

# ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO FRATERNITY Fraternity Picnic – September 21, 2014

## The Flyer

### Ministers Message



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Francis and Clare,

On September 21st our fraternity picnic will take the place of our September Gathering, please volunteer for set-up and clean-up. The festivities will start at 1PM and will conclude at 4PM. For those who can volunteer, we will need help to set up tables and chairs and wherever else needed. Please arrive at the friary around 10:30 AM on the 21st. We will stop setting up at 12 PM for Mass and will continue setting up after Mass; your help would be greatly appreciated.

This year, several fraternities have accepted our invitation to join us for our picnic. It is wonderful to have our fraternity brothers and sisters from our region to come together for fellowship and what a wonderful way for you and your family to end the summer. Roger Whelan will lead a historical tour of the Shrine at 2:30 PM. Please make every effort to attend this festive occasion.

Our sister, Geri, will be contacting you to bring a cold covered dish to the picnic. We are asking all to bring cold food instead of hot food. We do not have enough outlets outside the Manor House for all of the crook-pots to heat up your food.

This past Thursday, our brother Patrick Caughy, our sister, Gail Bunyan and I spent a wonderful afternoon with our sisters, Jean Singleton, Nancy Seton and yes, Sheila Eberhardt. As I said last month, Sheila is very hard to track down and we were finally able to catch up with her and all had a wonderful Lunch at Charlestown. Again, our sisters were delighted to see us as well as we were glad to see them. Our brother Patrick is currently making plans for our next luncheon in October, if you would like to come with us, please let me know so we can include you for lunch with our sisters.

What is Community: "A community is a social unit of any size that shares common values. Although embodied or face-to-face communities are usually smaller, larger or more extended communities such as a national community, international community."

In human communities, intent, belief, resources, preference, needs, and a number of other conditions may be present and common, affecting the identity of the participants and their degree of cohesiveness. Although our sisters at Charlestown are unable to come together in community at our monthly Gatherings, they are still part of our Franciscan family and to see the smiles on their face you know they still feel connected to the St. Joseph of Cupertino Fraternity.

### Transitus of St. Francis Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:30pm

St. Francis was called by "Sister Death" on the evening of October 3, 1226. Transitus is the annual commemoration of the passage of St. Francis from this life to eternity. Join us as we keep this vigil in readings, song, and prayer.

- Your Fraternity Council

### Our Fraternity Council

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*Please bring your  
family to our  
September 21<sup>st</sup> picnic  
to be held at  
The Shrine of  
St. Anthony*



**Please Pray For ...**

- Connie Baker**, OFS
- Donna Duncan**, OFS
- Marlene Feaga**, OFS
- Mary Ferrara**, OFS
- Joy Kubricky**, OFS
- Marie Lindung**, OFS
- Jim Manning**, OFS
- Georgianna Papazian**, OFS
- Gerry Pinkas**, OFS
- Nancy Seaton**, OFS
- Jim Tebo**, OFS

**The St. Joseph Cupertino Bulletin Board**  
**Posts from Our Fraternity Members**

**Upcoming Events**

**Our Next Book Sharing Meeting – All Are Welcome**

Date: Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> - 1:30pm (social)  
2:00pm ~ 4:00pm

Place: Ed Burgee – 408 Westside Blvd., Catonsville, MD 21228  
Telephone Number (home): 410 788-2718

Book: "Francis, the Journey and the Dream", by Murray Bodo

Chapters: "Mountain Man" - Page 94  
"Of Seasons and Weather" - Page 96  
"La Verna" - Page 97

**Young Adults: An Invitation to a Franciscan Feast**

I am asking for help on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, here at the Shrine of St. Anthony. The region is trying to develop a young adult ministry program, and this will be our first effort.

The evening is called “Young Adults: An Invitation to a Franciscan Feast” Although it will be just pizza, chips, and soda, we hope to introduce the young adults to the feast of life that following Francis offers. We are having guest speakers from several Franciscan organizations that encompass the Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation activities. One goal is to get young adult volunteers to help form a core group of servant leaders that will plan future activities. We want to have an active, fun-filled night. But we do need several people to help setup, greet, and cleanup.

