

ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO FRATERNITY
Enkindle the Fire of Mercy in our Hearts
Annual Fraternity Picnic – September 18, 2016
1 PM to 4 PM

Laudato Si (Praise be to you – On Care For Our Common Home), Paragraph 27

"Fresh drinking water is an issue of primary importance, since it is indispensable for human life and for supporting terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. Sources of fresh water are necessary for health care, agriculture and industry. Water supplies used to be relatively constant, but now in many places demand exceeds the sustainable supply, with dramatic consequences in the short and long term."

~ Pope Francis



SAVE THE DATE
SEPTEMBER 18th, 2016
OUR ANNUAL PICNIC

MINISTERS MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Francis and Clare,

Our September picnic is this coming Sunday, September 18th with Mass at 12 pm and our picnic starting at 1 pm. This year our picnic area will be located to the right of the back door of the chapel up on the hill slightly to the right of the Stations of the Cross.

We are asking members and visitors to either bring a potluck dish, or side dish or a dessert. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, there are no electrical outlets in the area so we will not be able to hook up crock-pots or warmers to heat up food. If you have any questions concerning food, please contact our sister, Denise Donaldson, OFS, (443 683-2538) Food Coordinator.

At our August gathering we welcomed, at the "Rite of Admission":

Karen Bevers, OFS,
Theresa Lam, OFS
Richard Lam, OFS

to our fraternity family. As our sisters and brother continue on their Franciscan journey please keep them in your daily prayers.

Now that the summer months have come to an end we would like to restart our monthly book sharing group using the book "Clare – A Light in the Garden" by Murray Bodo, OFM. We are looking to start on October 1st, the first Saturday of the month, 1 pm at the friary. If you are interested in joining us please contact our sister, Geri Flynn, OFS.

~ Your Fraternity Council

Our Fraternity Council

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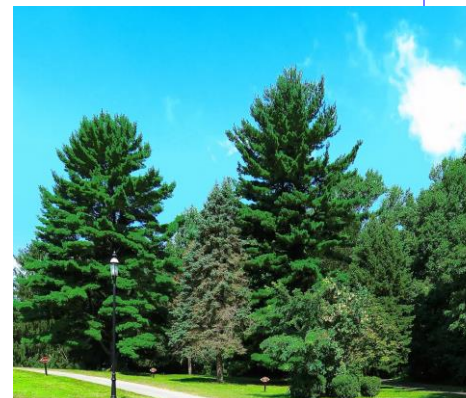
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Picnic Area





Message from Br. Lawrence

Brothers and sisters in Francis,

This month is the annual picnic and with your usual generosity you will be hosting many seculars from other area fraternities. Take this time to enjoy and dialogue with brothers and sisters from these fraternities this month. It is truly a great witness to do so and it also keeps everyone else up on what is going on in the region as well. It is important that you always remember that the fraternity is much broader than just Ellicott City, but it includes the state, the country, and, yes, the whole world; but it begins and grows first and foremost in our midst here in Ellicott City. Have a great day and enjoy yourselves.

Peace, 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



October 23rd Gathering – Profession Ceremony and Mass starting at 2:30 pm in the chapel

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

December 18th Gathering – Annual Christmas Party

January 15th – Extraction of Saints

FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY

"St. Francis of Assisi, by divine inspiration, imitating the life of Christ and his disciples, gave rise to a form of gospel life which he called brotherhood. For this he is for us unparalleled master of fellowship. Francesco has the conception of his brother as a gift of God, regardless of human characteristics. Each brother is a gift to be received, a provocation of God to grow in love, in gratitude that flow only from a humble heart. "

SIMPLE AS FRANCESCO

In fraternity is also "model of simplicity that is the privileged way to the path of unification of man with God, the source of all fraternal communion and medicine against each division. The beauty of the simple life and the richness of fraternal life are the precious heritage of the Franciscan tradition. By Francesco draw also the joy of the Gospel or the perfect joy dear companion of the Seraphic Father who becomes the shining witness of the accession to the Gospel. - Jasmine Guercio – Assisi Newsletter



Treasurer's Report

August 1st – August 31st, 2016

Beginning Balance: \$1,921.51

Income 378.00

Total **\$2,299.51**

Expenses:

Franciscan Friars 100.00

Brother Lawrence 100.00

Br. Emmanuel - Talk 100.00

Formation Expenses 315.58

Website 15.00

Total **\$630.58**

Ending Balance: \$1,668.93

**Thank You for your monthly
contributions**

Contribution is Tax Deductible

September Birthdays



Pat Frederick, OFS 09/22

Jean Singleton, OFS 09/28



Remembering Your Profession Anniversary

Gerry Pinkas, OFS 9/16/79

Mary Karth, OFS 9/23/12

To become an Instrument of Peace

Some aspects of the life of the Poverello (St. Francis) I would like to mention in particular: First of all, it testifies to the profound reason of evangelical poverty, stripping in front of the father of his possessions, gave up this world to say in front of everyone, without any fear, that only Jesus Christ and his Gospel are the true and the only wealth of 'Men'. What does it mean for us the example of St. Francis? Last year in Assisi, at the tomb of Saint Francis, the Pope has asked all Christians to divest himself of the spiritual worldliness "which brings us to vanity, arrogance, pride." Contemplating the Crucifix of San Damiano, the invitation of Pope Francis encourages us to commit ourselves to seek the glory of God rather than our own, with right faith, certain hope and perfect charity.

