

ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO FRATERNITY
2017 Theme for the Year: Living Our Spirit-Filled Rule
Our Gathering – September 17, 2017

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

Paragraph 37 - “Some countries have made significant progress in establishing sanctuaries on land and in the oceans where any human intervention is prohibited which might modify their features or alter their original structures. In the protection of biodiversity, specialists insist on the need for particular attention to be shown to areas richer both in the number of species and in endemic, rare or less protected species. Certain places need greater protection because of their immense importance for the global ecosystem, or because they represent important water reserves and thus safeguard other forms of life.” ~ Pope Francis

MINISTER’S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Francis and Clare,

Our picnic this year is on September 17th with Mass at 12 pm. This year our picnic area will be back at the Old Manor House (now called Carrolton Hall) but on the opposite side of the building. Work equipment will still be in the area at Carrolton Hall, where we use to hold our past picnics. *Please remember, we will not have access to electrical outlets to warm up food.*

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAMILY

If you have not contacted Mary Karth, OFS, this year’s Food Coordinator, please do so as soon as possible as to what you will be bringing as a covered dish, side dish or dessert. You can reach Mary at: 301 514-5717 or at our sign-up site: [Annual OFS Picnic Sign-Up](#)

We are asking each attendee to bring **one** of the following:

Main Dish - Side Dish or Salad Dish:
(cold; eg. Macaroni, potato, bean or veggie salad etc.)

Desserts - all sorts (YUM!)

Other items needed:

Sliced Cheese for hamburgers

Cut tomatoes

Cut lettuce

Cut onions

Jars of Pickles

Chips - yes, oh yes chips!

Drinks – Soda, Gatorade both regular and Diet

We are also looking for volunteers to help set-up, starting at 10 am, on the day of the picnic and for volunteers to clean-up, usually takes about a half hour if several people volunteer.

The Flyer



Our Fraternity Council

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Br. Lawrence LaFlame, OFM. Conv
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Picnic at Carrolton Hall





Please mark all bowls and utensils with your name & make sure you take the containers and utensils home with you, as well as whatever is not eaten. The fraternity is not responsible for items left behind after clean-up.

~ Your Fraternity Council

Please Pray For ...

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



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



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

Remembering Your Profession



Gerry Pinkas, OFS (38 Years) **9/16/79**
Mary Karth, OFS (5 years) **9/23/12**

What does the World Need Today?

It needs men and women who live prayerful lives, lives that spring forth in creative in relatable ways; it needs men and women who are able to check their ambition and privilege at the door to be equals with anyone else who walks in; it needs men and women who are capable of struggling with others, overcoming their shortcomings, and making it work with others; it needs men and women who want to live for others, who want to build the kingdom of God even in the most difficult of places.

The funny thing about it all is that these people are already out there in the world, living and doing these very things. Maybe it's even you. Maybe what the world needs most right now is not some politician to fix our problems or God to perform some incredible miracle, but you, as you are, living the 800 year old charism of St. Francis of Assisi. ~ *Assisi Newsletter*



Treasurer's Report

August – 2017

Beginning Balance:	\$ 803.79
Income	<u>311.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,114.79

Expenses:

Fair Share (2 nd half)	\$ 760.00
Office Supplies	38.15
Fr. Douglas Stipend	50.00
Brother Lawrence	100.00
Franciscan Friars	100.00
Web Fee	<u>15.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,063.15

Ending Balance: **\$ 51.64**

Thank You for your monthly contributions

Contributions are Tax Deductible

EACH HUMAN BEING IS A MIRACLE OF GOD Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

God is our Father because He is our Creator. Each one of us, each man and each woman, is a miracle of God, desired by Him and known personally by Him. ... For Him we are not anonymous and impersonal, we have a name. The Holy Spirit, which speaks within us and says 'Abba! Father!' leads us to this truth, communicating it to the most intimate depths of our being and filling our prayer with serenity and joy".

The Apostle, Paul, speaks of the power of the Holy Spirit which enables us to call God "Abba", our Father. That great master of prayer which is the Holy Spirit teaches us to address God with the affectionate terms of children, calling Him 'Abba, Father'. This is what Jesus did, even at the most dramatic moment of His earthly life. He never lost faith in the Father and always invoked Him with the intimacy of a beloved Son.

The Holy Spirit, gift of the risen Christ, places us in a filial relationship analogous to that of Jesus though different in origin and importance. Jesus is the eternal Son of God Who became flesh, while we become God's children in time through faith in the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation".

