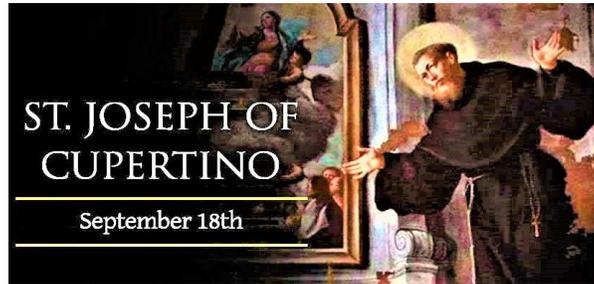


The Flyer

ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO FRATERNITY

2019 THEME
"BE HOLY"



BE SOLICITOUS TO
MAKE YOUR
ELECTIONS
PERMANENT

ACTING MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone,

This month we should be back on our normal Gathering routine on February 17th barring any unforeseen occurrence. Looking to the future our April Gathering falls on Easter Sunday. We have permission to move our Gathering to April 28th which is Divine Mercy Sunday. There are related events in the Chapel that afternoon that we will have time to participate in. A reminder and additional information will be sent as the date gets closer. Mark your calendars accordingly.

Pax et Bonum,
Ed

VICE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

I am asking for fraternity participation in a weekly day of fasting (maybe Fridays) so that we, as a group, might implore God's help in the healing of the Church.

Geri Flynn, OFS.

FEBRUARY 17, 2019
GATHERING EVENING
PRAYER

Evening Prayer Service
Centered on Community

UPCOMING Events

February

Brother Emanuel will
speak to us on
Contemplation

March

Brother Lawrence will
speak to us on "Ways to
become a Saint"

Our Fraternity Council 2016 – 2019

Acting Minister: Ed Burgee, OFS 410 788-2718
Secretary: France Staudenmann, OFS 301 366-1769
Councilor: Lita Maisel, OFS, 410 747-2374
Spiritual Assistant: Be. Lawrence LaFlame, OFM. Conv. 410 485-5000

Acting Vice Minister: Geri Flynn, OFS, 410 730-4395
Treasurer: Michael Radcliffe, OFS, 301 310-5204
Councilor: Mary Karth, OFS, 301 514-5717

FRANCISCAN CENTER GIVING



Please Pray For ...

Connie Baker, OFS
Marie Lindung, OFS
Georgianna Papazian, OFS
Jim Tebo, OFS

Don't forget to bring your donated items to this month's gathering. Please pick from below:

Hand sanitizer	Soap
Toothbrushes	Toothpaste
Shampoo & conditioner	Washcloths
Deodorant	Disposable razors
Feminine hygiene products	

Your donations are tax deductible.



Remembering Your Profession

Will Witherspoon, OFS (15 years)	02/08/04
Joan Bundy, OFS	02/16/14
Chris Donaldson, OFS	02/16/14
Harry Ford, OFS	02/16/14
Kathy Ford, OFS	02/16/14

Laudato Si (Praise be to you – On Care For Our Common Home),

VI. WEAK RESPONSES

Paragraph 54. "It is remarkable how weak international political responses have been. The failure of global summits on the environment make it plain that our politics are subject to technology and finance. There are too many special interests, and economic interests easily end up trumping the common good and manipulating information so that their own plans will not be affected. The *Aparecida Document* urges that "the interests of economic groups which irrationally demolish sources of life should not prevail in dealing with natural resources".^[32] The alliance between the economy and technology ends up sidelining anything unrelated to its immediate interests. Consequently, the most one can expect is superficial rhetoric, sporadic acts of philanthropy and perfunctory expressions of concern for the environment, whereas any genuine attempt by groups within society to introduce change is viewed as a nuisance based on romantic illusions or an obstacle to be circumvented."

~ Pope Francis

"I THOUGHT OFTEN OF SAINT FRANCIS"

Vatican City, February 6, 2019 (VIS) Dear Brothers and Sisters: I have just completed a brief visit to the United Arab Emirates, brief but important, for it marked a step forward in interreligious dialogue and in the commitment to



OUR DECEASED SISTERS AND BROTHERS

Deacon Tom Bello, OFS
Frances Bastress, SFO
Joe Bezila, SFO
Jerry Cichowicz, SFO
Shirley Costello, OFS
Joe Cykoski, SFO
Stella Cykoski, SFO
Claire Lee Davison, SFO
Adela Duff, SFO
Donna Duncan, SFO
Charles Ferrara, SFO
Mary Ferrara, SFO
Dolores Fritz, OFS
Marilyn Gilson, SFO
Richard Hall, SFO
Joy Kubricky, OFS
Frances Langbehn, SFO
Bob Lewis, SFO
Jean Manning, OFS
Jim Manning, OFS
Yvonne Proch, SFO
Nancy Seaton, SFO
Don Sweitzer, OFS
Betty Taylor, SFO
Bud Tenley, SFO
Regina Yeager, SFO
Dorothy Zalewski, SFO

February Birthdays



Thom Parteno, OFS	02/06
Theresa Lam, OFS	02/06
Charlene Heyden, OFS	02/15
Jerry Yu, OFS	02/26
Kevin Kulesa, OFS	02/26
James Kim, OFS	02/27
Laurel Swencki, OFS	02/28

promoting peace in the world. This was the first papal visit to the Arabian Peninsula and took place eight hundred years after Saint Francis of Assisi visited Sultan al-Malik al-Kamil.

