

THE FLYER

**NEWSLETTER FOR THE
ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO
FRATERNITY OF THE
SECULAR FRANCISCANS**

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February 21, 2021

Theme for the Year:

Love is Patient

(1 Cor 13:4)

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Greetings from Brother Lawrence

I would like to write to you this month about a quotation that I have recently read that has caused me to think a little. It is in a book entitled *If You Seek Miracles* by my late confrere (and Latin instructor) FR. Claude Jarmak, OFM Conv. On page 38, Fr. Claude explains, “The Saint [Anthony] writes, ‘A person filled with the Holy Spirit speaks various languages. These various languages are different ways of witnessing to Christ, i.e. by humility, poverty, patience, and obedience. We speak these languages when we practice these virtues. When deeds speak, words are vibrant with life.’” This wonderful quotation has got me thinking and meditating lately and I wanted to share that with you. St Anthony is writing about the Pentecost story found in the *Acts of the Apostles*, but the quote made me think of a story of St. Francis and a confrere who went to preach in an Italian town by walking through town without saying a word. Francis’ response to the “What gives” question of his confrere was that this is indeed preaching.

Yes, much of the time our actions speak louder than words. Many of us have not been out of the house too much in the last year and now that we have come to February, the snow on the ground reminds us that we are most likely going out too soon. Perhaps, then, we have just a bit more time on our hands than usual and Lent is here as well: what do we do? Many may increase their time in front of the TV or on the internet or cell phone, but I have another suggestion. Let us take this extra time to think about how our actions can be a more *impressive* teaching to others. We can also use this time to recall recent times we *were* out and about and have not allowed our actions to speak virtuously. Since it is Lent, let us use some time, a Lenten sacrifice of time, to meditate quietly on our past and how we can evangelize in the coming days ahead; a Lenten work that will be of benefit for others who notice *and* for oneself as well.

Have a blessed Lent.

Ministers Message ~ by James Kim, OFS

“Love is patient.” To grow in the virtue of patience during this year.

This is the theme we council members selected for this year. It's the well-known words from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. We hope the virtue of patience may help our members to endure the difficulties that are expected this year again. Seeing our endurances for keeping the trust, hope and love in the Lord in this situation, our Lord may bless us more than any other years.

The theme of the fraternity is to give a suggestion for our members, though it may not represent each member's needs accurately. In the journey of faith, themes come to us naturally. I'd like to suggest always having personal themes for meditations. What are you meditating on these days? Our personal themes may become bridges in any disconnected parts of our faith. They may help us to improve understanding of the scriptures and, more importantly, to change our behaviors and thoughts to connect the scripture understanding to our daily lives, which we may call conversion.



Items most needed this month include hygiene items, masks, and socks. Order online from your favorite retailer & have delivered to: The Franciscan Center at 101 W. 23rd Street, Baltimore, MD 21218-5607.

Hygiene items may be full sized or travel sized and needed items include:

Shampoo, combs, hair ties, hand sanitizer, petroleum jelly, foot powder, shave kits, feminine hygiene items, diapers (adult or baby sized), lip balm, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss.

To donate monetarily, please go to the website at:

www.FCBmore.org and click on the DONATE button on the header, and then on green donate button the next page as well.



Saint Francis of Assisi by Berto di Giovanni di Marco,

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The Rule Review

So that we might more fully live the Gospel Life, Secular Franciscans should not just read *The Rule*, but reflect on and pray with *The Rule*.

19. Mindful that they are bearers of peace which must be built up unceasingly, they should seek out ways of unity and fraternal harmony through dialogue, trusting in the presence of the divine seed in everyone and in the transforming power of love and pardon. Messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, they should strive to bring joy and hope to others. Since they are immersed in the resurrection of Christ, which gives true meaning to Sister Death, let them serenely tend toward the ultimate encounter with the Father.

The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order (with citations) may be accessed at anytime at:

<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/RULE.pdf>

Welcome, Visitors! Want to find out more about Secular Franciscans?

