

ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO FRATERNITY
Enkindle the Fire of Mercy in our Hearts
Gathering – July 17, 2016 – 1 PM to 4 PM

Laudato Si (Praise be to you – On Care For Our Common Home), Paragraph 18

“Change is something desirable, yet it becomes a source of anxiety when it causes harm to the world and to the quality of life of much of humanity.”

~ Pope Francis

Just A Reminder 

SAVE THE DATE
SEPTEMBER 18th, 2016
OUR ANNUAL PICNIC

MINISTERS MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Francis and Clare,



I cannot believe we are already talking about our fall picnic for September 18th, 2016. Our Multi-Fraternity picnic will be at the Shrine of St. Anthony, we will be sending out invitations to our brothers and sisters from neighboring fraternities to join us. We will start with 12 pm Mass followed by an old fashioned potluck picnic, with burgers, hotdogs (buns), bottled water, sodas and paper products provided by the fraternity. We are asking members and visitors to either bring a potluck dish, or side dish or a dessert.

At our July and August gatherings we will have food sign-up sheets in the refectory letting our Food Coordinator know what dish you will be bringing on the day of the picnic. If you have any questions concerning food, please contact our sister, Denise Donaldson, OFS, (443 683-2538) Food Coordinator.

~ *Your Fraternity Council*

A Message from Br. Lawrence

Brothers and sisters in Francis,

Let me begin by thanking all of you for your expressions of sympathy upon the death of my mother, + Mary Regina, last month. My brothers and sisters were very pleased to see so many family and friends come together to remember and celebrate her life of 85 years. Again, thank you and may God bless you.

The Flyer



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Evening Prayer

Franciscan Crown

Rosary



Please Pray For ...

- Connie Baker**, OFS
- Patrick Caughy**, OFS
- Marlene Feaga**, OFS
- Mary Ferrara**, OFS
- Marie Lindung**, OFS
- Jim Manning**, OFS
- Georgianna Papazian**, OFS
- Nancy Seaton**, 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
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- Betty Taylor**, SFO
- Bud Tenley**, SFO
- Regina Yeager**, SFO
- Dorothy Zalewski**, SFO

This month we find summer now in full swing. The detour that it took to get here was of some delay but it has finally arrived. I hope that you all enjoy this season which most affords us to get outside and enjoy the creation and beauty of the world God has given to us to use.

I have also been pondering lately what presentations I should do in the 2016-17 year here at the Shrine and I have narrowed it down but I know I need to decide by mid-July. In late July there are several Secular ventures that take place. The Q in St. Louis being one and the wonderful programs and talks that are held at St. Bonaventure University are the most prominent. I hope that you will be taking part in some of them.

Summer is also a time for vacations and I hope that all of you are able to “vacate” your daily routine and relax or get away for some time. Still, our callings to the Franciscan way do not come with a “vacation” for we are always called to spread the Word of Christ in the manner of Francis (I cannot recall any biography talking about his vacationing *per se*). Yes, relax and enjoy yourselves but let us remember that we are always concerned with others and even on vacation we need to be aware of our Franciscan lifestyle which should show our joy in Christ to others and draw them closer to the Lord. Peace ~ Br. Lawrence



July 17th Gathering – Video on the (Q)inquennial Congress – The “Q”

August 21st Gathering – Rite of Admissions (Inquirers enter into Candidacy)

September 18th Gathering – Annual Fraternity Picnic

October 23rd Gathering – Profession Ceremony

November 20th Gathering – Mass for our deceased sisters and brothers

December 18th Gathering – Annual Christmas Party

January 15th – Extraction of Saints

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." -- Dr. Leo Buscaglia



Treasurer's Report

June 1st – June 30th, 2016

Beginning Balance:	\$1,523.71
Income	533.00
Total	<u>\$2,056.71</u>

Expenses:

Franciscan Friars	100.00
Brother Lawrence	100.00
Shrine of St. Anthony	100.00
Website Fee	15.00
Total	<u>\$315.00</u>

Ending Balance: \$1,741.71

Thank You for your monthly contributions

Contribution is Tax Deductible

July Birthdays



Jeanne Kerins, OFS	07/11
Gerry Pinkas, OFS	07/18
Mary Karth, OFS	07/28



Remembering Your Profession Anniversary

Brandon Justice, OFS	07/18/07
Angela Schuler, OFS	07/13/08

Beloved brothers and sisters in the Holy Family and all of the holy saints and martyrs of the Seraphic Orders,

