

Sunday – September 15th, 2013

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A Message from our Minister



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Francis and Clare,

I would like to start off with wonderful news Br. Lawrence LaFlame from the Shrine of St. Anthony has accepted the position of Spiritual Assistant for our fraternity, we welcome you Brother with open arms.

Our Picnic will take the place of our September Gathering please volunteer for set-up and clean-up. For those who can volunteer, please arrive at the friary around 10:30 AM. We will need help to set up tables and chairs and wherever else needed. We will stop at 12 PM for Mass and will continue setting up after Mass; your help would be greatly appreciated.

This year, six fraternities have accepted our invitation to join us at our September 15th picnic. What a wonderful way for you and your family to end the summer. Please make every effort to attend this festive occasion for fun and fellowship with your brothers and sisters.

The “Year of Faith” will officially come to an end November 24th, 2013, but, that does not mean we cease to evangelize. This summer my parish, Sacred Heart in the Archdiocese of Washington was fortunate to have a young seminarian, Bill Wadsworth, for two months. Bill wrote the following for our weekly bulletin on the “Year of Faith”:

“The world around us is quickly slipping back into darkness and the light of faith is fading in many countries around the world and even in our own area. We are assaulted on every side by the waves of secularism and atheism and like so many others we cry out: “How long?” How can we stem the advance of this apathy towards religion and towards Christ that many experience today? How can we help to spread the Kingdom and make disciples of all nations as Christ our Lord commanded us to? From our Holy, Father Pope Francis: “We cannot keep ourselves shut up in our parishes, in our communities when so many people are waiting for the Gospel! It’s not enough simply to open the door in welcome, but we must go out through that door to seek and meet the people.” There are so many people just waiting to be invited to come to the Banquet of the Lord right in our own neighborhood and we are all called to make disciples. It’s no longer just a job for the clergy or religious. At every Mass we are told to “go forth!” Now is the time to go out and do what Christ commands!

The message of Christ is not sad or gloomy but joyful—we have the words of eternal life! If we receive some wonderful news we want to talk about it—there is no greater news than the message of the Gospel and it is time to go out and “make a mess” as our Holy Father said. Go and boldly proclaim His Gospel to all we meet.”

Bob Longo, OFS - Minister

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Fraternity Picnic





Please Pray For ...

- Connie Baker**, OFS
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- Deacon**
- Will Witherspoon**, OFS



OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

- Frances Bastress**, SFO
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- Jerry Cichowicz**, SFO
- Joe Cykoski**, SFO
- Stella Cykoski**, SFO
- Claire Lee Davison**, SFO
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- Charles Ferrara**, SFO
- Marilyn Gilson**, SFO
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**The St. Joseph Cupertino Bulletin Board
Posts from Our Fraternity Members**

Time To Stand Up

Remember when we were kids, the best way to handle the class bully was to just stand up to him and fight it out if need be? Even if you were beaten it showed you were not afraid and the bully respected you for that, at least most of the time. Try that approach today and you will be sent to the office, or worse, suspended or expelled and the bully becomes the victim.

How do we stand up to today's bully's who bash our faith and try to deny us our religious freedom's as citizens and aren't afraid to get right in your face about it ? We can turn the other cheek but we will soon run out of cheeks. We can simply walk away intimidated but who wins there? Not us. We certainly shouldn't resort to their tactics either.

I know of a priest from a country that is tolerant but hostile toward Christianity. Clergy members are elevated to higher positions only with the approval and selection of the state. This priest was living here for a period of time while studying and couldn't help but notice how Americans, in general, take their freedoms for granted, especially our religious freedoms. We somehow think they could never be diminished or taken away. Before this priest went back to his country he strongly urged the pastor to preach to us, to "annoy" us, were his words, about this issue.

Our opponents are very well organized and zealous in their beliefs and we should be as well. We should be well versed in our faith and well versed about our rights as citizens to espouse our faith without hindrance from anyone as granted us in the Constitution. But, thus armed, we should take care not to become confrontational in a negative way. There are any number of publications out there telling us how to go about standing up for our beliefs but we need only to look at scripture and the examples from the past. Remember when Jesus was asked if it was lawful to pay the tax ? They were trying to trick Him but He calmly replied " Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and render unto God the things that are God's ". We also can recall when the woman caught in adultery was brought before Jesus. Would He follow the law of Moses and consent to her stoning or would He say something contrary to the law ? Once again he calmly replied " Let the one who is without sin cast the first stone ". Both times His antagonists went away speechless.

How about Saint Francis' bold meeting with the Sultan ? One word from the Sultan and Francis would have been killed, as he expected to be, but instead he made a friend, if not a convert, by fearlessly and peacefully saying what he had to say.

Closer to our own time we have the example of Doctor King and the Civil Rights Movement. There was a show on recently commemorating the 50th anniversary of the " I have a dream " speech. Part of the show told the story of the " Freedom Riders " in Alabama in 1961. These people were determined to stand up for their rights as citizens knowing full well they faced possible death for their actions. They were arrested time and again, they were severely beaten, yet they stood firm in their convictions, non-violently, and eventually prevailed. Things may not be perfect now but compared to fifty years ago conditions have greatly improved in this society because of the steadfast determination of those in the movement to stand up for what is right no matter the potential cost.

