



Our Lady of the Rosary  
Secular Franciscan Fraternity  
Williamsburg, Virginia

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**Important Dates:**

6/28 Meeting – Location TBD

Dear Franciscan Brothers & Sisters,

Hello to all my Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My wishes that all have been dealing well with this “shelter in place” and “social distancing”, and the uncertainty of when it will end. Certainly has made an impact in all our daily lives! Yet somehow we’ve managed to overcome most difficulties. We’ve even learned some new things! Who knew we would participate in “Virtual Mass”, hold meetings via Zoom, walk into a bank wearing a mask without being arrested?

I personally am looking forward to the day I can receive a hug without wondering if the person is “safe”. Being a social person does make it more difficult to stay away from friends and family. In my case we’ve managed to celebrate important days while following the under 10 rule, keeping it to close family and friends. Sometimes it has been necessary to follow one’s heart and have faith in the protection of God in order to preserve a little sanity.

I look forward to seeing all of you in person soon. Don’t forget you can touch someone else through a call, a card, or a letter. The smile at the other end will be more than worth the effort.

The love and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all. Maria



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During the COVID-19 meeting restriction, if you wish to continue your monthly fraternity donation please send your check to treasurer, Barbara Massey, 862 Ventnor Drive, Newport News, VA 23608-8927. Please make checks payable to SFO.

Fraternity polo shirts and hoodies are here! If you have not yet paid, please remember to send your payment to Barbara Massey at the address stated above.



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## Living our Franciscan Values - Bea Sandford, Secretary

Because of the challenges of belonging to a fraternity that covers a large geographic area, our fraternity has been unable to come up with an apostolate that will allow all members to participate. Therefore, our members are living their Franciscan values with apostolates he or she can do on their own.

One of the apostolates that brings me great joy is the JOY Ministry at Saint Bede Catholic Church. I lead a team of JOY Ministers who visit the Verena at the Reserve, a retirement community in York County. There are a dozen Catholics who are unable to easily attend Mass and before COVID-19, our team members visited these men and women once a week to bring them the Eucharist. Our world changed in mid-March in response to this highly contagious disease that can be lethal to those over 65 years so we are unable to visit our friends. After dividing the residents into manageable numbers for each team member, I reached out to five of the residents; two couples and one lady who never married, to see if they would like to receive a call each week for spiritual Communion. The two couples who have each other for company declined my invitation. However, Betty B accepted my invitation and asked if I would be willing to call her daily. The residents at the Verena are confined to their rooms so my call to Betty provides her with an opportunity to stay connected and assure her that someone is making sure she is okay. Our relationship has deepened as a result of these daily calls and I am getting to know someone more deeply than I would have thought possible before this lockdown.



Our shirts are in! With any luck, we will be able to gather for our June 28 meeting and those who have not received their shirt, will have the opportunity to get it when we meet.

**Thanks to Bea for making this possible!!!**



**Reminder:** This month's meeting will take place on June 28<sup>th</sup> so we can all celebrate Father's Day with our families

**Cindy Holland** is a volunteer with **From His Hands Ministry**. During the summer, From His Hands prepares lunches for the children who live in motels and section 8 housing so they don't go hungry. Chick-Fil-A has graciously agreed to provide lunches each Wednesday so that day is covered. FHH Is looking for volunteers to assist with this ministry by volunteering for the early shift 8:30 a.m. or the 10:30 shift each Monday during the months of July, and August.

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The friars at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City, Maryland would like to announce a new four-part live streamed series on Our Lady, Entitled "Mother of Sorrows, Mother of Mercy.

For more information on the "Live Event Series on Mary" go to <https://saintmargaretofcortona.org/upcoming-events/> for dates and times for each program.



**Special Announcement!**  
**Live Event Series on Mary!**

Dear Friend of the Shrine,

We are excited to announce a new four-part live streamed series on Our Lady. Entitled "Mother of Sorrows, Mother of Mercy: The Blessed Virgin Mary in Our Time of Need," this four-part series will give you hope as our world journeys together in this Coronavirus pandemic.



Series episodes will take place on:

- Monday, June 1st at 4pm
- Saturday, June 20th at 2 pm
- Saturday, July 18th at 2 pm
- Saturday, August 15th at Noon

Each of the first three afternoons will be a Holy hour. We will have Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar to be adored. There will be Exposition, worship, music, silent prayer, the talk for that day, and Benediction.

The last day will be a Mass in honor of the Assumption of Mary. This series can be viewed on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages.

The first talk will be by Fr. Angelo Geiger, OFM Conv. the Rector of the Shrine of St. Anthony. The title of his talk is: "Mary, Mother of the Church: A Sign for Our Times." In these difficult days we need someone who is both one of us among us, and who is also a shining light above us who leads the way. Not only as a model, but as a mother.

Join us as we dive into what it means to have Mary as our Mother. We hope you will join us for this series.

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