- ⇒ Keep an eye on our websites & newsletter so you know when we begin meeting in person again. Secular Franciscans are friendly & do not have secret rites.
- ⇒ Check out our website: http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/our_fraternity/
- ⇒ Check out the St. Margaret of Cortona website: <http://saintmargaretofcortona.org/>
- ⇒ Check out our national website: <https://secularfranciscansusa.org/>



ZOOM—Help!

Join in on the fun and join the next gathering via Zoom! Anyone wanting a friendly tutorial and practice session, can reach out to our brother, Ray Glennon, OFS at (443)458-8044.

YouFra Voices

Although St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity does not have a YouFra, or Franciscan Youth group, there are a number of inspirational youth and young adults all around us. Keep reading *The Flyer* and see if you can spot this new feature!

Congratulations!

On the anniversary of your profession:

Will Witherspoon, OFS

02/08/2004 17 Years

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02/16/2014 7 years:

Joan Bundy, Chris Donaldson,
Harry Ford, & Kathy Ford

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02/16/2020 1 year

Louise Hotovy, Mike Hotovy,
Michael King, Mimi Cox-Owens,
Joanne Patton,
Melissa Reed-Konigsdorffer,
Bill Siefken, Alice Umugiraneza

**Our Deceased
Brothers & Sisters:**

Dea. Tom Bellos, OFS	Joe Cykoski, SFO	Dolores Fritz, OFS	Yvonne Proch, SFO
Frances Bastress, SFO	Stella Cykoski, SFO	Marilyn Gilson, SFO	Nancy Seaton, SFO
Joe Bezila, SFO	Claire Lee Davidson, SFO	Richard Hall, SFO	Don Sweitzer, OFS
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	Mary Ferrara, SFO	Jean Manning, OFS	Dorothy Zalewski, SFO
		Jim Manning, OFS	

Treasurer's Report

January – 2021

Beginning (running) Balance:	\$3,163.51
Common Fund Contributions	<u>\$1,180.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$1,180.00</u>
<i>Intermediate Subtotal</i>	<i>\$4,343.51</i>
Expenses:	
Brother Lawrence	\$100.00
Franciscan Friars	\$100.00
Office Supplies	\$21.11
Third Party Fees (PayPal)	\$ 4.40
Total Expense	<u>\$225.51</u>
Ending (running) Balance:	<u>\$4,118.00</u>

Thank You for your tax-deductible contributions! & Coming up expenses: Fair Share contribution \$2,000.

Direct donation checks to:
St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity.

Mail donations to:

Gerard Pinkas
3810 Marriottsville Rd.
Randallstown, MD 21133

Your bank's bill pay may be used. Direct payment to **St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity** at the address above. *Contact Gerry with any bill pay questions.*

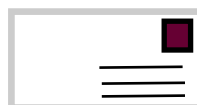


Single leaf and fragment with Crucifixion and Colophon, 1516, Fr. Leongard Wirstlin of the Benedictine Abbey at SS. Ulrich & Afra in Augsburg, Germany, CC0 The Walters Art Museum

Internet Got You Down?

To request a printout of the newsletter or featured internet resources, please call your friendly sister in Francis & Clare:

Deanna Williston, OFS at 443-745-1109.



YouFra Voices

The Introverted Evangelists ~Brigid and Sydney Zikan

“Evangelization” and “introversion;” two words that might as well be listed as antonyms. And yet, whether introvert or extrovert, Christ urges all of the faithful to “make disciples of all nations.” (Mt. 28:19) In a world that dismisses—and even outright rejects the truth of our Catholic faith, how are we supposed to carry out such a mission? For my sister Sydney and I, the answer involves sticky notes and radio waves. Having been willingly homeschooled up until college, our introversion ranges from mild to significant. “Evangelization” would probably not make our Top 10 List of Favorite Activities. Even so, when I was in high school and Syd was in middle school, my youth group had given everyone ideas for unconventional Lenten sacrifices. One particular suggestion stood out to us: leave sticky notes with encouraging messages everywhere you go. A challenge...but a doable, nonintrusive one. At some point, both Syd and I decided to give it a shot. The experience was fruitful and satisfying. By sticking Bible verses and saint quotes on gas pumps, grocery store shelves, and the like, we were able to spread Christian positivity in our community. It was the perfect balance of introversion and evangelization. We didn’t know if our notes had a significant impact on people’s lives, but when we saw that they were not being taken down, we hoped that at least some people benefitted from our actions.

