

ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO FRATERNITY

2017 Theme for the Year: Living Our Spirit-Filled Rule

This Month's Gathering – July 16, 2017

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

Paragraph 35 - “In assessing the environmental impact of any project, concern is usually shown for its effects on soil, water and air, yet few careful studies are made of its impact on biodiversity, as if the loss of species or animals and plant groups were of little importance. Highways, new plantations, the fencing-off of certain areas, the damming of water sources, and similar developments, crowd out natural habitats and, at times, break them up in such a way that animal populations can no longer migrate or roam freely. As a result, some species face extinction. Alternatives exist which at least lessen the impact of these projects, like the creation of biological corridors, but few countries demonstrate such concern and foresight. Frequently, when certain species are exploited commercially, little attention is paid to studying their reproductive patterns in order to prevent their depletion and the consequent imbalance of the ecosystem.” ~ Pope Francis

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Francis and Clare,

At our July 16th gathering, Meg Ducey, Acting Director of the Franciscan Center in Baltimore will talk to us about the services provided to the clients who come to the Center for assistance.

A bit of history:

The Franciscan Sisters of Baltimore began their ministry in 1891. They fed the hungry and cared for orphans. Recognizing the dignity of each human being and serving all people with respect were cornerstones of their ministry.

By the mid-1960s, the Franciscan Sisters' building at 2212 Maryland Avenue was nearly empty, and the Provincial wanted to put the building to better use. Sister Irene Marshiano, OSF was assigned to survey the community and determine what they needed. Emergency food and clothing services were the most pressing needs.

Stocks and space were donated to the Franciscans and the Franciscan Center opened on September 10, 1968. Sister Irene was the first director. There were Sisters, plus Secular Franciscans and lay volunteers. Today the Center offers a continuum of care that includes food, clothing, emergency health services, counseling and technology training to help clients become as self-sufficient as possible.

Please make every effort to join us and learn more about the Franciscan Center and how we can be more involved in helping our less fortunate sisters and brothers. ~*You're Fraternity Council*

The Flyer

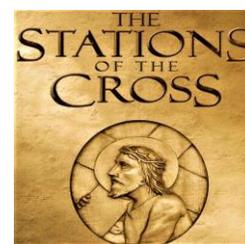


Our Fraternity Council

Minister:	Bob Longo, OFS 410-921-0040
V. Minister:	Ed Burgee, OFS 410-788-2718
Formation:	Geri Flynn, OFS 410 730-4395
Secretary:	France Staudenmann OFS 301-294-3085
Treasurer:	Michael Radcliffe OFS 301 310-5204
Councilor:	Lita Maisel OFS 410 747-2374
Spiritual Assistant:	Br. Lawrence LaFlame, OFM. Conv 410 531-2800

Evening Prayer

If Weather Permitting



Outside on the Shrine
Grounds



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	Soap
Toothbrushes	Toothpaste
Shampoo & Conditioner	Washcloths
Deodorant	Feminine hygiene products
Disposable razors	

Please Pray For ...

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

Br. Lawrence is on Vacation – No message this month

**“Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen.
 Don't be Afraid.”**
 Frederick Buechner



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

I did not choose this book, it chose me. I occasionally go the local library to use their high-speed internet connection. After finishing, I'll put away my laptop and browse through the DVDs to see if anything new and interesting has been added. Then, as I go to the front door, I'll pass the shelves of the current selections including cookbooks, self-help, religious/spiritual, and on to the history, biography, and current affairs. I saw a book with two children who reminded me of two of my grandsons joyfully running down what looked like a boardwalk. This book was about raising a family and had the usual tag line on the back: "You can't put it down." I opened to the first page and there was a letter the author had written to her son. It began "Dear Joseph, It's morning, helicopters are circling over the city. Every now and then, we hear shots of tear gas or stun grenades. Last night you looked up from the small square frame of your bed and asked: 'Mom, is someone popping balloons?'"

While I was able to put the book down, Stephanie Saladaña's *A Country Between: Making a home where both sides of Jerusalem collide* had me put down every other book I was reading. Is this a spiritual or religious book? In some ways yes to both, as the people in it struggle with their own spiritual and religious values and goals. But it is the love story between two people from radically different cultures who meet and marry and start a family.

