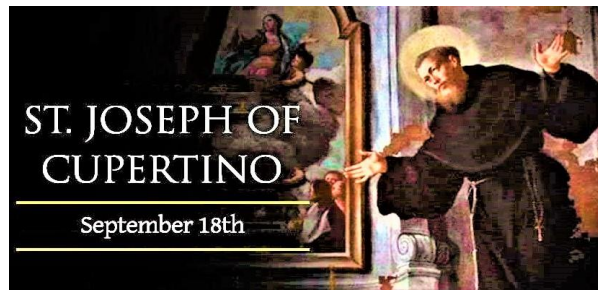


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THEME
"Living Our Charism
Within Our Culture"

BE SOLICITOUS TO MAKE YOUR ELECTIONS PERMANENT

ACTING MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone,

I trust a Merry Christmas was had by all and you are off to a Happy and Blessed New Year. This month we participate in the time-honored Rite of Extraction of Saints as well as the Rite of Admission. Due to scheduling issues at the Friary we will have to conduct the Rites in the conference room instead of the chapel. Following the Rites will be Evening Prayer.

Pax et Bonum,
Ed

Rite of Admission Ceremony

We will have the formal welcoming of three Inquirers, Raymond Glennon, Dawn Glennon and Deanna Williston, into Candidacy. Bring your Ritual Book and Liturgy of the Hours for evening prayer.

Geri Flynn, OFS

JANUARY 20, 2019
GATHERING EVENING
PRAYER

Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time

UPCOMING
Events

Extraction of Saints
January 20, 2019



Calendar

At the Friary

Chapel open daily
Noon Mass every day

From 9 AM – 5 PM

For more information call:
410 531-2800

Our Fraternity Council 2016 – 2019

Acting Minister: Ed Burgee, OFS 410 788-2718
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FRANCISCAN CENTER GIVING

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.



Please Pray For ...

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



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
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ONE BIG FAMILY

The fraternity is the first stage of the Franciscan Order, the first step in the journey of the Franciscan Family. The Secular Franciscan Order belongs to one big family, where each member should feel responsible for the other, his brother/sister, who is God's gift and takes care of their human and spiritual growth.

The members of a fraternity are not just a group, not an association but a faith-filled family. The primary goal of a fraternity member is to become aware of and be an active presence in the Church. - Jasmine Guercio Assisi Newsletter

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

VI. WEAK RESPONSES

Paragraph 53. "These situations have caused sister earth, along with all the abandoned of our world, to cry out, pleading that we take another course. Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last two hundred years. Yet we are called to be instruments of God our Father, so that our planet might be what he desired when he created it and correspond with his plan for peace, beauty and fullness. The problem is that we still lack the culture needed to confront this crisis. We lack leadership capable of striking out on new paths and meeting the needs of the present with concern for all and without prejudice towards coming generations.

The establishment of a legal framework which can set clear boundaries and ensure the protection of ecosystems has become indispensable; otherwise, the new power structures based on the techno-economic paradigm may overwhelm not only our politics but also freedom and justice."

~ Pope Francis

January Birthdays



Mike Hotovy, OFS	01/06
Claudette Lucas, OFS	01/07
Marie Lindung, OFS	01/18
John Kirby, OFS	01/25
Jim Soltysiak, OFS	01/26
Br. Lawrence LaFlame	01/26

WHEREVER YOU ARE, BE THERE by Jim Rohn

One of the major reasons why we fail to find happiness or to create unique lifestyle is because we have not yet mastered the art of being.

While we are home our thoughts are still absorbed with solving the challenges we face at the office. And when we are at the office we find ourselves worrying about problems at home.

We go through the day without really listening to what others are saying to us. We may be hearing the words, but we aren't absorbing the message.

As we go through the day we find ourselves focusing on past experiences or future possibilities. We are so involved in yesterday and tomorrow that we never even notice that today is slipping by.

We go through the day rather than getting something from the day. We are everywhere at any given moment in time except living in that moment in time.

Lifestyle is learning to be wherever you are. It is developing a unique focus on the current moment, and drawing from it all of the substance and wealth of experience and emotions that it has to offer. Lifestyle is taking time to watch a sunset. Lifestyle is listening to silence. Lifestyle is capturing each moment so that it becomes a new part of what we are and of what we are in the process of becoming. Lifestyle is not something we do; it is something we experience. And until we learn to be there, we will never master the art of living well.

Realize that true happiness lies within you. Waste no time and effort searching for peace and contentment and joy in the world outside. Remember that there is no happiness in having or in getting, but only in giving. Reach out. Share. Smile. Hug. Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself.