A similar-but-different opportunity presented itself a few years ago when our parish, St. Joseph Catholic Community, launched its own radio station. Our mom encouraged Sydney and me to volunteer, so we joined the WSJF-LP 92.7 FM radio team. Just like the sticky notes, pre-recording radio advertisements and Saints Spots are a way for us to reach people without being confrontational—or feeling confronted. Evangelization is the ultimate mission of the WSJF radio ministry. Following the rallying cry of Pope Benedict XVI, we pray before every meeting that God will use our humble, low-power radio station to accomplish His will. Broadcasting Catholic content on the radio has a double benefit: it educates and encourages practicing Catholics & it explains the Faith to non-Catholic listeners. In addition, by airing PSAs about parish and surrounding area events, WSJF hopes to further strengthen the connection between our church and the communities that it serves. After all, evangelization requires some integration of the Church into the world; this starts by forming an active relationship with local society.

It has been said that Christians should truly *want* to share Jesus, the way we lend our favorite book to a friend or recommend a good movie to a coworker. For anyone who would like to be more involved with their church but doesn’t feel comfortable in the direct communication of evangelizing, my sister and I would recommend little ways such as the ones that we found. This is not to say that evangelization should never make us uncomfortable; personal testimonies certainly have their place— and of course, we should never shy away from defending our faith if necessary. However, the beauty of evangelization is its versatility. If we are the Body of Christ, then perhaps we “quiet” people are the still, small voice of God. With a little creativity, it is possible to evangelize the world in ways that only introverts can accomplish.

Virtual, Franciscan Lenten Opportunities

(Not official OFS events, but a courtesy listing for our brothers and sisters.)



Online Ash Wednesday Lenten Day of Renewal

Wednesday, Feb. 17 10am-3 pm

“Embracing Lent, a Season for Prayer and Healing.”

As we begin our Spiritual Journey of Lent, we are encouraged to be enlightened through the Transforming Power of God’s Word! The demanding and most challenging words of Jesus to His disciples invited them to embrace the Plan of God which altered their life style. This radical call is ours today! Integrating God’s Plan in our lives, of course, is a life-long process! Our time today will help us examine the Words of Jesus Christ and how His message of old enriches our life as believers.

Rev. Charlie Smiech, OFM was ordained in 1981, having more than 25 years’ experience in retreat ministry. He is well versed in Catholic tradition and Franciscan spirituality.

During these uncertain times, the San Damiano Retreat Center of Danville, California, is offering a sliding scale payment for this online retreat. *(Description taken from website with permission.)*

Please, get more information & register at: <https://sandamiano.org/events/Ash-Wednesday/>

Virtual Lenten Retreat by the TOR Sisters:

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021

Last year, I fell in love with The Franciscan Sisters TOR of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother; I stumbled upon them online as they quickly shifted gears to offer their annual Lenten Retreat virtually for the first time. Now, our sisters in Francis and Clare are “virtual pros” and will be offering their 2021 Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 27th. The theme, focusing on trust and abandonment to our Heavenly Father, *Into Your Hands, Father*, will let us examine the life of Jesus and our own lives! The retreat will offer talks, testimonies, music, meditations, and optional small groups led by a sister. Much more information is available on their website and Facebook pages.



There is no fee, but you must register by February 14 for an (optional) small group or **by Wednesday, March 24th**, for the retreat itself. No fee is required & groups as well as families and individuals may register. For more information, please go to the website below or call Sr. Anna Rose at (740) 544-5542 x135; <https://www.franciscansisterstor.org/events/lenten-retreat-2021> . (Logo used with permission)

Please keep our Sisters and the retreat in your prayers.

