

## ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO FRATERNITY

### 2017 Theme for the Year: Living Our Spirit-Filled Rule Our Gathering – August 20, 2017

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

Paragraph 36 - “Caring for ecosystems demands far-sightedness, since no one looking for quick and easy profit is truly interested in their preservation. But the cost of the damage caused by such selfish lack of concern is much greater than the economic benefits to be obtained. Where certain species are destroyed or seriously harmed, the values involved are incalculable. We can be silent witnesses to terrible injustices if we think that we can obtain significant benefits by making the rest of humanity, present and future, pay the extremely high costs of environmental deterioration.” ~ Pope Francis

### *MINISTER’S MESSAGE*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Francis and Clare,

Where did summer go? In a few weeks the schools will once again be open for business and we will start preparing for the fall season to settle in. Which reminds me, before we officially welcome the change of the new season we cannot help but mention the fact that we will be closing out the summer of 2017 with our annual fraternity picnic, on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Shrine of Saint Anthony Friary in Ellicott City, Maryland.

Your council and volunteers have been working behind the scenes to ensure that a good time will be had by all. Working hard, our sister, Mary Karth, OFS, this year’s Food Coordinator, has set the wheels in motion to ensure that plenty of homemade food will be available for our September picnic.

Below is message from Mary:

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity will have our annual picnic  
on

Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 4pm on the Carrollton Hall  
grounds of the Shrine.

This picnic will be our September Gathering.

Please sign up using the Sign-Up Genius link at:

[Annual OFS Picnic Sign-Up](#)

or contact Mary Karth at [rosariesbymary@comcast.net](mailto:rosariesbymary@comcast.net) or  
301.514.5717 as to what potluck dish you will be bringing,  
no later than September 4th.

## The Flyer



### Our Fraternity Council

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### Evening Prayer



**Twentieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**



**Please Pray For ...**

**Connie Baker**, OFS  
**Marlene Feaga**, OFS  
**Mary Ferrara**, OFS  
**Marie Lindung**, OFS  
**Jim Manning**, OFS  
**Georgianna Papazian**, OFS  
**Jim Tebo**, OFS



**OUR DECEASED  
 BROTHERS AND SISTERS**

**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  
**Dolores Fritz**, OFS  
**Marilyn Gilson**, SFO  
**Richard Hall**, SFO  
**Joy Kubricky**, OFS  
**Frances Langbehn**, SFO  
**Bob Lewis**, SFO  
**Jean Manning**, OFS  
**Yvonne Proch**, SFO  
**Nancy Seaton**, SFO  
**Don Sweitzer**, OFS  
**Betty Taylor**, SFO  
**Bud Tenley**, SFO  
**Regina Yeager**, SFO  
**Dorothy Zalewski**, SFO

We are asking each attendee to bring **one** of the following:

**Main Dish - Side Dish or Salad Dish:**

(cold; eg. Macaroni, potato, bean or veggie salad etc.)

**Please Note: NO ELECTRICAL SOURCE** will be available for heating.

**Desserts** - all sorts (YUM!)

Other items needed:

**Sliced Cheese** for hamburgers

**Cut tomatoes**

**Cut lettuce**

**Cut onions**

**Jars of Pickles**

**Chips** - yes, oh yes chips!

**Drinks** - Soda, Gatorade both regular and Diet

We are also looking for volunteers to help set up, starting at 10 am on the day of the picnic and for volunteers to clean-up after which usually takes about half an hour if several people volunteer.

**Please mark all bowls and utensils** with your name & make sure you take the containers and utensils home with you, as well as whatever is not eaten. The fraternity is not responsible for items left behind after clean-up.

Thank you for participating in this wonderful fraternity event.

### **Our Franciscan Center Apostolate**

Don't forget to bring your donated items to this month's gathering, please pick from below. Remember your monthly donation(s) are **tax deductible**.