The plan is to start at 6:30 PM with a casual gathering, and then go to opening prayer and the presentations. I hope to be finished by 9:00 PM, but it might go later. Please e-mail me at [hmford1010@gmail.com](mailto:hmford1010@gmail.com). Young adult ministry has always been a challenge, but even more so these days. I truly feel that what we have as Franciscans can offer to the young adults a radically different approach to their lives. Peace, Harry Ford, OFS

**What Does the Church Expect From the SFO**

“The Church expects from the Secular Franciscan Order, one and only, a great service in the cause of the Kingdom of God in the world of today. The Church desires that your Order should be a model of organic, structural and charismatic unity on all levels, so as to present itself to the world as a ‘community of love’ (Secular Franciscan Rule 22).

The church expects from you, Secular Franciscans, a courageous and consistent testimony of Christian and Franciscan life, leaning towards the construction of a more fraternal and gospel world for the realization of the Kingdom of God.”

- Saint John Paul II  
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**OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS**

- 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
- Charles Ferrara**, SFO
- Dolores Fritz**, OFS
- Marilyn Gilson**, SFO
- Richard Hall**, SFO
- Frances Langben**, SFO
- Bob Lewis**, SFO
- Jean Manning**, OFS
- Yvonne Proch**, SFO
- Betty Taylor**, SFO
- Bud Tenley**, SFO
- Regina Yeager**, SFO
- Dorothy Zalewski**, SFO



## Treasurer's Report

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| <b>Beginning Balance:</b> | <b>\$ 935.29</b>        |
| Income                    | 372.00                  |
| Total                     | <b><u>\$1307.29</u></b> |
| <b>Expenses:</b>          |                         |
| Franciscan Friars         | \$ 100.00               |
| Brother Lawrence          | 50.00                   |
| Website Fee               | 15.00                   |
| Total Expenses:           | <b><u>\$ 165.00</u></b> |
| <b>Ending Balance:</b>    | <b><u>\$1142.29</u></b> |

Thank You for your monthly contributions

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## Writings from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

"We cannot rely solely on the news if we want to understand the world and life. We must be able to remain in silence, in meditation, in calm and prolonged reflection; we must know how to stop and think. In this way, our mind can find healing from the inevitable wounds of daily life, can go deeper into the events that occur in our lives and in the world, and come to the knowledge that allows us to evaluate things with new eyes. Especially in the recollection of conscience, where God speaks to us, we learn to look truthfully at our own actions, even at the evil within us and around us, to begin a journey of conversion that makes us wiser and better, more capable of creating solidarity and communion, of overcoming evil with good.

The Christian is a person of hope, even and especially in the face of the darkness that often exists in the world, not as a consequence of God's plans but because of the wrong choices of man, because the Christian knows that the power of faith can move mountains. The Lord can brighten even the deepest darkness."

### September Birthday



**Jean Singleton, OFS 9/28**

### October Birthdays

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Brandon Justice, OFS   | 10/06 |
| Bob Longo, OFS         | 10/06 |
| Harry Ford, OFS        | 10/10 |
| Lita Maisel, OFS       | 10/13 |
| Michael Radcliffe, OFS | 10/22 |
| Theresa Heath, OFS     | 10/30 |

### Remembering Your Profession

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|------------------------|----------|
| Theresa Heath, OFS     | 10/11/81 |
| Lorie Chase, OFS       | 10/15/08 |
| John Kirby, OFS        | 10/16/94 |
| Sherry Lewis, OFS      | 10/16/94 |
| Edward Burgee, OFS     | 10/16/11 |
| Gerri Flynn, OFS       | 10/16/11 |
| Rosemary Whelan, OFS   | 10/16/11 |
| Jerry Yu, OFS          | 10/16/11 |
| Diane Witherspoon, OFS | 10/18/06 |
| Amy Kulesa, OFS        | 10/20/03 |
| Jim Tebo, OFS          | 10/23/77 |

"Faith, which the Church is living, should arouse in the heart of each believer a greater awareness that the encounter with Christ is the source of true life and a solid hope. Faith in Jesus allows a constant renewal of goodness and of the ability to rise from the quicksand of sin and to begin anew.

In the Word made flesh it is always possible to rediscover our true human identity, to find ourselves destined for God's infinite love and called to a personal communion with Him. This truth, which Jesus Christ came to reveal, is the certainty that compels us to confidently face each day.

