

Little Flower Fraternity Newsletter July 2026

Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis



St. Margaret of Cortona Region

Next Gathering

July 11, 2026

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish

10003 Bird River Road

Middle River, MD 21220

Donation Request for July

Please bring to Gathering

Meeting Location

As you enter the parking lot and face the parish complex, we will be meeting in the Day Care Building which is the last building on the right with a ramp. As you enter, the room will be on the right.

Agenda

Opening Prayer at 10am

LOTH : St. Benedict, Ab (Mem) p.1191

MP (p1470)

Ant (845)

Presider: Mike Huether

Reader: Albert Gigel

Antiphonarian: Donna Dellagio

Announcements: Teresa

Ongoing Formation:

Introduction: Joan Kane

Small Group Discussions

Closing Prayer

Social at 11:30



Ryan Chabot 7/20

JPIC at the 21st Quinquennial Congress. JPIC volunteers will be filling blessing bags with toiletry items purchased with funds from one of the program's sponsors. These bags will be distributed to individuals at risk for storms, job loss, and illness in the Appalachian Region. Appalachian poverty stretches across 13 states with an average poverty rate around 14.3%--sometimes exceeding 20% in Central Appalachian areas including Eastern Kentucky and Southern West Virginia. What can the Little Flower Fraternity do to assist? The organizational committee for the Quinquennial is requesting donations of socks and washcloths. Please bring new socks and washcloths to a Little Flower Gathering in July. Any Fraternity donations will be added to donations from Fraternities across the country in support of this important initiative. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Donna Dellagio, O.F.S.

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Minister's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

June was a busy month for the Fraternity. I am very grateful that some of us were able to make a pilgrimage to the Shrine for the Feast Day of St. Anthony. Those who were in attendance were: Donna Dellagio, Sandy Chabot, Joan Kane with her husband Paul, Gary Haigley, Ginger Bahr, Mark and Cindy Evans, Maria Mercaldo, Bonnie Ng and me. So Little flower Fraternity was well represented. The weather was beautiful. The guest speaker, Laura Kelly Fanucci, was excellent. The day was so uplifting and it was wonderful to participate in this sacred observance.

This year the theme for Regional Retreat held June 26-June 28th was Be the Light. It was well organized and spiritually enriching. Fr. Jude Winkler, O.F.M. Conv. was the Retreat Master. He was excellent and I never laughed so much at a retreat. Although the topic is serious, Fr. Jude interjects many funny stories to make a point and likes to tell jokes. One never gets sleepy or bored during his presentations. We had time for Eucharistic Adoration, to enjoy the beautiful grounds and after the Saturday Mass, Fr. Jude administered the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Saturday evening, Tom White, Regional Formation Director, and Joan Kane led a session with questions for group discussions based on information Fr. Jude presented. Throughout the retreat everyone fully participated in the sessions. Also, another added enjoyment was that we had time to get to know our brother and sisters from other fraternities. I left the retreat feeling renewed in spirit, blessed and at peace.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the July Fraternity Gathering. May you all have a very blessed and happy 4th of July weekend.

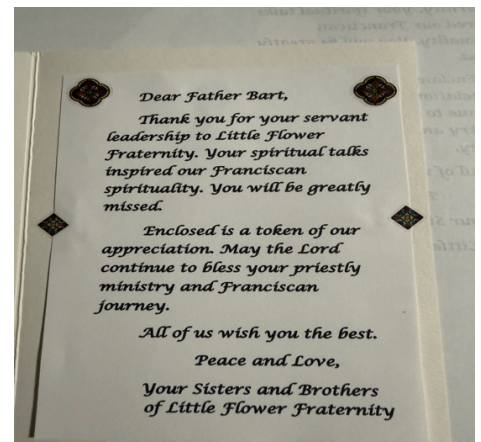
Teresa Knauff, O.F.S.



Farewell to Fr. Bart



Group photo at Feast of St. Anthony. Teresa presented Fr. Bart with a card containing a gift card for \$100.





Fraternity Sisters and Brothers at Regional Retreat.

Congratulations to Mark and Cindy.

A granddaughter, Penelope Stella was born on 6/15 weighing 8lbs and 13 oz.



Congratulations to Rae and Albert

A great granddaughter, Claire Ingid, was born on 6/18 weighing 9lbs and 4 oz. Shown with her brothers.



Be a Mirror - Reflect Jesus

Mirror of Christ

*How oft over Umbrian slopes
Through dusty lanes
With shepherd's staff he trudged
In sandaled feet.
Men peering in those sunken
eyes beheld
The flash of living fire and felt
Its heat;
Forgot in that brief glimpse
this bauble earth,
The tinselled things of time
With tawdry sheen,
And God-ward turned their
thoughts,
yea, dared to dream
perhaps in truth twas Christ
that they had seen.
Why strange this likeness to his
Lord, when he
So tightly clasped the Cross, its
Nails pierced through
Frail hands? To wounded love
So close he drew
The soldier's lance found not
one heart but two.*

Allan B. Wolters, OFM

Cited from The Cord. November/December
1998. Vol 48, No. 6. p.300

2026.06.30 Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance \$4133.41

Expenses:

Archive Storage Rental JUNE Debit (Dbt)
\$46.00

GIFT CARD + FEE for FR BART Dbt
\$106.00

BEATITUDES BOOKS 20 X 16.95

Plus shipping .01 Dbt \$339.0

Expenses Total **\$491.01**

Deposit #1 Mobile (6.22.26) \$100.00

Deposits total: \$100.00

Total on Hand \$3742.40

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- \$ 1100.00 Reserve Fair Share (2026)

\$2642.40 Working Balance

Gigel, ofs Treasurer

**CD 6 months \$2K @ 2.71% (not
included in working balance)**

Prayer List

Chase (Joan's Grandson)

Dan (Cindy's cousin) and
wife Darlene

Joyce (Mark's mother

Joanne Alvarez (Sandy's
cousin)

Fr. John Gilvey OSFS

For the intentions in the
silence of our hearts



St. Francis and St. Clare pray for us

Patriotism

We are hearing a lot about patriotism as we approach the July 4th holiday and the 250th birth of our nation. Should we as Catholics, be patriotic? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "The love and service of one's country follow from the duty of gratitude and belong to the order of charity" (CCC2239).

Patriotism is a duty. Pope Leo XIII wrote. "to love both countries, that of earth below and that of heaven above.... Is the essential duty of Christians" (Sapientiae Christianae, par 11).

The word patriotism is derived from the Latin word, patria, meaning fatherland or native land. Patriotism is a special love and reverence for one's country. It is also considered a virtue. Thomas Aquinas, a great Doctor of the Church, explains:

"And so, after God, a man is especially indebted to his parents and his country. Hence just as (the virtue of) religion involves venerating God, so at the second level, (the virtue of) piety involves venerating one's parents and country. On the other hand veneration of one's country includes the veneration of one's fellow citizens and of all friends of one's country." (Summa Theologiae 11-11.101.1).

This love and reverence for country is an extension of love for family. Our country is like an extended family. As we pray for our families let us pray for our country. The Rosary for America would be a good prayer this weekend. If unfamiliar, google and one can learn about this unique rosary prayer.

Happy 250th Birthday to the U.S.A.!

Bonnie Ng, O.F.S.