Hand sanitizer

Toothbrushes

Shampoo & Conditioner

Deodorant

Feminine hygiene products

Soap

Toothpaste

Washcloths

Disposable razors



## Treasurer's Report

July – 2017

**Beginning Balance:** \$ 591.53  
 Income 495.00  
**Total** \$ 1,086.53

### Expenses:

Brother Lawrence 100.00  
 Franciscan Friars 100.00  
 Formation Materials 67.74  
 Web Fee 15.00  
**Total** \$ 282.74

**Ending Balance:** \$ 803.79

Thank You for your monthly contributions  
**Contributions are tax deductible**

## August Birthdays



**Jim Tebo, OFS** 08/20  
**Rosemary Whelan, OFS** 08/20  
**Gail Bunyan, OFS** 08/21

## Quote From our Beloved Saint Clare as we celebrate her Feast Day this Month

Go forth in peace, for you have followed the good road. Go forth without fear, for he who created you has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Blessed be you, my God, for having created me. ~ *St. Clare of Assisi*

**Our Spiritual Assistant – Br. Lawrence is on Vacation**  
 Will return in September with an Inspirational Message



**August 20<sup>th</sup>**

Friar Douglas will talk to us on Peace and Social Justice

## Reflection on the Feast of the Portiuncula

By Gerry Pinkas, OFS

St. Francis loved of all the places on the earth, Our Lady of the Angels, which he belovedly called "the Portiuncula", or, "little Portion". It was in this lowly place that St. Francis believed that the heavenly beings made more frequent visits than other holy place.

Such it is with us when we become the lowliest of creatures before God, the angelic beings make more frequent visits to us. We may feel in a certain way their presence, experience a divinely orchestrated peace, or perhaps a holy fear which makes us tremble or have our minds opened up to understand better that which has been divinely revealed.

We might say that for the sake of one soul who loves God humbly, deeply, sincerely and with purity, God will make the whole world seem to revolve around that person.

Thus do we find grace of immense proportion emanating from saints like St. Francis (who saw the Divine in created things), St Martin de Porres (who called himself "a Mulatto dog"), and Mother Theresa of Calcutta (who clearly saw Jesus in the poorest of the poor). I think, perhaps, it was to this lowliness that Jesus was referring when he spoke the words "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed", you could tell a great tree to uproot itself and cast itself into the sea (mulberry trees are notorious for having a deep tap root and thus difficult to remove), or move mountains. Who, save maybe a builder of roads through mountain passes or farmers would want to move trees and mountains in the literal sense? I think it is very safe to say that the mustard seed represents the lowly of God and the mountain and great tree the "great" ones of the world whose hearts seem so hard to bend.

It is true indeed the lowly are great in God's eyes. Through a life of self-abnegation, they have indeed moved the tree of their self-importance and the mountain of their self-greatness which they have discovered is less than an ant hill in next to God. Mary and Joseph found in the presence of 'He who made himself small' for us in the Incarnation their true greatness.

Together with Jesus, they cry out with the whole Church every evening in the Liturgy of the Hours "He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly". And together, the whole of creation bends the knee at the words of the consecration during Mass "This is my Body" and "This is my blood".

We, especially as Franciscans, together with all of the world find out true greatness, not in our successes or in the greatness of our achievements, but in the Little Portion.

# Apostolate

By Mick Michieli-Beasley

Wife, Mother of eight, Grandmother of nineteen and Great Grandmother of two; seeing the Image of God from the moment of conception to a natural death and knowing millions of these images remain unprotected by "man's laws" through the legalization of abortion and euthanasia, I speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Through letter writing, public speaking, political activism and attendance at pro-life rallies since age 12, I feel God gave me certain abilities to champion the rights of His Creations.

Bringing people to Christ through iconography is a deeply held conviction that prayers written into the icon--God is listening to us as we silently petition Him through each brushstroke. My favorite icon is the Mother of God holding the Infant Christ; as we place the pigment into the board one gains a sense that Our Heavenly Mother is listening to our cries and prayers to protect all of her children from abortion or euthanasia.

Whether a brush, pen, microphone or keyboard, each line of my life is dedicated to the protection of Life and awakening this passion in our brothers and sisters who may think otherwise.

It is through compassionate presence, unconditional love and constant prayer that gives strength to carry on in spite of the evils experienced in this world. It is my quiet battle cry to "preach the Gospel at all times; use words if necessary."

**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:

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*Calendar*

**At the Friary**

**Chapel Open Daily**  
From 9 AM – 5 PM

**Noon Mass everyday 12 PM**

**For more Information call**  
**410 531-2800**



**General Constitution of  
the  
Secular Franciscan  
Order  
December 8, 2000**

**Article 8  
The Form of Life**

3. The secular Franciscans commit themselves by their profession to live the Gospel according to Franciscan spirituality in their secular condition.