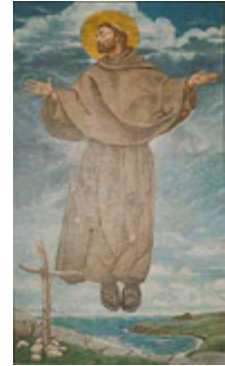


**A Message from our Minister**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Francis and Clare,

At our gathering this month we will have our annual Memorial Mass for our deceased brothers and sisters, this Mass will fulfill our Sunday obligation. Please make every effort to attend.

I would like to take this opportunity to talk about how important prayer is in our daily life. To be so blessed to have been given this gift from God, we as Franciscans and Non-Franciscans must share this beautiful gift with others.

As Thomas of Celano tells us “(95) When he prayed in the woods and in solitary places, he would fill the woods with sighs, water the places with his tears, strike his breast with his hand; and discovering there a kind of secret hiding place, he would often speak with his Lord with words. There he would give answer to his judge; there he would offer his petitions to his father; there he would talk to his friend; there he would rejoice with the bridegroom. Indeed, that he might make his whole being a holocaust in many ways, he would set before his eyes in many ways him who is simple to the greatest degree. Often, without moving his lips, he would meditate within himself and drawing external things within himself, he would lift his spirit to higher things. All his attention and affection he directed with his whole being to the one thing which he was asking of the Lord, not so much praying as becoming himself a prayer. With what sweetness of heart do you think he was pervaded when he became accustomed to such things? He knows, but I can only wonder. To him who has experienced it knowledge is given, not to him who has not experienced it. Thus, filled with a glowing fervor of spirit and his whole appearance and his whole soul melted, he dwelt already in the highest realms of the heavenly kingdom.”

As Franciscans, a good prayer life is essential for spiritual survival. Without good daily prayer, you cannot grow in your spiritual journey. Like Francis, our rule of life calls us to a deep life of prayer because "As Jesus was the true worshipper of the Father, so let prayer and contemplation be the soul of all they are and do". Article 8, of our Rule states: "Let them participate in the sacramental life of the Church, above all the Eucharist. Let them join in liturgical prayer in one of the forms proposed by the Church, reliving the mysteries of the life of Christ."

Article 5 of our Rule states: "Secular Franciscans, therefore, should seek to encounter the living and active person of Christ in their brothers and sisters, in Sacred Scripture, in the Church, and in liturgical activity. The faith of St. Francis, who often said, "I see nothing bodily of the Most High Son of God in this world except His most holy body and blood," should be the inspiration and pattern of their Eucharistic life."

Last year when I under went serious surgery I had many, many people praying for me, those prayers were comforting and beneficial in my successful recovery

So, brothers and sisters let us not be lacking in prayer but solicitous in our daily prayer life.

*Your Fraternity Council*

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**2:30 PM  
Memorial Mass  
For our Deceased  
Brothers and Sisters  
At our Sunday  
Gathering**





**Please Pray For ...**

- Connie Baker**, OFS
- Donna Belt**
- Donna Duncan**, OFS
- Marlene Feaga**, OFS
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- Dolores Fritz**, OFS
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- Will Witherspoon**, OFS



**OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS**

- Frances Bastress**, SFO
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**The St. Joseph Cupertino Bulletin Board  
Posts from Our Fraternity Members**

**Upcoming Events**

**Remembering Your Profession**

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| <b>Sheila Solomon</b> , OFS | <b>11/11/01</b> |
| <b>Lita Maisel</b> , OFS    | <b>11/16/97</b> |
| <b>Radcliffe, Michael</b>   | <b>11/16/97</b> |

**Our Next Book Sharing Meeting – All Are Welcome**

Date: Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> - 1:30pm (social)  
2:00pm ~ 4:00pm

Place: Jerry Yu: 2812 Green Shade Ct.  
Ellicott City, MD 21042  
Tel: 410 988-5753

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

Chapters: "Of Love"  
"Barefoot in the Dirt"  
"An Apologia for Penance"

**Greccio Living Nativity**

On Saturday and Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm the Shrine of St. Anthony will once again present "The Greccio Living Nativity" at the Red Barn on the grounds of the Shrine. Greccio commemorates the Birth of Jesus in the manner of St. Francis of Assisi in the town of Greccio, Italy.

Legend has it the Christmas Crèche or Nativity Scene, as is commonly called, began in Italy in 1223, when St. Francis of Assisi re-created the Bethlehem scene at Greccio. "There simplicity was honored, poverty exalted, humility was commended, and Greccio was made, as it were, a new Bethlehem."

Following the Living Nativity, all are invited to enjoy hot cocoa and cookies. Bring your family and friends and discover the true meaning of Christmas!

**Pope Francis Names Two New Secular Franciscan Saints  
Scheduled for Canonization in 2014**

Announcement from Vatican City  
<http://visnews-en.blogspot.com/2013/10/angela-of-foligno-to-be-saint-decrees.html>

**Blessed Angela of Foligno**, (1248 –1309)  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blessed\\_Angela\\_of\\_Foligno](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blessed_Angela_of_Foligno)

**Blessed Amatus Ronconi** (1238-1304)  
<http://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/blessed-amatus-ronconi.html>



## Treasurer's Report

If you miss a gathering send your check payable to St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity c/o:

**Jerry Yu, OFS**  
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**Ellicott City, MD 21042**

**At our gatherings, the common fund box will be in the Refectory.**

Beginning Balance:	<b>\$ 945.96</b>
Income	<b>\$ 501.00</b>
Total	<b><u>\$1446.96</u></b>

### Expenses:

Franciscan Friars	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
Brother Lawrence	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
Newsletter Printing and Mailing	<b>\$ 26.00</b>

