

Little Flower Fraternity Newsletter

October

Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis



2026

St. Margaret of Cortona Region

Next Gathering

October 10, 2026

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish

10003 Bird River Road

Middle River, MD 21220

Attention: We were originally promised to have our future meetings in the lounge with the exception of December. However, Teresa received an email from the Secretary that we have to meet in the former convent for our October Gathering. As you face the Church in the parking lot, we will meet in the last building on the right with the handicap Ramp in front of it. Sorry about this inconvenience.

Agenda

Opening Prayer at 10am

Brief Announcements

LOTH: Saturday page 916

Hymn #49 Holy God We Praise Thy Name on page 1560 verses 1&3

Presider: Bonnie Ng

Antiphonarian: Ginger Bahr

Reader: Mike Huether

Ongoing Formation:

Read Chapter 2 of The Eight Doors of the Kingdom Pages 79 – 100 before the Gathering so you will be prepared for discussion.

Introduction of Chap. 2: Mark Evans

Small Group Discussions

Social

Minister's Message

As we approach the 800th Anniversary of the Transitus of our Seraphic Father St. Francis, I'm reminded of Lady Jacoba. St Francis and Lady Jacoba had a very deep and special friendship. Francis referred to her as Brother Jacoba when he asked his brothers to bring her to him as he lay dying. Lady Jacoba was best known for her loving presence to St. Francis as he was nearing death. Francis had written for her to come, but through divine inspiration she arrived on her own before the letter was sent. She brought with her candles, incense, a pillow, a tunic, gray material to make a burial shroud and ingredients to make almond cookies that St. Francis loved. She lovingly cared for St. Francis in his last days. It did not matter that he could not see her due to blindness, and that he could not eat because he was near death. Jacoba lifted his spirits and soothed his suffering. He was able to sense her presence in her voice and her touch. He was also able to sense the smell of crushed almonds. Their friendship exemplifies the importance of accompaniment to all brothers and sisters. Lady Jacoba should be an inspiration to us when our loved ones and friends are sick or encounter Sister Death. May St. Francis, be our guide when we have our transitus.

Teresa Knauff, O.F.S.

Fraternal Visitation

Little Flower Fraternity will be having the Regional Fraternal Visitation this month. Michael Oliver, O.F.S., Regional Vice Minister, will be joining us this month. Please make every effort to be on time. Thank you.

October Birthday



Joan Kane 10/14

Profession Anniversaries



Kelly Frederick	10-1-16
Ann German	10-1-16
Joan Kane	10-1-16
Margorie Foor.	10-1-16
Mark Evans	10-18-20
Gary Haigley	10-23-1977
Al Gigel.	10-26-08

Blanket Donation Requested

The Regional Fraternity is requesting that Ministers bring blankets for the homeless to the Annual Ministers meeting at the end of this month. If you are unable to purchase a new blanket, a used one can be donated provided that it is clean, without stains, tears or holes and it is large enough to cover an adult. Please bring a blanket to the meeting if you are able to purchase or have one in excellent condition.

Teresa Knauff, O.F.S.

Prayer List



Phil Pucher
Albert Gigel
Joanne Alvarez (Sandy's Cousin)
Frank Passaro
Cathy Polkowski

For all the intentions in our hearts.
St. Francis and St. Clare pray for us.

2026.09.30 Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance. \$3902.84

Expenses:

Archive Storage Rental Sept Debit (Dbt).	\$51
Defend Life	\$200.00
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE	
HALL RENTAL	\$50.00
REGION PIC SUPPLY Db.	\$42.39
REGIONAL MINISTERS CHAPTER Dbt	
	\$125.69

Expenses Total. \$469.08

Deposit #1. 9.14.2 \$745.00

Deposit #2

Mobile (9.25.26). \$20.00

Deposits total. \$765.00

Total on Hand. \$4198.76

- \$1100.00 Reserve Fair Share (2026)

\$3098.76 Working Balance

Albert Gigel, ofs Treasure

1ST SIX MONTHS

CD INTEREST = \$27.05

NEW RATE (.00008 DAILY) CD 6 months

\$2K@.03% (not

included in working balance)

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Feast of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

On September 23rd at St. Patrick's Parish (Joan Kane's Parish) in Havre de Grace, Md, the Feast of St. Pio was celebrated most beautifully and solemnly. Joan had mentioned this upcoming feast day celebration at the September Gathering.

In attendance from Little Flower Fraternity were Joan and her husband Paul, Sandy Chabot and Ryan, Ginger Bahr, Bonnie Ng, Dennis Bernardo and Mike Huether.

The Statue of St. Pio was processed to the Church accompanied by 12 altar servers, two deacons and three priests and the church was completely filled with people standing outside the doors. The Mass was absolutely wonderful with awesome reverence. After the homily there was veneration of the relics of Padre Pio. Following Communion, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was administered before which the Litany of Padre Pio and a Healing Prayer were prayed. The Music and Choir were outstanding. (Joan is in the choir). The Celebration began at 6 pm and ended shortly after 8 pm. After Mass, the Statue of Padre Pio was processed outside to the Hall where a delicious Italian dinner awaited us catered by one of the local Italian restaurants.

The Liturgy was so uplifting and grace filled. It was a great blessing to be present and participate. Ginger and I were at the National Center of Padre Pio in Barto, PA for his Feast Day a few years back. Although also very nice, St. Patrick's celebration of St. Pio's Feast was outstanding.

All of us were greatly filled with inspiration and grace. St. Padre Pio pray for us!

Bonnie Ng, O.F.S.