The providence of God wished to see a Pope named Francis make such a journey, and I thought often of Saint Francis for it helped me keep the Gospel and the love of Jesus Christ close to my heart. One further step was taken in Abu Dhabi when the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar and I signed the Document on Human Fraternity. There we affirm the common vocation of all men and women to be brothers and sisters as children of God, we reject every form of violence – especially that committed in the name of religion – and we dedicate ourselves to defending authentic values and peace in the world. Let us pray that the seeds sown during the visit may bear much fruit according to his holy will.



Calendar

AT THE FRIARY

Experience Tiaze
February 22, 2019 – 8PM
For more information call
410 531-2800

Adult Education Seminar Course *Henri Nouwen: A Spirituality of Living Starts February 25th in Frederick*

The Frederick School of Religion will be offering an adult education seminar course *Henri Nouwen: A Spirituality of Living* led by Ray Glennon, OFS, a Henri Nouwen Society board member and a member of the St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity. The course will be held on six consecutive Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. beginning on February 25, 2019 and continuing until April 1, 2019 at the First Baptist Church, 7040 Bowers Road, Frederick, MD 21702.



Treasurer's Report

January – 2018

Beginning Balance:	\$ 1,610.36
Common Fund Contribution	855.74
Direct Donation – St. Paul St.	55.00
Total	\$ 2,521.10
Expenses:	
Brother Lawrence	100.00
Franciscan Friars	100.00
Donation – St. Paul St	55.00
Formation Expense	55.94
Web Fee	15.00
Total	\$ 325.94
Ending Balance:	<u>\$ 2,195.16</u>

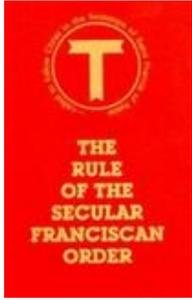
Thank you for your monthly contributions

Contributions are tax deductible

Course Description: Henri Nouwen is among the most influential spiritual writers in the past 50 years. His nearly 40 books have sold more than 7 million copies in over 30 languages. A Catholic priest, Henri presented spiritual realities in a nondenominational way that defined spirituality for the modern era. He made the spiritual life widely accessible to people of diverse religious backgrounds or no religious affiliation. Of interest to Franciscans, Henri wrote that his favorite saint was St. Francis of Assisi. His core insight that, like Jesus, we are the beloved sons and daughters of God, permeates his writing. Henri's particular gift was his rare ability to simply, yet profoundly, share his own spiritual struggles in a way that helps others to live a spiritual life and grow in relationship with Jesus. Guided by Henri, we will explore what it means to be "the beloved" and to explore three disciplines of the spiritual life. The two Nouwen texts for this course are: *Here and Now: Living in The Spirit* and *A Spirituality of Living*.

Seminar Leader: Ray Glennon is a member of Board of the Henri Nouwen Society and candidate in the Secular Franciscan Order. He is an avid student of Henri's work having participated in and facilitated many Nouwen Society book discussions since 2009. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy (B.S.) and George Washington University (M.S.A.), he is active in lay ministry and religious education in his Catholic parish and a member of the St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity.

**General Constitutions
of the
Secular Franciscan
Order**



December 8, 2000

**The Form of Life
Article 15**

2. Secular Franciscans, who must provide for their own families and serve society by means of their work and material goods, have a particular manner of living evangelical poverty. To understand and achieve it requires a strong personal commitment and the stimulation of the fraternity in prayer and dialogue, communal review of life, and attentiveness to the instructions of the Church, and the demands of society.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Blessed are those
who can give
without remembering
and take
without forgetting.

Elizabeth Bibesco
(1897-1945) Writer

STILL STANDING
by Joe S. Sica

A little boy and his mother were attending a church service, and the gregarious child couldn't sit still. The urge to stand up on the seat and look around was simply too much. His mother kept murmuring. "Sweetheart, sit down." He'd sit down for a few seconds and then get back up. She'd gently reprimand him again, "I said to sit down!"

After this happened several times, he stood up and refused to sit down. His mother put her hand on his head and gently but firmly pushed him down onto the seat. The boy sat there, smiling. Finally, he turned to his mother and said, "Mom, I may be sitting down on the outside, but I'm standing up on the inside."

When life's currents change, our real inner strength is called upon. Maybe you're facing a serious setback. You may have received a bad report from your doctor. Perhaps you're living through a broken relationship, a bankruptcy, the loss of a loved one, or some other crisis. Be alert: even when we're sitting down on the outside, we must see ourselves as standing up on the inside, filled with persistence and resilience. We must say to ourselves: "This is not going to defeat me. This is not going to steal my joy."

