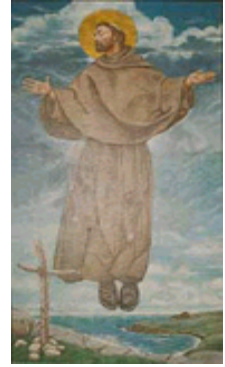


ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO FRATERNITY, ELLICOTT CITY, MD

Gathering – Sunday – July 21st, 2013

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The Flyer



A Message from our Minister

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Francis and Clare,

Our next Gathering will be on Sunday, July 21st, Mass will be in the chapel at 12PM and our social will start at 1PM, please remember to bring your beverage and lunch. Our meeting and ongoing formation will begin at 2PM in the conference room next to the library.

As our Holy Mother Church continues its “Year of Faith”, I came across the prayer for vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order. In reading this wonderful prayer, one line stood out for me:

“As we live our lives today in the model of St. Francis, choosing daily to live the Gospel life, **help us to help others hear Your call.**”

What a wonderful guide to help us share our faith with others. Another way to share our faith is by our actions in the wearing of the Tau wherever possible, not just at our fraternity gatherings. The Tau was so precious to our holy father Francis and so it should be for us as well, “Be Not Afraid”.

Starting with our October gathering we will be using the book “Seeking a Gospel Life”. Lita will check the cost of the book and will order them through the friary gift shop.

There are several important gifts we receive in being a Franciscan, a good prayer life, to be a strong participant in fraternity life and to be faithful in our spiritual journey. Our ongoing formation helps us to achieve these goals, so please purchase this book, after we are made aware of the price, so that you may take part in our gatherings ongoing formation discussions. God Bless

Your Fraternity Council

Year of Faith

October 11, 2012- November 24, 2013

The Year of Faith began on the 50th anniversary of the opening of Vatican II, and the 20th anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and will end on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Universal King. There are many activities that we can be involved in during the year.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has suggested families and parishes - for all the faithful - to renew saying the Rosary.

Also during the Year of Faith, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has granted four ways that the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence. Find out the four ways, and what an indulgence is at:

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/plenary-indulgence-announced-for-the-year-of-faith/> **The entire Catechism of the Catholic Church is available online at this link:** http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM

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Evening Prayer

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Week IV

The St. Joseph Cupertino Bulletin Board Posts from Our Fraternity Members



Please Pray For ...

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Will Witherspoon, OFS



OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Frances Bastress, SFO
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Joe Cykoski, SFO
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Charles Ferrara, SFO
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Some Thoughts On Our Nations Birthday

Independence! In this day and age when we are told that we are not a Christian nation we, nevertheless, celebrate our nation's birthday and it is good to reflect on the meaning of the word and what it meant, not only to our Founding Father's, but what it means for us today. Independence can simply be defined as "not having to rely on anyone or anything for our needs or happiness", but is it really that simple? Our Founding Fathers didn't think so.

When we attempt to understand historical events we cannot view these events through our own eyes or with the knowledge we have of subsequent events. We must put ourselves in the shoes of those in the past, put ourselves mentally and emotionally in their time.

When independence was declared in 1776 the Revolutionary War had been underway for well over a year and there was not universal celebration and acceptance of the idea. There were many, many loyalists true to George III and the old order and stability. For the past 170 years British rule was the norm. Generations lived their entire lives under the system, fortunes were made, wars were won and, with few exceptions, including the injustice of the accepted practice of slavery, all was well in the colonial world.

The Father's were looked upon by many as vile traitors to God and king and all knew full well that if the Revolution failed they would be hunted down like dogs and hung in the public square. No less a personage than Benjamin Franklin stated during an all-too-frequent time of dissention among the delegates that "We must hang together or we will surely hang separately". They truly pledged "Their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor", some lost their lives, many their fortunes, but none their sacred honor.

By 1783 our freedom and independence were won. No longer were we under the yoke of a tyrannical government imposing it's will on us without a single soul to represent our views in Parliament. Free, yes, but what a rocky start! Not only were the colonies frequently in dissention and disunity with one another but nothing had changed when we referred to ourselves as states. The Articles of Confederation were a weak and destined-to-fail attempt to define our new government and it was not until 1787 that the Constitution was adopted; successfully defining the structure of our government and the rights of its people.