We cannot afford to just sit back in our comfortable homes or beautiful churches, while they are still open, and complain about how things are and wish for the " Good old days ". We are Franciscan's, we are to be out and about in the world living and preaching the Gospel by our example. For those times when we must use words they should be spoken in a spirit of love, not bitterness, for those who do not understand or disagree with us.



Treasurer's Report

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

Jerry Yu, OFS
2812 Green Shade Ct.
Ellicott City, MD 21042

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

Beginning Balance:	\$ 86.79
Income	\$1320.00
Total	<u>\$1406.79</u>

Expenses:

Fair Share to Region	\$ 514.00
Franciscan Friars	\$ 300.00
Brother Lawrence	\$ 50.00
Newsletter Printing and Mailing	\$ 50.00
Affiliates Medal/Cake	\$ 76.98

Total Expenses: **\$ 990.98**

Ending Balance: \$ 415.81

Thank You for your monthly contributions

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September Birthday



Jean Singleton, OF 9/28

October Birthdays

Brandon Justice, OF	10/06
Bob Longo, OFS	10/06
Harry Ford, OFS	10/10
Charlie Hopkins, OFS	10/13
Lita Maisel, OFS	10/13
Michael Radcliffe	10/22
Theresa Heath, OFS	10/30

As Christ sent out His followers to make disciples of all nations and Saint Francis sent out his to spread the message of poverty and humility, so too must we go out and make a difference, one day at a time, one heart at a time. Peace to you all. Ed Burgee, OFS.

Upcoming Events

Remembering Your Profession

<i>Gerry Pinkas, OFS</i>	9/16/79
<i>Lynne Float, OFS</i>	9/20/00

Our Next Book Sharing Meeting – All Are Welcome

Date: September 28, Saturday - 1:30pm (social)
2:00pm ~ 4:00pm
Place: Geri Flynn's home: 5072 Bucket Post Court
Columbia, MD
Tel: 410 730- 4395

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

Chapters: "Of Monastery Builders"
"Christmas at Greccio"
"Working With His Hands"

Fraternity Picnic

The St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity picnic will be on Sunday, September 15 from 1PM – 4PM, Mass in the chapel will be at 12PM. All fraternity members are requested to bring a covered dish and a beverage. Our fraternity's Fair Share is due to the Region in September, **\$514.00**, the common fund box will be on a table at the picnic, please be generous. Thanks

Region Retreat – October 11-12 2013

Fr. Gene Pistacchio, OFM, of St. Anthony Shrine, Boston, Holy Name Province Spiritual Assistant for the Secular Franciscan Order will be our speaker for the retreat.

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-*passion* 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

The Hour of St. Francis of Assisi
Reinhold Schneider

"The image of Francis does not live only in the community of his brothers. It lives in homes and fortresses, at markets and among travelers. The visible signs are lost because Francis has entered the very being of people. There, where no eye sees him, he still prepares for the Reign of God. Thoughts, prayers and the spirit in which work is performed all transform themselves under the saint's influence. The power of his interiority, seriousness and joy flow into spiritual reality. This transformation contributes to the tenor of the times and to the current of fate. The saint certainly did not become the Lord of Time: the conflicting powers would have been too strong, too numerous. Yet in him a constellation appeared. It drew glances toward itself and exercised its irresistible influence on human dispositions. And deeds strive toward the direction in which dispositions have turned."

Consider Your Profession

Consider your profession and commitment to the Secular Franciscan Order and to your Fraternity. We need to constantly reexamine what it is we promised when we became Franciscans and how well we are doing with fulfilling our promises. Did we make a commitment only to God and now fulfill this in private? Did our commitment include duties to our fraternity, the OFS, the Church and even others outside the Church? What is God seeking from us now? What does God want for us? Consider this now. We will each be better prepared to live out our profession if we continually ask ourselves these questions.

Tom McGrath, Minister, of the St. Mary of the Angels Fraternity

Prayer for the Entire Order

Almighty, eternal, just and merciful God,
give us in our misery the grace to do for You alone
what we know You want us to do
and always to desire what pleases You.
Inwardly cleansed, interiorly enlightened
and inflamed by the fire of the Holy Spirit,
may we be able to follow in the footprints of Your
beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
And, by Your grace alone, may we make our way
to you, Most High,
Who live and rule
in perfect Trinity and simple Unity,
and are glorified God almighty,
Forever and ever. Amen.

St. Francis of Assisi, Letter to the Entire Order



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



"Behold, each day He
humbles Himself
as when He came from the
royal throne into the
Virgin's womb;
each day He Himself
comes to us, appearing
humbly;
each day He comes down
from the bosom of the
Father
upon the altar in the hands
of a priest."

- St. Francis of Assisi