at the back of room for food, coffee etc.

Below: View from Side Front



Small Chapel available for Fraternity use



The facility is very clean and well maintained. Staff is very helpful and welcoming. The Pastor is happy to have us at the Parish. We would be able to put a notice in the bulletin about our presence and potentially draw some parishioners to inquire. The neighborhood is safe. There is plenty of parking. Easy access from Routes 40, 95 and the Beltway.

**Profession. Anniversary**



Ginger Bahr 5/23/2013

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## A Call to Action Against Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is the act of recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing, or obtaining a person for compelled labor or commercial sex acts through the use of force, fraud, or coercion. It is the equivalent of modern-day slavery. Estimates by law enforcement indicate that over 20 million victims of human trafficking occur across the globe each year. Human trafficking in Maryland is a significant issue driven by its I-95 corridor location, major airports, and high-density areas.

The Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act (various versions, including H.R. 2796 and H.R. 1144 in 2025-2026) is a bipartisan legislative effort to reauthorize anti-trafficking programs, strengthen victim support services, and boost prevention strategies through FY2030. It focuses on preventing domestic child trafficking, enhancing education, and protecting survivors. As of April 2026, advocates and bipartisan sponsors are actively pushing for a vote on the Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2025 (H.R. 1144).

What can we do as Secular Franciscans? You can contact your representatives in Congress to encourage them to pass this vital legislation.

Submitted by Donna Dellagio, O.S.F.

### Article Nine of the Rule

**The Virgin Mary, humble servant of the Lord was open to his every word and call. She was embraced by Francis with indescribable love and declared the protectress and advocate of his family. The Secular Franciscan should express their ardent love for her by imitating her compete self-giving and by praying earnestly and confidently.**

One practice of devotion to Mary is the Angelus. The Angelus is of Franciscan origin and attributed to St. Bonaventure.

**Be A Mirror - Reflect Jesus!**