September Birthdays



Pat Frederick, OFS	09/22
Jean Singleton, OFS	09/28

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

As the bus went by, I could not help but notice the ad it carried. The sign offered atheism as a way to approach life. My first thought was, "How sad" that someone would want to live without an awareness of God, but then my reflections turned in another direction. We have to realize that there are those actually seeking "converts" to a rejection of the idea of God. What we are witnessing is not a philosophical debate about the existence of God, but rather a campaign to enlist followers in another whole appreciation of life.

By ~ Donald Cardinal Whurl
Archbishop of Washington, D.C.

Perhaps mankind today does not perceive the beauty, greatness and profound consultation contained in the word 'Father' with which we can address God in prayer, because often the paternal figure is not sufficiently present or positive in daily life. Yet, the love of Jesus, the only-begotten Son Who even gave Himself on the cross, reveals the true nature of the Father: He is Love.

In his Letter to the Galatians, St. Paul tells us that the Spirit cries out within us saying 'Abba! Father!', while in his Letter to the Romans he writes that we ourselves make this cry in the Spirit. The Apostle wants us to understand that Christian prayer is never unidirectional, from us to God. ... Rather, it is an expression of a reciprocal relationship in which it is always God Who acts first. It is the Spirit which cries within us, and we too can cry out because the impulse comes from the Holy Spirit. ... This presence opens our prayers and our lives to the horizons of the Trinity and the Church.

When we address the Father in our hearts, in silence and meditation, we are never alone. ... We are within the great prayer of the Church, we are part of a great symphony which the Christian community in all places and times raises to God. ... Prayer guided by the Spirit causes us to cry out 'Abba! Father!' with confidence and in Christ. It makes us part of the great mosaic of the family of God, in which everyone has an important place and role, profound and meaningful to all things.

When we pray, let us strive to appreciate the beauty of being friends, or rather children, of God, invoking Him with the confidence and trust of a child addressing his father who love him. Let us open our prayers to the Father so that it may cry out within us: 'Abba! Father!'.

Indulgences of the Secular Franciscan Order

SACRA PAENITENTIARIA APOSTOLICA SECTIO DE
INDULGENTIIS

Prot. 4/72

Holy Father,

The Interobediental General Council of the Secular Third Order of Saint Francis of Assisi humbly asks for a revision of the indulgences given by the Holy See to the members of the Secular Third Order, in accordance with the norms of the Apostolic Constitution «Indulgentiarum doctrina» of January 1, 1967, n. 14.

And God etc.

January 22, 1972

The Sacred Penitentiary, by virtue of the special and explicit faculties given by the Holy Father, benignly concedes a plenary Indulgence to the members mentioned above, provided they make or renew, at least privately, their promise to observe faithfully the Statutes of their association, having dutifully fulfilled the usual conditions (confession, communion and prayer to the intention of the Supreme Pontiff):

1. on the day of their admission and of their profession, and at the conclusion of an official visitation;

2. on the feast-days of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Saint Francis of Assisi; Saint Louis, King; Saint Elizabeth; Blessed Luchesius; Saint Clare; Saint Margaret of Cortona and all the Saints of the Three Orders of Saint Francis.

The present decision will be in force immediately and perpetually, without any time limit.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

In name of his Eminency

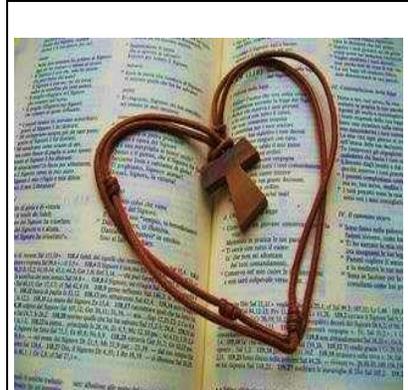
G. Sessolo, Regent

M. Venturi, Secretary.

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
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	Calendar
At the Friary	
Chapel Open Daily From 9 AM – 5 PM	
Noon Mass everyday 12 PM	
For more Information call 410 531-2800	



General Constitution of the Secular Franciscan Order December 8, 2000

Article 8 The Form of Life

2. They seek to deepen, in the light of faith, the values and choices of the evangelical life according to the Rule of the SFO:

-- *Rule 7* in a continually renewed journey of conversion and of formation;

-- *Rule 4,3* open to the challenges that come from society and from the Church's life situation, "going from Gospel to life and from life to Gospel";

-- in the personal and communal dimensions of this journey.