Jesus urges us to walk forward and experience the next opportunity waiting for us. When the dust settles, we'll still be standing strong, because we hear Jesus calling us to get up, stay up, and take one more step.

Contact a freshly hurt friend who is having difficulty getting back to normal. Offer a hug, a shoulder, or an ear.



OUR GATHERINGS

All should make every effort to attend our gathering every month. If you are unable to attend due to illness, work or family obligations, contact a council member (see page 1 for telephone numbers). If you are a candidate or are professed and miss a gathering, please send your check for the Common Fund to:

Michael Radcliffe, OFS
8140 Madrillon Court
Vienna, Virginia 22182

Or by using PayPal on our fraternity website at
http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/common_fund/

My dear Franciscan Brothers and Sisters,

As I was driving to our Christmas gathering in December, an idea popped into my head that I think you might be interested in. On our farm, all the fruits and vegetables we grow I start from seed. So I got to thinking about a fundraiser for our Fraternity where I would grow some of these very same plants and offer them to you for \$3 each with the proceeds being donated back to our Fraternity. Checks would be made payable to St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity.

Following is a list with pictures and descriptions of the fruits, vegetables and herbs being offered. All seedlings will come in 3" pots and grown 100% organically; the mature size of some will be perfect for patio containers!

Please take a look and see what you might be interested in and then indicate the quantity you'd like to purchase, if any, and return your order to me as soon as possible but no later than March 1. You can either email your order to me at JLGibbsJL@aol.com or send via US Postal service. My address is

Joanne Patton
39066 Dobbins Farm Lane
Lovettsville, VA 20180

I can have plants available for pickup at the May 8th Formation class (at 5pm) or at our May 19th gathering. Please let me know which day you prefer. And if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call (703-850-1042) or email.

Thank you and God bless,
Joanne Patton

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TOMATOES



Sweet Tangerine – Early ripening fruits weigh about 6oz. Good for containers. Plant size 40"x18"

Determinate: smaller, bushier plants that set all their fruits within a few weeks and then they are done

QTY: _____



Porterhouse – Beefsteak type weighing 2-4 POUNDS each. Deep red flesh with old fashioned flavor. 40"x18"

Indeterminate: plants continue to produce throughout the growing season, often for many months

QTY: _____



Steak Sandwich – Perfect for sandwiches and salads. Vigorous compact plants produce 10oz fruits from midsummer to early fall. Good for containers 36"x18"

Indeterminate (definition above)

QTY: _____



Supertasty – Weighing between 7-9oz and have a rich, tangy flavor with deep red flesh.

Great for containers with minimal staking required 40"x18"

Semi-determinate

QTY: _____



Sungold – A favorite golden-orange cherry tomato borne in large clusters. Flavor develops early making it great for snacking a week before full maturity at which time it becomes very sweet and delicious.

Tall sprawling plant, needs support

Indeterminate

QTY: _____



Cherry Baby – Cascading, dense clusters of ruby-red cherries. Super productive. Good for containers or in the garden 60"x60"

Indeterminate

QTY: _____



Big Momma – Plum-shaped **paste** tomato. Meaty and weighing up to 10oz. Skin peels away easily after parboiling. Large plants, 50"x60"

Indeterminate

QTY: _____

PEPPERS



Jungle Parrot - High yielding plant produces small 2"-3" fruits. Perfect for large patio containers. Sweet and delicious fresh from the vine or as stuffed appetizers. Peppers turn from green to red at maturity.

Plants are 24"x30"

QTY: _____



Honey Crisp - Large, 4"x5" golden fruits weigh up to 11oz each. Delicious texture and thick, juicy walls are ideal for slicing and stuffing 36"x30" plants can be grown in patio containers or directly in the garden. Peppers turn from green to yellow at maturity

QTY: _____



Orange King – Large blocky 5"x7" peppers with thick walls. A juicy and sweet pepper perfect for fresh eating, dips, salads, stuffing, stir fry and sandwiches. Peppers turn from green to orange at maturity.

QTY: _____



Sweet Savour - Compact 18"-24" plants produce an abundance of thin orange, yellow, red and purple sweet peppers. Usable in window boxes or containers. Sweet Savour is perfect for snacking, roasting or pickling

QTY: _____

MISCELLANEOUS



Sweet Basil - Use in tomato sauce, pesto and salad, great used fresh or dried for poultry, meats, fish eggs, soups and sauces

QTY: _____



Parsley, Italian Flat Leaf - Use in salad dressings, poultry, soups and as an ingredient of pesto. Flavor is much more pronounced than that of the more familiar curled type

QTY: _____



Thyme - Gourmet seasoning herb for dressings, sauces and soups

QTY: _____



Bush Champion Cucumbers – Great for container or raised beds, produces 8"-12" long cukes. Burpees choice for productivity and flavor. Plant grows less than 2' wide and less than 1' tall making it a perfect choice for containers or when space is limited in the garden.

QTY: _____

TOTAL # OF PLANTS: _____

X \$3.00 EACH

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: _____