In those fearful and uncertain times there was one dependence that the Father's, as well as the vast majority of the populace, saw the need to maintain and embrace more than ever, the dependence on Almighty God. They knew and affirmed that without the blessing of God and a strong moral and religious backbone that this experiment will fail. They knew that Natural Law, the law of God and nature, which supersedes any man-made law, is the key to a successful, prosperous, and happy society. You cannot have success and happiness and abandon God at the same time, it is impossible. But let us, dear readers, allow the Founding Father's to speak for themselves. George Washington, a man many call a deist because of his use of such terms as "Supreme Being", and "All powerful Director of the universe", etc., was actually a devout Christian as attested by many who knew him. Deists believe in a supreme being as creator but allow human reason to figure out the rest. Washington has been quoted as saying "The propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained ". He also said "Whilst just government protects all, in their religious rites, true religion affords government its surest support " and " It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God and to obey His will ". Let's hear from a few more.

John Adams...." The highest story of the American Revolution is this: It connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity ".



Treasurer's Report

Our Treasurer, Jim Manny, OFS is in the process of moving. Therefore, no Treasurer's Report will be included in this month's newsletter.

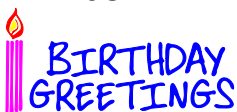
Good Luck Jim

Remembering Your Profession



Deacon **Brandon Justice**,
OFS 7/18/07

JULY



Gerry Pinkas, OFS 7/18
Will Witherspoon, OFS 7/31

August Birthdays

Jim Manning, OFS 8/17
Jim Tebo, OFS 8/20
Rosemary Whelan, OFS 8/20
Sheila Solomon, OFS 8/21

Samuel Adams.... "Religion and good morals are the only solid foundation of public liberty and happiness ".

Thomas Jefferson.... "God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are a gift from God? ".

John F. Kennedy, while not a Founding Father, truly spoke as one when he said "The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God ". Kennedy's inaugural address concluded with these words.... " With a good conscience our only sure reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessing and His help but knowing that here on earth, God's work must truly be our own " .

I was going to continue but cannot top Mr. Kennedy's words. All that I can add is" Amen! ".

May we never forget where we as a nation came from and may we never cease to pass the story on, clearly and factually, to future generations.

Peace to you all.Ed Burgee, OFS

Upcoming Events

Our Next Book Sharing Meeting – All Are Welcome

Place: Jerry Yu's Home

2812 Green Shade Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042
Tel: 410-988-5753 (H)
Tel: 443-514-5007 (C)

When: Saturday, July 27th, 2013 – 1:30PM – 4PM

Book: "Francis, the Journey and the Dream", by Murray Bodo

Chapters: "A Gallery of Portraits"

"Dream of Flight"

"Memories of a Shopkeeper's Son"

Living by the Book: Monks, Nuns and Their Manuscripts

Saturday, July 13, 2013–Sunday, September 29, 2013

Today, medieval books are treated as works of art, untouchable treasures to be locked away in cabinets. Yet many were intended for regular use as vital components of everyday life for monks and nuns. Included in this exhibit is The San Nicolo Missal also known as St. Francis' Missal

Our brother, Patrick Caughy, OFS, is hoping that you can join us in viewing this wonderful exhibit on Saturday August 10th. We will meet at the Walters at 11am and lunch to follow at a site within walking distance for those who wish.

For more information you can reach Patrick at 410 744-8119.

