

ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO FRATERNITY
2017 Theme for the Year: Living Our Spirit-Filled Rule
This Month's Gathering – June 25, 2017

Laudato Si (Praise be to you – On Care For Our Common Home), Paragraph 34
“A sober look at our world shows that the degree of human intervention, often in the service of business interests and consumerism, is actually making our earth less rich and beautiful, ever more limited and grey, even as technological advances and consumer goods continue to abound limitlessly. We seem to think that we can substitute an irreplaceable and irretrievable beauty with something which we have created ourselves.” ~ Pope Francis

MINISTERS MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Francis and Clare,

A Happy Father's Day to all our fathers, I pray your day will be filled with many blessings.

Summer is almost here, many of us will be planning our long needed vacation. The Council is already making plans for our September 17th Annual picnic at the friary, so please mark your calendar:

We will begin our fraternity picnic with 12 pm Mass, and the festivities will begin at 1 pm on the friary grounds. This is such a wonderful time; please bring your spouse and children for a day of fun and fellowship. Again this year, our sister, France Staudenmann, OFS, will be sending invitations to our regional, local fraternities; as we always have such a wonderful time spending the day with our Franciscan sisters and brothers.

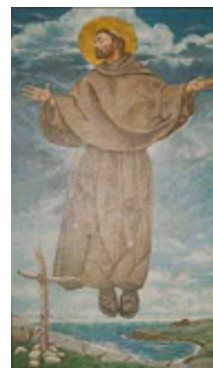
On June 25th the friars will be celebrating the ordination of two of their friars, Friar Max Avila and Friar Emmanuel Vasconcelos, as Transitional Deacon.

Between 1 pm and 2 pm the caterers will be arriving to set up for the reception to take place after the ordination. The chapel will be used from 2:30 pm until the end of the ordination, probably around 5 pm. That being said, Fr. Michael has invited our fraternity; visitors, inquirers, candidates and professed to the ordination and the reception. Fr. Michael is pleased to have all the Franciscan family coming together to celebrate this wonderful occasion. This will take the place of our fraternity gathering. The sign-in book and common fund box will be located in the conference room facing the chapel. Please arrive no later than 2:30 to get a seat, the ordination Mass will satisfy our Sunday Mass obligation.

If you have not attended an ordination before, you will truly feel the Holy Spirit at work as these two young men begin their journey to priestly ordination. The fraternity will give a check to Friars Max and Emmanuel, no need to bring ordination gifts.

If you are able to attend this special occasion, please RSVP, our sister, Lita Maisel, OFS at: lmaisel@shrineofstanthony.org or call 410 241-9800 as soon as possible, Fr. Michael needs a head count so he can know how much food to order.

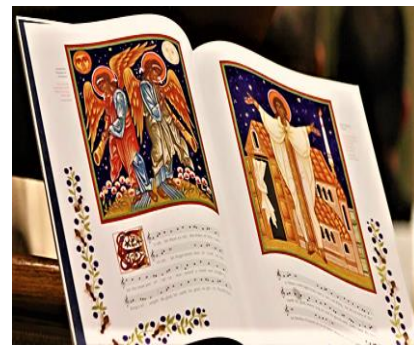
The Flyer



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Ordination to the Transitional Deaconate





Message from Our Spiritual Assistant – Br. Lawrence

Peace be with you all,

Let us continue with Francis' Cantic,

Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Wind

and the airy skies, so cloudy and serene

For every weather, be praised, for it is life giving.

Francis continues to move through the elements of creation which carry out their mission just as God had intended them to do. Here he speaks of the wind and, generally speaking, the weather. Wind. What is it? From whence does it come and to wither does it go? We never see it, we can hear it, feel it, but it is a mysterious phenomenon quite beyond our most basic and fundamental sense, sight. This past Sunday we heard about the wind in the reading from Acts: "And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind," Acts 2: 2a). Yes, in the famous scene of the coming of the Holy Spirit. We hear about something loud *like* the sound of the wind, but it does not say the wind itself. Yet, like the wind, it catches our attention although we still find it mysterious as the Spirit himself is mysterious.

Francis continues speaking about the atmosphere that goes along with the wind. He speaks of the sky, air, clouds and the beauty which they bring to our environs. He speaks of all the different types of weather which allows life to be sustained on the earth. Where would we be without the weather? Rain to help the plants grow, snow that remoistens the earth for the spring are just two elements of the weather without which no one would or could be on this planet. Yes, God is indeed to be praised for putting together a world which brings forth life but is also quite capable of sustaining it. Just as the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles and brought forth a spiritual life for each of them and as time moved on sustained that spiritual life in them. Spiritual life is the life of the Spirit and not of our own choosing. It takes us wherever the Spirit will although we may not know from whence it comes nor wither it goes.

