



## Holy Family Fraternity

Secular Franciscan Order  
PO Box 4652  
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**Faith - Hope - Charity**



Saturday, October 20th

9:30 – 12noon

Father Kelly Hall, Room #1

**ALMOST MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

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Saturday, October 20 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am to 12 noon	<b>OPEN HOUSE</b> for our Fraternity Father Kelly Hall, Room #1
November 10th	Fraternity meeting & Formation Class Father Kelly Hall, Room #1
December 8th	Fraternity meeting & Formation Class Father Kelly Hall, Room #1

## Holy Family Fraternity - Transitus 2018 A Very Blessed Celebration!

As in years past, we once again enjoyed a very special Transitus Celebration of our seraphic father St. Francis of Assisi.

Fraternity members along with visitors from the St. Bonaventure Fraternity (Korean) in Fairfax, and the young adult group from All Saints Catholic Church.

Prayer, hymns, homily and veneration of a relic of St. Francis were highlights of the event.

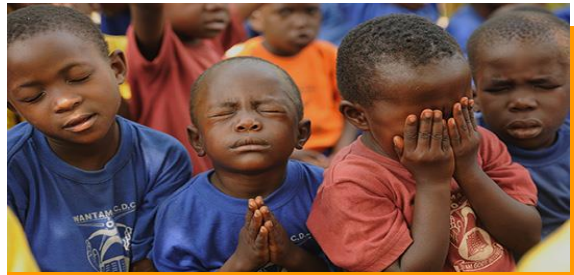
A yummy assortment of sandwiches and snack foods were enjoyed by all to close out the event.

Mark your calendar now for Thursday, October 3rd, 2019 7:00 pm for our next Transitus Celebration!



Almighty, eternal, just and merciful God, grant us in our misery to do for your sake alone what we know you want us to do, and always to want what pleases you; so that, cleansed and enlightened within and inflamed by the fire of the Holy Spirit, we may be able to follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and so make our way to you, Most High, by your grace alone— you who live and reign in perfect Trinity and simple Unity, and are gloried, God almighty, forever and ever.

*With this prayer Francis closes his letter  
"To all the Brothers of the Order"*



## Pray for Each Other

Joe - for conversions and physical healings in extended family.

For Dick - not feeling well.

For Betty McGraw- She is in Lake Manassas Rehab in Gainesville.

For the repose of Peter Askin's soul.

For the repose of Barbara Smyth's soul (Barbara passed away last night.)

For the sale of Lina's house.

For Carol de George.

For Ann Davia.

For Mary Lynn's work situation - for a peaceful resolution.

For Norman Takac.

For Edward Pitts on his 60th birthday 9/10.

For Jim McGraw.

For fallen-away Catholics.

For the intentions of the Holy Father.

For Coby and his family (healing.)

For healings for everyone! In every way! Grace needed!

For continuing closeness to our Lord for Chris, Catherine, Christine, and Thomas.

For Thomas Gibson's health.

For Nichole (age 19) who committed suicide. She is the cousin of our daughter-in-law.

Susan - for our son, James, who recently became engaged; for his fiancé who is converting to Catholicism; for peace for her parents.

## Of Poverty. . .

“At the beginning of his conversion, therefore, blessed Francis, as the savior’s true imitator and disciple, gave himself with all eagerness, all longing, all determination to searching for, finding, and embracing holy poverty. He did so neither wavering under adversity nor fearing injury, neither shirking effort nor shunning bodily discomfort, in order to achieve his desire: to reach her to whom the Lord had entrusted the keys of the kingdom of heaven. He eagerly began to go about the streets and plazas of the city, as a curious explorer diligently looking for her whom his soul loved.”

*Early Documents: Volume 1: Francis of Assisi: The Saint, The Sacred Exchange between St. Francis and Lady Poverty*

Let the brothers (and sisters) not make anything their own, neither house, nor place, nor anything at all. As pilgrims and strangers in this world, serving the Lord in poverty and humility, let them go seeking alms with confidence, and they should not be ashamed because, for our sakes, our Lord made Himself poor in this world. This is that sublime height of most exalted poverty which has made you...heirs...of the Kingdom of Heaven, poor in temporal things but exalted in virtue. *Later Rule of Francis 6:1-4*

Questions: What common thread or threads did you hear through these readings? Where do you meet Lady Poverty in everyday life? What does Scripture tell us about Jesus’ attitude or posture toward poverty? How would he define poverty? What new insight(s) regarding Franciscan poverty have you gleaned?