And the stage on which the marriage and child raising is worked out is Nablus Road in Jerusalem. This road is the dividing line between East and West Jerusalem, Israeli on one side, Muslim and remnants of Christianity on the side where they find their house. It is a fascinating journey of people, sights, sounds, smells of an area where cultures collide. We learn of the seasons of Jerusalem. We are introduced to their neighbors, the ones who like them and the ones who are suspicious of them. Imagine, if possible, your reaction to moving into your house and discovering that your front porch is the neighborhood bakery and you have to walk around the loaves of bread to get outside! The obstacles to living in a divided land on one hand, such as the adventure her husband has in bringing home the Christmas tree and the worries about the possible dangers and delays of



Treasurer's Report

June – 2017

Beginning Balance:	\$ 655.53
Income	<u>251.00</u>
Total	\$ 906.53

Expenses:

Brother Lawrence	100.00
Franciscan Friars	100.00
Ordination – Gifts	100.00
Web Fee	<u>15.00</u>
Total	\$ 315.00

Ending Balance: \$ 591.53

Thank You for your monthly contributions

Contributions are tax deductible

having to go through the checkpoints from Jerusalem to Bethlehem when the time comes for the birth of their first child provides an interesting and sometimes funny, commentary.

It is a book that brought forth every emotion: joy, fear, sadness, anger, relief, laughter, and a deep sense of loss. We become witnesses to the deterioration of the shaky mid-eastern peace and co-existence that had persisted for so long. One can only weep that the mid-east wars brought and continue to bring about the destruction of so many peoples and communities. For me, it was impossible to walk away from this book without a great sense of rage about the ongoing situation, but an even greater sense of hope about what love can bring about. And my deepest prayer and desire is to help bring about a world where all children can run together freely without want or worry.

“Tanks are perishable. Pears are forever” - Milan Kundera

Harry Ford, OFS



Remembering Your Profession Anniversary

Angela Schuler, OFS 7/13/08

July Birthdays



Jeanne Kerins, OFS	07/11
Gerry Pinkas, OFS	07/18
Mary Karth, OFS	07/28
Will Witherspoon, OFS	07/31

Quote



“At the surface of the mirror, consider the holy humility, the blessed poverty, the untold labors and burdens that He endured for the redemption of the whole human race.” ~ **St. Clare of Assisi**



July 15th

Meg Ducey

Interim Executive Director of the Franciscan Center

August 20th

Friar Douglas will talk to us on Peace and Social Justice

September 17th

Annual Fraternity Picnic

October 15th

Our Rule on Humility

November 19th

Mass in Remembrance of our Deceased Sisters and Brothers

December 17th

Annual Fraternity Christmas Party
Followed by Evening Prayer

Apostolate

Feeding the Poor, Eucharistic Minister, Facilitator, Fraternity Minister and Regional Executive Councilor

By Bob Longo, OFS

Since leaving my position at the Franciscan Center in Baltimore four years ago, I now volunteer at “So Others Might Eat” (SOME) an outreach Center in Washington, DC. A group of us from my parish cook and/or serve lunch to our less fortunate sisters and brothers.

I am most fortunate to take with me my 96 year old neighbor, Dorothy, who is such an inspiration for me. Dorothy hands the prepared food platters to the men, women and children who come into the Center’s dining room with such love and affection. The guests are always most appreciative of our time with them, Dorothy and I find it so rewarding to be of service.

At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish, when the pastor is away, a group of us will take turns conducting Communion Services. I also conduct a Communion Service at the nearby Crofton Care Rehabilitation Center on Fridays. Another blessing is to serve as a Eucharistic Minister during weekday Mass.

During Advent and Lenten Seasons I facilitate a small group of six to nine participants in group discussions with prepared lessons. In the parish we always have twelve or more groups that participate in these sessions.

I also consider as part of my ongoing ministry, my position as minister of my fraternity and my position as Regional Executive Councilor at the regional level. In my opinion, “Servant Leadership”, is the main ingredient for sustaining the life of a fraternity, and to be effective I look at this apostolate as one of my most important ministries.

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
7911 Westpark Drive, Apt 2709
Tysons Corner, VA 22102

Editor: Bob Longo, OFS blongosfo@gmail.com Fraternity Website: <http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/>



Calendar

At the Friary

Chapel Open Daily
From 9 AM – 5 PM

Noon Mass everyday 12 PM

Friars, Eucharist and Dinner
Second Thursday in July
6:00 – 7:30 pm

For more Information call:
410 531-2800



General Constitution of the Secular Franciscan Order December 8, 2000

Article 5

2. The practical interpretation of the Constitutions, with the purpose of harmonizing its application in different areas and at the various levels of the Order, belongs to the General Chapter of the SFO.