Transformed by the experience of Jesus Christ, St. Francis was a man of peace and reconciliation. In the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii gaudium* the Holy Father has asked Christians "a witness of fraternal communion which becomes attractive and bright" (99). Let's go to Assisi to become we, like St. Francis, instruments of peace in a world where conflicts are growing and often result in dramatic violence. The intercession of St. Francis obtain for us the harmony and communion in the family, the workplace, in social relations, and each Christian fulfills his vocation as a servant of love and forgiveness, cooperating to build a society of peace.

In this time of severe economic crisis grows in our cities and towns, the number of poor. Pope Francis asks us to recognize in the poor "the suffering flesh of Christ" and to alleviate their sufferings. This was also the experience of St. Francis who, after recognizing the leper as the face of Jesus, began to attend the leper and to give help to those who were there, kissing their hands. We ask in prayer to St. Francis to help us accomplish, as he did, "the option for the past, for those that society rejects and throws away" (*Evangelii gaudium*, n. 195). The poor belong to us and Christian communities must have the same place in their hearts to God, that is to say - the Pope reminds us - "a preferential place."

Finally, in our pilgrimage, we will pray for the Pope, who constantly relies on the prayer of the Christian people. The Church joined by special ties to the successor of Peter, cannot fail to respond generously to this call. Let us ask the Lord for him health and strength for the work of ministry that Providence has entrusted him with exemplary dedication and that place every day.

St. Francis is a gift for our Church. It's really a day of grace for a new force in our Christian communities. Let us experience with spiritual intensity, and experience the joy of meeting with a great witness of the Gospel to be even more joyful and credible proclaimers of Christ and ferment of joy and peace in our living environments. - *President of the Regional Episcopal Conference to the Diocese of New York.*

JESUS' COMPASSION IS LIKE A MOTHER'S LOVE

by Pope Francis

Vatican City, 9 June 2013 (VIS) “Popular piety, embraces many symbols and the Heart of Jesus is the ultimate symbol of God's mercy. It is not, however, an imaginary symbol but a real symbol that represents the center, the source from which flows the salvation for all of humanity. When Jesus was already dead, a soldier pierced his side with a lance and immediately blood and water flowed out. “John recognized in that, apparently random, sign the fulfilment of the prophecies: from the heart of Jesus, the Lamb sacrificed upon the Cross, spring forth forgiveness and life for all humanity.”

“But Jesus' mercy is not just a feeling. It is a force that gives life that brings humanity back to life! In the Gospel reading of the story of the widow of Nain. Jesus, with his disciples, is arriving in Nain, a village in Galilee, at exactly the moment of a funeral. A young man, the only son of a widowed woman is being carried out to be buried. Jesus' gaze immediately fixes upon the crying mother. The Gospel writer Luke tells us: 'When the Lord saw her, He was moved with pity for her'. This compassion is God's love for humanity. It is mercy, that is, God's attitude in contact with human misery, with our indigence, our suffering, our anguish. The biblical term 'compassion' recalls the maternal womb: indeed, a mother feels a reaction all her own when faced with her children's pain. That is how God loves us, Scripture says.”

“And what is the fruit of this love, this mercy? It is life! Jesus said to the widow of Nain: 'Do not weep', and he called to the dead son and woke him as if from sleep. Let's think about this. It's beautiful. God's mercy gives life to the man, raises him from the dead. The Lord always looks upon us with mercy ... awaits us with mercy. Let us not be afraid to draw near to him! He has a merciful heart! If we show him our inner wounds, our sins, He always forgives us. He is pure mercy!”

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

All are Welcome

Reconciliation

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



**General Constitution of
the
Secular Franciscan
Order
December 8, 2000**

Article 1

1. All the faithful are called to holiness and have a right to follow their own spiritual way in communion with the Church.

A Family is in need of our help

A family recently lost their mother during childbirth, who lived in China, their American father brought the children from their homeland to live with him here in Maryland.

Please give Karan a call ([410 818-7099](tel:4108187099)) or e-mail Karan at: karanbev@gmail.com or: mkskarancatechist@yahoo.com if you are able to help this most needy family..

Below is a list of items the family is in need of:

Baby Jackson

(16 months old, just started walking!)

Toddler Car Seat (desperately needs!) - Size 3 disposable diapers - Size 5 shoes (he only has one pair) - Boys Socks for toddler shoe size 5 - Boys summer/fall pajamas size 16-18 months + - Boys summer/fall clothes size 16-18 months +
Boys fall/winter coat size 16-18 months+ - Toddler toys ages 1-3 - Toddler Cardboard Books - Baby Food Squirt Packets and Toddler finger foods (biscuits, etc) - Baby Sippy Cups with lids - Seat potty and Floor potty

Marian

(5 year old girl, just started Kindergarten)
(Little Marian loves dresses and Disney Princesses)

Girls size 7-8 summer/fall casual/school clothing - Girls size 7-8 summer/fall dresses - Girls pajamas size 7-8 - Girls sneakers shoe size 13 - Girls dress shoe size 13 - Girls casual boots size 13 - Girls socks size 13 - Girls fall/winter hat, age 5 - Girls fall/winter coat size 13 - Girls books, age 5 (picture books with Chinese culture, characters, and themes would be appreciated) Girls twin bedding - Girls games, age 5 - Play dough and crafts without small pieces –
Girls Book bag with extra Kindergarten supplies - Girls lunch tote

Eric

(13 year old teenage boy)

Gift card from Dicks Sporting Goods (for shoes and clothing) - Gift card from Kohls (for shoes and clothing) - Gift card from Target (for shoes and clothing)
Gift card form Walmart, Staples, Office Depot (for school supplies)

Single Father, age 54

(Widower with 3 children)

Queen bedding for a man - Bath towels - Garden hose - Bucket, sponges, etc. for outdoor use - Gift card from Home Depot - Barnes and Noble gift card

Thank you for your Franciscan charity