Total Expenses: **\$ 176.00**

**Ending Balance: \$1270.96**

**Thank You for your monthly contributions**

**Your Contribution is Tax Deductible**

## November Birthdays



**Lorie Chase, OFS 11/05**  
**Sherry Lewis, OFS 11/15**

## December Birthdays

Joan Bundy 12/15  
Edward Burgee, OFS 12/17  
Diane Witherspoon, OFS 12/18

## Gandhi and the Unspeakable

“Gandhi and the Unspeakable: His Final Experiment with the Truth” by James Douglass is another short, but powerful book that I would recommend. This book traces and explains his commitment to non-violence or, as Gandhi calls it, satyagraha, truth-force. St. Francis was freed of fear and empowered by his obedience to Lady Poverty, just as Gandhi was freed of fear by his commitment to non-violence. This did not happen over night for Gandhi, and it took many years for him to realize the potential. The shackles that England held over India were released by the power of Gandhi’s commitment to nonviolence. The type of courage given to Gandhi and St. Francis by these commitments allowed each to live out a life dedicated to the law of love.

Like St. Francis who sought to end violence by talking with the Sultan, many of Gandhi’s goals included trying to bring about justice to those who were being discriminated against: the Indians in South Africa, the subjugation of the Indian people by England, and the religious turmoil brought about by the splitting of India into Hindu India and Muslim Pakistan. We are still suffering from the bitterness and hatred caused by this artificial split and the refusal to promote peaceable attempts to resolve the situation.

The book parallels over a long period of time the lives of Gandhi and those who were to assassinate him. Gandhi spent a lifetime learning how to die, and thus faced his killers with love and forgiveness. He knew his killers and had interacted with them over the years, even to the point of inviting them into his house to try to understand their motives. The author described how Gandhi and his assassin, Godse, took the same Hindu story and came up with a completely opposite conclusion. As the time for Gandhi’s murder draws closer, one is led into a web of missed opportunities and warnings ignored by the Indian government. The force of the nonviolent approach used by Gandhi was becoming more and more burdensome to the government’s desire to use force as a means of achieving its aims as a new nation.

The final chapter, call ‘Gandhi, Godse, and the Cross’ shows that Gandhi believed that his vision of nonviolence should also be reflected by those following the Cross of Christ. He aligns himself with Christianity and contrasts both views with the goal of terrorism supported by Godse, Gandhi’s murderer. Gandhi believed that “at the heart of Christianity were beliefs that could transform the world nonviolently.” Gandhi had been deeply impressed by the Sermon on the Mount when he first encountered it, and said that “It is this sermon which has endeared Jesus to me.”

We would all hope to die with the words of Jesus, Jesus, Jesus on our lips as Gandhi did with “Rama, Rama, Rama.” - Harry Ford, OFS

## THE NEED TO PRAY

Vatican City, 20 October 2013 (VIS) – In the Gospel reading in which Jesus tells a parable on the need to pray, always and incessantly. “The protagonist is a widow who, by pleading with a dishonest judge, manages to obtain justice from him. And Jesus concludes: if the widow manages to convince that judge, do you think that God does not listen to us, if we pray to him insistently? The expression Jesus uses is very powerful: 'And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night?'”

"This description of prayer is striking to us. But let us ask: why does God want this? Does He not already know our needs? What's the point of 'insisting' with God?" observed the Pope.

This question allows us to explore in depth an important aspect of faith: “God invites us to pray with insistence not because He does not know what we need, or does not listen to us. On the contrary, He always hears and knows everything about us, with love. In our daily journey, especially in difficulties in the fight against the evil inside and outside us, the Lord is on our side, we fight with Him by our side, and our weapon is prayer, which makes us aware of His presence, His mercy, and also His help. But the fight against evil is hard and long, it requires patience and endurance. ... It is a daily battle, but God is our ally, faith in Him is our strength, and prayer is the expression of this faith. Therefore, Jesus assures us of victory, but asks: 'when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'. If faith is dimmed, prayer is dimmed, and we walk in darkness; we lose our way in our journey through life.”

"And so we learn from the widow of the Gospel to pray always and tirelessly. The widow was good! She knew how to fight for her children! And I think of many women who fight for their families, who pray, who never tire. I would like us to spare a thought today, all of us, for these women, whose attitude gives us a true witness of faith, of courage, a model of prayer. ... Always pray! But not to convince the Lord with words ! He knows what we need better than us! Rather, perseverance in prayer is an expression of faith in a God who calls us to fight with him, every day, every moment, to overcome evil with good".

### Prayer for Peace in Syria

God of Compassion, Hear the cries of the people of Syria, Bring healing to those suffering from the violence, Bring comfort to those mourning the dead, Strengthen Syria's neighbors in their care and welcome for refugees, Convert the hearts of those who have taken up arms, and protect those committed to peace. God of Hope, Inspire leaders to choose peace over violence and to seek reconciliation with enemies, Inspire the Church around the world with com-compassion for the people of Syria, and give us hope for a future of peace built on justice for all. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace and Light of the World - Amen

**ATTENDENCE AT THE GATHERINGS** - All active members should make every attempt to attend the Gathering every month. If you are unable to attend due to illness, work or family obligations, please call Bob Longo 410-451-0943.

If you are professed and miss a gathering please send your check for the Common Fund to:

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## Calendar

**At the Friary**  
**Chapel Open Daily**  
**From 9 AM – 5 PM**  
**Noon Mass everyday**  
**All are Welcome**

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

### Eucharistic Adoration

Every Thursday  
12 pm – 5:30 pm

**Family Fall Festival**  
**November 30, 2013**  
**1pm – 4pm**

