

ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO FRATERNITY
Enkindle the Fire of Mercy in our Hearts
Gathering – June 26, 2016 – 1 PM to 4 PM

Laudato Si (Praise be to you – On Care For Our Common Home), Paragraph 14

“I urgently appeal, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern affect us all.” ~ Pope Francis

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Francis and Clare,

A big THANKS for all professed members who participated in our May elections in voting in our new council for 2016 -2019. Our council meetings are open to all professed members, we meet on the first Saturday of the month at the friary 10 AM. If you plan to join us, please contact a council member so we can let you know where we will be meeting in the friary.

Meet our new council for 2016 -2019



L-R Lita Maisel, OFS, Council Liaison, Geri Flynn, OFS, Formation Director Ed Burgee, OFS, Vice Minister, France Staudenmann, OFS, Secretary Bob Longo, OFS, Minister, Br. Lawrence LaFlame, OFM. Conv. Spiritual Assistant and Michael Radcliffe, OFS Treasurer

PLEASE NOTE: OUR JUNE GATHERING WILL BE ON JUNE 26TH INSTEAD OF JUNE 19TH (FATHER’S DAY).

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY

~ Your Fraternity Council



Our Fraternity Council

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Evening Prayer

Prayer before the San Damiano Crucifix written by Fr. Bodo



A Message from Br. Lawrence



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
Frances Langbehn, SFO
Bob Lewis, SFO
Jean Manning, OFS
Yvonne Proch, SFO
Betty Taylor, SFO
Bud Tenley, SFO
Regina Yeager, SFO
Dorothy Zalewski, SFO

Greetings to one and all,

Well we had an entire spring season in three days last week and now we have moved right into summer. That's alright with me for I love summer second of all to autumn. Still, it seems to be that time moves right along ("tempus fugit," as the Romans said) and we have to adjust more quickly than ever. Such an idea reminds me of one of my favorite books, J. M. Barrie's Peter Pan. I used to have my high school freshmen read it in religion class because it is a wonderful story about the relationship between children and adults. Even more so I might say that if you remember Captain Hook was constantly being chased by a croc that had swallowed a clock that ticked. Less likely to be remembered is that the Darling children's flight to Neverland was described as a flight where there was no regard for time at all. Why do I bring this up? Because, as adults, we are constantly concerned with time; our lives are built around time. Still, as Barrie want's to tell us, time is a major preoccupation for us. Perhaps we need to become more like the "boy who wouldn't grow up," a boy on whom time has no effect.

This may seems strange, especially as we get older, but when you think of it we do not know (regardless of our age) how much time we have left. Did you know that there is a woman in Italy who is the only person known today to have been alive in the 1800's? Yes, she was born in 1899! Suppose she had decided at 70 that life was nearly over (that would have been in 1970) and look at how much time she still had.

Why do I bring this all up? Because we need to live each and every day as if we had many more. IF God decides to end it for me tomorrow then that is his decision but I know that I have not squandered these last weeks, months, years. I do not want to live as if that ol' croc with the clock in its belly is constantly after me. All of us need to live as freely as Peter, Wendy, Michael and John. Remember that the Darlings went back to their parents and grew up and when Peter returned it was Wendy's daughter Barbara who then went to Neverland. Yes, we do grow older but we pass on that fascination with time to others younger than us who as they grow up ought to remind us that we need to live each and every day fully and without concern for a future, albeit a long one or a short one. ~ Peace, Br. Lawrence



Remembering Your Profession Anniversaries

Barbara Levasseur, OFS 06/03/02
Bob Longo, OFS 06/15/96
Kevin Kulesa, OFS 06/15/07
Patrick Caughy, OFS 06/24/12
Cindy Mohler, OFS 06/24/12
France Staudenmann, OFS 06/24/12



Treasurer's Report

June - 2016

Beginning Balance: \$1,190.71

Income **448.00**

Total **\$1,638.71**

Expenses:

Franciscan Friars **100.00**

Brother Lawrence **100.00**

Website Fee **15.00**

Total Expenses **\$215.00**

Ending Balance: \$1,423.71

Thank You for your monthly
contributions

Contribution is Tax Deductible

13 Common Phrases You Didn't Know Came From the Bible

- 1) **"At their wits' end"** - Psalms 107.27,: "They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end."
- 2) **"A two-edged sword"** - Proverbs 5.4,: "But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword."
- 3) **"A drop in the bucket"** - Isaiah 40.15,: "Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he takes up the isles as a very little thing."
- 4) **"A house divided against itself cannot stand"** - Matthew 12.25,: "And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand."
- 5) **"A labor of love"** - Hebrews 6.10,: "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."
- 6) **"A man after my own heart"** - Samuel 13.14,: "But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee."
- 7) **"Nothing new under the sun"** - Ecclesiastes 1.9,: "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun."
- 8) **"Fire and brimstone"** - Genesis 19.24-26,: "Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone."
- 9) **"Fight the good fight"** - Timothy 6.12,: "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."
- 10) **"Beat swords into ploughshares"** - Isaiah 2.4,: "They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."
- 11) **"It's better to give than to receive"** - Acts 20.35, : "I have given you all things, you ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."
- 12) **"In the twinkling of an eye"** - 1 Corinthians 15:52,: "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."
- 13) **"The ends of the earth"** - Zechariah 9.10,: "And his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth."

June Birthdays



Boniface Kim, OFS 06/05

Kevin Corcoran, OFS 06/06

Chris Donaldson, OFS 06/06

Mary Chandler, OFS 06/18

Joan Babin, OFS 06/18

Eileen Peregoy, OFS 06/26

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

He who feeds the birds of the air and gives raiment and nourishment to the lilies of the field will not leave you in want of clothing or of food until He comes Himself to minister to you for eternity.
- St. Clare of Assisi

Pilgrims on Earth

What is heaven like? It's more than we can imagine—beyond our most extravagant hopes. At the heart is God who is total goodness and love. We are face-to-face with God, “abiding” in his love. Heaven gives us the joy of meeting and living with the Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Paul, St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi, and St. Elizabeth Seton.

“Eternal life consists in the joyous community of all the blessed,” St. Thomas of Aquinas wrote, “a community of supreme delight, since everyone will share all that is good with all the blessed. Everyone will love everyone else as themselves, and they will rejoice in another’s good as their own.”

“A great crowd of our loved ones awaits us there,” St. Cyprian wrote in the third century, “a countless throng of parents, brothers [and sisters] and children longs for us to join them....What joy both for them and for us to see one another and embrace.”

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, We “pilgrims on earth” can’t forget that we are only one part of our extended family. “Others have died and are being purified, while still others are in glory, contemplating ‘God himself triune and one, exactly as he is’” (954). Our sisters and brothers who are being purified pray for us and we can help them with our prayers. A family helps each other. We are a communion of saints!

- *Friar Jim Van Vurst, OFM*

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

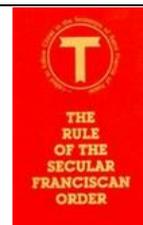
Chapel Open Daily
From 9 AM – 5 PM

Noon Mass everyday

All are Welcome

Reconciliation

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



Rule 23 of the Secular Franciscan Order

Requests for admission to the Secular Franciscan Order must be presented to the local fraternity, whose council decides upon the acceptance of new brothers and sisters.

Admission into the Order is gradually attained through a time of initiation, a period of formation of at least one year, and profession of the rule. The entire community is engaged in the process of growth by its own manner of living. The age for profession and the distinctive Franciscan sign are regulated by the statutes.

SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 18,
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