Remembering Your Profession

Jean Singleton, OFS 36 yrs. 1/18/83



Treasurer's Report

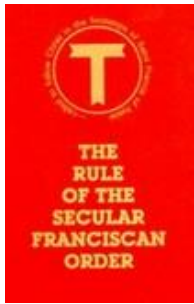
December – 2018

Beginning Balance:	\$ 1,713.15
Common Fund Box	<u>732.21</u>
Total	\$ 2,445.36
Expenses:	
Brother Lawrence	100.00
Franciscan Friars	100.00
Charitable Giving	
4rd Quarter	500.00
Mass Celebrant	
Stipend	100.00
Bank Fees	20.00
Web Fee	<u>15.00</u>
Total	\$ 835.00
Ending Balance:	<u>\$ 1,610.36</u>

Thank you for your monthly contributions

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**General Constitutions
of the
Secular Franciscan
Order**



December 8, 2000

**The Form of Life
Article 15**

1. *Rule 11* Secular Franciscans should pledge themselves to live the spirit of the Beatitudes and, in a special way, the spirit of poverty. Evangelical poverty demonstrates confidence in the Father, creates interior freedom, and disposes them to promote a more just distribution of wealth.

**FOOD FOR
THOUGHT**

If you see someone looking sad and alone, give them a smile, or even better, strike up a conversation.

If you see someone in need of help, give them a helping hand.

Talk to others as if you were talking to Jesus.

These small gestures can brighten a person's day.

Franciscan Prayer

We know that neither Clare nor Francis offered a complicated prayer method. They call their followers to prayer with a decidedly contemplative dimension - to be present to God who is present to all creatures is prayer. They require that our prayer be Trinitarian. Our prayer is always addressed to God in the Son by the power of the Spirit. ... Our prayer is to be Incarnational. We become alive to God's deeds in the greatest gift of God, the Incarnation, in which God becomes one with us in the Son. The purpose of all Franciscan prayer, then is to give God ceaseless praise and thanksgiving for all God has done and does in creation and in our re-creation in Christ.

Prayer is a way of life for us – all the time and everywhere. We should be so filled with God that adoration flows from the depth of our inner life ... with joy and thanksgiving. This is the holiness to which we are called. Our every day should thus be sanctified. In Francis' time, this sanctification of the day was given clear expression in the divine office. This is still the Church's understanding of the Liturgy of the Hours. We pray with the Son in his Mystical Body celebrating God's gift of salvation throughout the day. ... For Francis, praying the Office is also a sign of fidelity to the Church's tradition of daily praise and intercession.

(In the Rule), the motivation for our life of ceaseless prayer is described. ... The created world is the expression of God's goodness and the theater of God's redemptive love for us. Because we are made in God's image, it is possible for us to seek union with God as we do God's will. Thus, the Franciscan does not flee the world in order to "escape" to God but seeks immersion in its sacramental reality. - Margaret Carney, OSF – "Franciscan Morning and Evening Praise"

Prayer before a Crucifix - St. Francis of Assisi

Most High, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart. Lord, instill in me, a faith that is unerring, a hope that is certain, a love that is perfect, a sensitivity and a knowledge that I may accomplish Your holy and true command. Amen.

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/



OFS-USA NATIONAL CHAPTER 2018 STATEMENT

We, the members of the National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order - USA, gathered for our annual Chapter at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel in Missouri, October 9-14, 2018. Approximately 90 leaders and observers were present, representing over 12,000 members throughout the United States, including Guam.

The recent Grand Jury report in Pennsylvania is a cause of sorrow, pain and agonizing self-scrutiny for the Catholic Church in the United States. We recognize the tragic reality of sinful abuse perpetrated on the most vulnerable. It deeply saddens all of us. We stand firm and make no excuses. The brothers and sisters of the Secular Franciscan Order extend mercy and compassion to the victims of abuse and to their abusers. Trusting in God who allows the good seed and the weeds to grow together (Mt. 13: 24-30), we pray for healing, forgiveness, reconciliation and peace.

More than 800 years ago, our Lord asked St. Francis of Assisi to “rebuild my Church which is falling into ruin.” Francis accomplished this by living a life of penance and sacrifice according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As followers of St. Francis, we commit ourselves to do the same. We call the members of our Order and invite all people of faith to be vigilant for the sake of the vulnerable and to foster strong relationships throughout the Body of Christ. We support the clergy and religious who serve Christ Jesus and His Church. Let us go forth in the Light of Christ to rebuild our Church, that it may be renewed as a beacon of hope and safe refuge, grace and truth.