"The Church, which has received from her Lord the mission to evangelize, knows well that the Gospel is destined to all people, especially the younger generations, to quench that thirst for truth that everyone carries in their heart and that is often obscured by all those things that occupy life. This apostolic commitment is all the more necessary when the faith risks being obscured in cultural contexts that hinder its personal roots and its social presence. Rome, too, is a city where the Christian faith must be proclaimed again and again and witnessed in a credible manner.

On the one hand, there is the growing number of believers of other religions, the difficulties parish communities have in attracting young people, the spread of lifestyles marked by individualism and moral relativism; on the other, the quest, in so many people, for a sense of their own existence and for a hope that will not disappoint, that cannot leave us indifferent. Like the Apostle Paul, all the faithful of this city should consider themselves under obligation of the Gospel towards the other inhabitants!" - Vatican City, 31 December 2012 (VIS)

**From the Legenda Minor of St. Bonaventure: The Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis  
Celebrated on September 17th**



**September 21, 2014**

**FRATERNITY PICNIC AT  
THE SHRINE OF  
ST. ANTHONY**

Our Fraternity picnic will begin with 12 pm Mass - festivities will begin at 1pm.

**October 20-24 - Iconology  
Workshop in the Traditional  
Russian-Byzantine Icon  
Writing Method**

For further information please visit our Fraternity Website:  
<http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/fraternity-news-events/>

On Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis, below is the Legenda Minor of St. Bonaventure:

Two years before Francis, the faithful servant of Christ, gave his soul back to God, he was alone on the top of Mt. Alverna. There he had begun a fast of forty days in honor of the archangel Michael and was immersed more deeply than usual in the delights of heavenly contemplation. His soul became aglow with the ardor of fervent longing for heaven as he experienced within himself the operations of grace.

As he was drawn aloft through ardent longing for God one morning near the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, and was praying on the mountainside, he saw what appeared as a seraph with six bright wings gleaming like a fire descending from the heights of heaven. As this figure approached in swift flight and came near the man of God it appeared not only winged but also crucified. The sight of it amazed Francis and his soul experienced joy mingled with pain. He was delighted with the sight of Christ appearing to him so graciously and intimately and yet the awe-inspiring vision of Christ nailed to the cross aroused in his soul a joy of compassionate love.

When the vision vanished after a mysterious and intimate conversation it left Francis aglow with seraphic love in his soul. Externally, however, it left marks on his body like those of the Crucified as if the impression of a seal had been left on heated wax. The figures of the nails appeared immediately on his hands and feet. The heads of the nails were inside his hands but on top of his feet with their points extending through to the opposite side. His right side too showed a blood-red wound as if it had been pierced by a lance, and blood flowed frequently from it. Because of this new and astounding miracle unheard of in times past, Francis came down from the mountain a new man adorned with the sacred stigmata, bearing in his body the image of the Crucified not made by a craftsman in wood or stone, but fashioned in his members by the hand of the living God.

Francis and his followers traveled and preached all over Europe, gaining popularity and followers everywhere. Francis himself preached before the Pope and Cardinals at the Lateran in 1217 and met St. Dominic during that stay in Rome. Lay people were so moved by Francis' preaching that they came to him pleading to join his order, once an entire congregation implored him en masse. At this point he devised his Third Order, which he intended as a middle state for people who weren't ready or able to leave all for the cloister.

**OUR GATHERINGS** – Active members should make every attempt to attend our Gathering every month. If you are unable to attend due to illness, work or family obligations, please contact a council member (see page one for telephone numbers). If you are professed and miss a gathering, please send your check for the Common Fund to:

Jerry Yu, OFS  
2812 Green Shade Ct.  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

**Rule 3 of the Secular  
Franciscan Order**

The present rule, succeeding "Memoriale Propositi" (1221) and the rules approved by the Supreme Pontiffs Nicholas IV and Leo XIII, adapts the Secular Franciscan Order to the needs and expectations of the Holy Church in the conditions of changing times. Its interpretation belongs to the Holy See and its application will be made by the General Constitutions and particular statutes.

**Quote**

“Having looked the past in the eye, having asked for forgiveness and having made amends, let us shut the door on the past—not in order to forget it but in order not to allow it to imprison us.” - **Desmond Tutu**