Of Francis' desire for martyrdom and his trip first to Spain, then to Syria; and how God delivered the sailors from peril through him by multiplying the provisions

55 Glowing with love for God, the most blessed father Francis sought always to put his hand to courageous deeds; and walking the way of the commandments of God with a generous heart, he longed to attain the height of perfection. In the sixth year of his conversion, burning intensely with the desire for holy martyrdom, he wanted to take ship for the regions of Syria to preach the Christian faith and penance to the Saracens and infidels. When he had gone on board a certain ship to go there, contrary winds arose and he found himself with the rest of his shipmates in the region of Slavonia. But when he saw that he was deprived of attaining his great desire, after a short period of time he begged some sailors who were going to Ancona to take him with them, because it would hardly be possible for any other ship to sail for Syria that year. But they obstinately refused since Francis could not pay the expenses; the holy man of God, however, trusting very much in the goodness of the Lord, stowed away on the boat with his companion. However, by Divine Providence, there was a certain man who had come on board without anyone knowing it and who carried with him the necessary provisions; and he called one of the crew members who feared God and said to him: "Take these things with you and give them faithfully to those poor men hiding on your boat when they have need of them." And thus it happened that, when a great storm arose and the men had been working hard at rowing for many days, they consumed all the food, and only the provisions of the poor Francis were left. These, by divine grace and power, were multiplied to such an extent that, though the voyage was to last through several more days, they had enough to take care of their needs generously all the way to the port of Ancona. Therefore, when the sailors saw that they had escaped the dangers of the sea through the servant of God Francis, they thanked Almighty God who always shows himself wonderful and lovable in his servants.

56 The servant of the most high God, Francis, leaving the sea, walked over the land, and ploughing it up with the word, he sowed the seed of life and brought forth blessed fruit. For immediately quite a few good and suitable men, clerics and lay, fleeing from the world and manfully crushing the devil, followed Francis devoutly in his life and purpose through the grace and the will of the Most High.

From: Writings about the Life of St. Francis - The writings of Thomas of Celano

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"To evangelize is not to socialize, to spend time together – no, the purpose is to proclaim the Kingdom of God, and this is urgent! There is no time to waste in small talk, no need to wait for the consent of all – it is necessary to go out and proclaim. The peace of Christ is to be brought to everyone, and if some do not welcome it, then you go on. Healing is to be brought to the sick, as God wishes to heal man from all evil. How many missionaries do this! They sow life, health, comfort in the peripheries of the world. Everyone must become missionaries, everyone can hear Jesus' call and go on to proclaim His kingdom!" – **Pope Francis**



Calendar

At the Friary
Chapel Open Daily
From 9 AM – 5 PM
Noon Mass every Saturday

Reconciliation is on
Wednesday from 4 - 5pm.,
and also Monday through
Saturday at 11:30am.

Mass at 12 noon Monday
through Friday. Saturday
Mass is at 12 noon, and
Sunday Mass is also at 12
noon. All are welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Thursday
12 pm – 5:30 pm

Outdoor Movie Night at the Red Barn...

"The Prince of Egypt"

We welcome all families to
join us on Saturday July 20th
for our Outdoor Movie Night
featuring "The Prince of
Egypt", rated PG. **8:30 - 10**



**Regional Retreat – October 11-12 2013
Form**

Where: Priest Field Pastoral Center, 4030 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV
25430-3742

When: October 11-13, 2013

Who: All Secular Franciscans, including candidates, inquirers and spiritual assistants

Presenter: Fr. Gene Pistacchio, OFM, of St. Anthony Shrine, Boston, Holy Name Province Spiritual Assistant for the Secular Franciscan Order

Registration Form Instructions:

1. Submit form no later than September 13, 2013
2. Please type or print all information clearly.
3. Only one participant per registration form.
4. NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of \$50.00 must accompany this form.
5. **Make your check payable to ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA REGION* and mail this form with payment to:** Mary Lou Coffman, ofs - 2862 Beechtree Lane Woodbridge, VA 22191
Phone: 703.221.1846 - email: marylousfo@gmail.com

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____ - _____

E-mail _____

Fraternity _____

Please check room requirement:

Rooms are designed for double occupancy for maximum attendees.

- A) Single occupancy room: \$208.00 B) Double occupancy room: \$180.00
C) Single occupancy cabin: \$242.00 D) Double occupancy cabin: \$194.00
E) Dormitory: \$158.00

†Select single occupancy only if there is a serious or medical reason. Thank you!

Please indicate any special needs you have: _____

Please choose a roommate, or one can be assigned for you.

Name of preferred roommate: _____

Amount enclosed with this form \$_____.