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



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
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Don Sweitzer, OFS
Betty Taylor, SFO
Bud Tenley, SFO
Regina Yeager, SFO
Dorothy Zalewski, SFO



Treasurer's Report

May – 2017

Beginning Balance:	\$ 701.18
Income	<u>205.00</u>
Total	\$ 906.18

Expenses:

Brother Lawrence	100.00
Franciscan Friars	100.00
Formation Books	27.65
Bank Fee	8.00
Web Fee	<u>15.00</u>
Total	\$ 250.65

Ending Balance: **\$ 655.53**

Thank You for your monthly contributions
Contributions are tax deductible



Remembering Your Profession Anniversary

Barbara Levasseur, OFS	06/3/02
Bob Longo, OFS	6/15/96
Kevin Kulesa, OFS - 10 yr's	6/15/07
Patrick Caughy, OFS	6/24/12
Cindy Mohler, OFS	6/24/12
France Staudenmann OFS	6/24/12



June Birthdays



Boniface Kim, OFS	06/05
Richard Lam, OFS	06/06
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

Quote

“We should make a dwelling place within ourselves where he can stay, he who is the Lord God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”

~ Francis of Assisi

Rule of 1221

July 16th

Meg Ducey

Interim Executive Director of the Franciscan Center

August 20th

Fr. Douglas will talk to us on Peace and Social Justice

September 17th

Annual Fraternity Picnic

Address to the Secular Franciscan Order

The Great Jubilee of the Year 2000

Perhaps, you will not be required to pour out your blood as a martyr, but you will certainly be asked to give a coherent and steadfast witness in fulfilling the promises made at your Baptism and Confirmation, which you renewed and confirmed with your profession in the Secular Franciscan Order. By virtue of this profession, the Rule and the General Constitutions must represent for each of you the point of reference for daily living, based on your explicit vocation and special identity (cf. Promulgation of the General Constitutions of the SFO). If you are truly driven by the Spirit to reach the perfection of charity in your secular state, “it would be a contradiction to settle for a life of mediocrity, marked by a minimalist ethic and a shallow religiosity” (Novo Millennio ineunte, n. 31). You must be sincerely dedicated to that “high standard of ordinary Christian living” (ibid.), to which I invited all the faithful at the end of the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000.

~ St. John Paul II

Visiting the sick and bringing them Holy Communion

by France Staudenmann, OFS

I have been serving as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion at the Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital in Rockville for the past eight years. My model is Mary at the Visitation, carrying Jesus to her cousin Elizabeth, her heart overflowing with joy and gratitude, then caring for her elderly cousin while remaining in constant adoration of her Son.

The patients I visit have undergone life-changing events such as head traumas, heart or back surgeries, strokes or amputations. The hospital provides me with a list of Catholic patients. I visit up to 15 patients twice a week: on Sunday –because patients do not have the opportunity to attend Mass in the hospital -- and on Thursday—the day we have Eucharistic Adoration at my parish church, St. Raphael. I visit patients in the morning and go to St. Raphael's in the afternoon to bring their sufferings to the Lord and pray for them. On the way from our church to the hospital, I ask Jesus to fill my heart with his love and compassion, and to let me smile as he would when I enter each room. I also ask the Holy Spirit to put his words in my mouth, especially when I enter the room of a new patient. Most patients welcome me. God's timing can be amazing: a few weeks ago, I entered the room of a young lady who was in such excruciating pain after back surgery that she was actually praying to God for death. Not knowing any of it, I came in and smiled at her. Later on, she told me that peace and renewed hope came into her heart during that visit, and she was then most happy to receive the Eucharist.

On occasions, patients refuse my visit. I once entered the room of a Vietnam veteran dressed all in black, who was very angry at life and the Church. He started by mocking me, sneering, "Ha, ha, you are bringing that Catholic thing . . ." The ranting went on for a while. When I could finally speak, I asked him calmly if I could say a prayer for healing. He was stunned by the request, and after a silence, let out, "yes." So I said a prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, slowly, all the while imploring God to soften his heart. By the end of the prayer, when I said the words, "O Lord, touch gently this life which you have created," he was in tears.

Another visit which is imprinted on my heart is that of an elderly lady who was totally paralyzed. She did not communicate, not even with her eyes. Her gaze was fixed. Her husband saw my hesitation and reassured me that his wife would be happy to receive Holy Communion. She understood. The experience of giving her the Eucharist was most beautiful: her face became radiant and she smiled . . .

All is grace. If you feel the call to this ministry, I assure you it will be a source of many blessings. Patients will share their faith with you and that will strengthen yours.

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

Friars, Eucharist and Dinner
 Second Thursdays (June and 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

1. Rule 3 The authentic interpretation of the Rule and of the Constitutions belongs to the Holy See.