My wife Maria and I have been searching for a better dwelling than the one we live in. We seem to have found one and have put in a bid. Please keep us in your prayers for this action. We have been offering up a novena of Masses that God's will be done in this regard. It has an acre of land so that I will be able to keep bees eventually and plant trees, shrubs and herbs that will bless the land and make it fruitful. I know that we will not be able to fully enjoy the fruits of this labor because of our ages, but we hope that the next generation will be able to benefit from our labors. I have long been in league with the thoughts of our Holy Father Pope Francis as well as our Holy Seraphic Father St. Francis that we are sojourners and it is our responsibility to care for this poor beaten world. I learned years ago from pulling our briars, brambles and poison ivy that we can affect the health of the land. Years ago I turned a barren gas company easement in my parents' woods into very fertile ground by the labors of my hands and sweat of my brow. I kept bees and am very pained by the use of pesticides and herbicides, especially lawn products which have decimated their population such that it is becoming an endangered species as well as native bumble bees. Without these pollinating insects, we will eventually be driven to famine. If we have sinned against mother earth by the indiscriminate use of these poisons even if by free gift, we should repent of this action because we sin not only against our neighbor by using these things in our lust for the perfect lawn or whatever, but we sin against all future generations by destroying what is rightfully theirs also. The herbicides not only destroy many species, but they make it impossible for seeds to form, and even if they form, they destroy their ability to germinate by destroying the physiology of plants. They affect plants, us and other creatures in varying ways. We have poisoned our world with chemicals such as birth control pills which permanently damage our world and human bodies. We destroy the deep rooting herbs lone clover and dandelions which bring up minerals from deep and make the ground fertile and permeable to beloved sister water, so fair and pure without whom we could not live and the whole earth would be a barren desert. Water is the symbol of life and more importantly, of the Holy Spirit. We kill the insects that bore into the ground and make it permeable and fertile in its depths. The land mourns. We must listen to the words of our Holy Father Pope Francis in Laudato Si. The demand of God is not that we possess the land, since that is a very foolish notion. We die, return to the earth and do not know if those who come after us are wise or fools. God gave us in our human creation the command to care for our beloved earth. It has a soul of sorts, not like ours or like that of animals and birds and insects, but of its own nature and it can thrive or suffer as can all creatures.

The war is against the sum total of those creatures made in the image and likeness of God as well as every created thing that shows forth the glory of God according to its created nature.

Praise be to thee my Lord, for hands made holy by labor, who till the earth making it fruitful and fertile, laboring with the Holy Family to redeem our world from sin.

Thank you, Gerard Aloysius Patrick Pinkas, OFS

The Puzzle of Our Lives by Friar Jim Van Vurst, OFM

Many of us received puzzles when we were young. Puzzles for very young children came with large pieces that, when put together, depicted farm animals or sailboats. Being able to see the relationship of the mixed-up pieces and then putting them together correctly was a significant step in perception—and our parents probably praised us when we completed them.

The image of a puzzle describes one major aspect of our lives. As we get older, the puzzles we face become more serious and complicated. We solve a good many of them, but I suspect that we all have life experiences/puzzles that continue to frustrate us. It helps to realize that our lives have been an adventure with the Lord, an adventure that will not stop after death.

With age and maturity, we understand more about the key influences of our past. Don't we say that "with age comes wisdom"? Granted, our eyesight may weaken, but our "soul sight" improves.

Even now, we face difficulties that we may not be able to figure out. Consider Jesus and Peter. When Jesus was arrested and put on trial, Peter was asked if he was Jesus' disciple. It was a life-threatening situation for him. And Peter, who bragged that he would die for Jesus, found himself terrified when accused of being a disciple. He denied even knowing him. Talk about falling on one's face! What he could not see was that he had fallen *forward*. The look of love on Jesus' face at that moment was life-giving. It was the piece of the puzzle that Peter needed: Jesus was the source of his strength.

It is in seeing God face-to-face that the whole puzzle of our lives will come together with perfect clarity. We will see how every piece of the puzzle, both good and bad, was not just mistakes or successes.

OUR GATHERINGS –Members 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

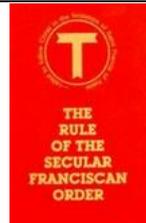
Chapel Open Daily
From 9 AM – 5 PM

Noon Mass everyday

All are Welcome

Reconciliation

Wednesdays from 4 - 5pm., and
Monday through Saturday at
11:30am.



Rule 24 of the Secular Franciscan Order

To foster communion among members, the council should organize regular and frequent meetings of the community as well as meeting with other Franciscan groups, especially with youth groups. It should adopt appropriate means for growth in Franciscan and ecclesial life and encourage everyone to a life of fraternity. The communion continues with deceased brothers and sisters through prayer for them.