~Deanna Williston OFS

Who Needs An Address?

Miracles do happen every day!! I guess
Jeanne asked St. Gabriel to deliver Chris'
Extraction of Saints cards!!



Have you received your Saint, Bible Verse, and
Prayer Partner for 2021? They were mailed out in
January. If you have not received yours yet, please
contact our sister,

Jeanne Kerins, OFS

(410) 227-6497

Or

jmkerins12@gmail.com

Extraction of Saints

*“Wherefore, brethren, labour the more,
that by good works you may make sure
your calling and election. For doing these
things, you shall not sin at any time.”*

1 Peter 2:10

GOOD NEWS!

The Fraternity Book Share has recently started a
new book!

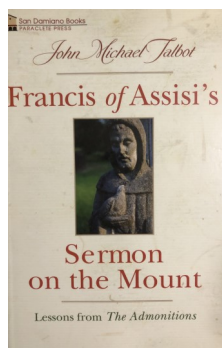
It's the perfect time for those who have wanted
to join to do so and we would so welcome your
contributions of thoughts, prayers and words as
we ponder areas of spiritual growth from a
Franciscan point of view.

We are on Admonition 3 Part 2 of
Francis of Assisi's Sermon on the Mount:
Lessons from *The Admonitions*
by John Michael Talbot

We will meet on Zoom every First Saturday from
1-3 (the next meeting is on March 6).

Just write an email to Geri Flynn
(Angelbarty@aol.com)
and you will receive an email
invitation at 12:45pm on
Saturday.

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www.TroubadourForTheLord.net ;
please consider ordering directly
from this site.



Happy Birthday!

Theresa Lam, OFS	02/06
Charlene Heyden, OFS	02/15
Jerry Yu, OFS	02/26
James Kim, OFS	02/27

Upcoming:

Mick Michieli-Beasley, OFS & 03/05
Deanna Williston, OFS

Cindy Mohler, OFS 03/13
France Staudenmann, OFS 03/29

Please Pray For:

Joan Babin, OFS
Connie Baker, OFS
Karan Bevers, OFS
Louise Hotovy, OFS
Mike Hotovy, OFS
John Kirby, OFS
Marie Lindung, OFS
Jean Singleton, OFS
Jim Tebo, OFS



Events at the Shrine of St. Anthony



Mass Times:

Monday through Saturday in the Chapel at 12 Noon,

Sunday in tent on front lawn at 12 Noon.

Please BYO mask & chair.

Adoration:

In the Chapel:

Tuesdays & Saturday 11-12, Mass following

Confession Schedule:

Monday through Friday :

11am-11:55 in the Conference Room,

Enter through side chapel doors, remember your mask.

Novena to St. Joseph

Wednesdays just before Mass.

Angelus

Monday—Saturday, just before Mass

Ash Wednesday Masses

February 17 at 12 & 4 pm in the Tent

Ashes will be sprinkled.

Gift Shop Hours

Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am - 4:00pm

Sunday 10:00am - 2:00pm

Currently, masks must be worn at all times inside the building, public bathrooms *are* available; however, the choir stalls in the Chapel are currently unavailable.

The Shrine Grounds & Courtyard are open daily dawn till dusk! *The Chapel bell will be rung about 10 minutes before Mass.*

If you have any questions please call the Front Office at 410-531-2800; check the website for full details www.shrineofstanthony.org

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Thanks to all who submitted ideas and articles for this month's issue!

Have ideas for future issues? Submissions need to be 500 words or less. Please contact Deanna at jtwillis@aol.com (or call 443-745-1109) by March 1 and you may see your idea in the March 2021 edition of *The Flyer*.

Please use this as a way to share of bit of yourselves with your Franciscan brothers and sisters.

Vision of St. John the Evangelist on Patmos CC0, The Walters Art Museum, Umbrian modello for fresco in Santa Dorteia in Rome



February 21, 2021 Gathering

- ◆ Virtual meeting on Zoom.
- ◆ 2-4 pm, but come a few minutes early to socialize.
- ◆ Br. Lawrence will be presenting a talk.