

## **THE FLYER**

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

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**October 17, 2021**

**Theme for the Year:**

***Love is Patient***

**(1 Cor 13:4)**

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unless otherwise noted.*

### **Greetings from Brother Lawrence**

Greetings to one and all,

October is such a wonderful month and it begins with the feast of our founder, St. Francis. I was thinking about this change from summer to autumn and the feast of Francis and I began to wander off into thoughts of his humility. I began to ask myself the question of what his answer would have been if he were asked who is the founder of the Orders. Eventually, I came to the conclusion that he would have responded, "God is the founder of the Orders and I am simply its first member." I have really convinced myself that this is what he would have replied and I suppose my thought was, in part, a response to my teaching about grace here at Curley. It is a teaching of the theology of grace that God always initiates and humans respond to what God begins. God, therefore, initiated the Orders and Francis was the first to respond.

It is important for each and everyone of us to respond to the Lord's giving us the grace to answer the call to follow the path of Jesus. Unfortunately, I have to tell my students that that seems to leave us in the minority when we do so. It seems to me that many do not even hear God's initiation and still others refuse to respond to God and would rather do what they want to do. This is one of the wonderful responses that we can have in the world today. Follow the path of Jesus, it is the "Franciscan way of preaching" (not using words) that we must continue to do each and every day that may just impress someone to ask the question I am certain Francis himself had addressed to him so very often, "Why do you live and act the way that you do?"

As we move towards the end of the Church year and the holidays that follow let us remember that we are constantly responding to the graces given to us by God and not doing what we may necessarily want to be doing. We live, serve and follow the path set for us by Jesus and as Jesus showed others how to live so we continue to do that today, even in the autumns of the years.

God's peace be with you, Br. Lawrence

## Minister's Message

The third of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary is the Proclamation of the Kingdom; every time I meditate on this mystery, I am reminded of the Gospel passage: “Seek ye therefore first the kingdom of God, and his justice, and all these things shall be added unto you.” (Mt 6:33) In the order of mysteries of the Rosary, this mystery is right after the story of the Wedding at Cana. I thought it's interesting: our Lord teaches us to seek first the Kingdom of God, but, in fact, our Father granted us the worldly things (wine) at Cana before Jesus proclaimed the Kingdom of God. It was before Jesus began His ministry, and so He said, “My hour is not yet come.” (Jn 2:4) However, our Father was not ignorant of our worldly needs, and acted first to grant us what we needed through Mary's intercession.



St. Louis de Montfort, in his book “True Devotion to Mary,” compares the role of Mary with that of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob. (Gen 27) Rebekah, with the intention to make Jacob blessed by Isaac, prepared a dish in the way Isaac liked, covered his hands and neck with goatskins, and had Jacob bring Isaac the dish she had prepared. Rebekah was the one who knew what Isaac liked most. As Rebekah was a tender mother for Jacob, Mary is truly our tender mother. St. Montfort wrote “she knew all the secret ways of winning the heart of God.” Mary, daughter of God, mother of God and spouse of God, knows what our Heavenly Father likes most. Our prayers, devotions and charities are defective because of our infirmities. We may pray improperly. We, by nature of our imperfection, may seek our wills rather than the Father's will. However, as Rebekah prepared a dish in the way Isaac liked (Gen 27:9), our Blessed Virgin Mary may prepare our prayers and devotions and ourselves in the way acceptable to the Father. It's the beauty of the Rosary. While going through the meditations on Jesus's birth, life, death and resurrection, we also rely on Mary for her intercession. ~James Kim, OFS

The Wedding at Cana, handpainted icon, available at [www.blessedmart.com](http://www.blessedmart.com), Byzantine Art & Gifts, used with permission

## SEEKING A CHRISTMAS FAMILY



This month, the fraternity is going to start collecting funds for the Christmas families. Please clearly mark all funds —checks should have “Christmas Families” on the memo line & cash should be in an envelope marked “Christmas Families.” Thank you for your assistance & your generosity.

Do you know a family who needs our little help? It must be a family for direct delivery of funds, not an organization. If anyone has a family in mind, please contact James Kim, OFS at 443-458-3361 or [jimk1114@gmail.com](mailto:jimk1114@gmail.com).

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## Treasurer's Report

September – 2021

<b>Beginning (running) Balance:</b>	<b>\$3711.60</b>
<b>Common Fund Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 220.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$ 220.00</u></b>
<b>Intermediate Subtotal</b>	<b><u>\$3931.60</u></b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
<b>Spiritual Assistant</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Franciscan Friars</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Gift-Columbia Pregnancy Center</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>
<b>Gift-Franciscan Cntr of Balt. Formation</b>	<b>\$ 65.97</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>\$ 865.97</u></b>
<b>Ending (running) Balance:</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,065.63</u></b>

**Thank You from the whole fraternity!**

The average contribution per person estimate for 2021 should be \$156 per year.

**Contributions are Tax Deductible.**

Direct Donation checks to:

**St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity**

**Mail donations to:**

Gerard Pinkas  
3810 Marriottsville Rd.  
Randallstown, MD 21133

**You may use your bank's BILL PAY. Direct payment to:**

**St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity c/o address above.**

Contact Gerry with any bill pay questions.

# Congratulations!

On the anniversary of your profession:

44	Jim Tebo, OFS	10/23/77
40	Theresa Heath, OFS	10/11/81
27	John Kirby, OFS	10/16/94
27	Sherry Lewis, OFS	10/16/94
18	Eileen Peregoy, OFS	10/20/03
15	Patricia Frederick, OFS	10/18/06
15	Diane Witherspoon, OFS	10/18/06
13	Lorie Chase, OFS	10/15/08
10	Edward Burgee, OFS	10/16/11
10	Geri Flynn, OFS	10/16/11
10	Rosemary Whelan, OFS	10/16/11
10	Jerry Yu, OFS	10/16/11
5	Charlene Heyden, OFS	10/23/16
5	Jeanne Kerins, OFS	10/23/16
5	Boniface Kim, OFS	10/23/16
5	Julianna Kim, OFS	10/23/16
5	Mark McPherson, OFS	10/23/16
3	Karan Bevers	10/21/18
3	Denise Donaldson	10/21/18
3	James Kim	10/21/18
3	Theresa Lam	10/21/18
3	Richard Lam	10/21/18
3	Mick Michieli-Beasley	10/21/18

# Happy Birthday!

Mimi Cox Owens, OFS	10/01
Bob Longo, OFS	10/06
Joanne Patton, OFS	10/08
Harry Ford, OFS	10/10
Lita Maisel, OFS	10/13
Michael Radcliffe, OFS	10/22
Theresa Heath, OFS	10/30

*Coming Next Month:*

<i>Lorie Chase, OFS</i>	<i>11/05</i>
<i>Sherry Lewis, OFS</i>	<i>11/15</i>
<i>Barbara Levasseur, OFS</i>	<i>11/17</i>
<i>Alice Umugiraneza, OFS</i>	<i>11/20</i>
<i>Ray Glennon, OFS</i>	<i>11/22</i>

## John Patrick Kirby Jr (1929 to 2021)

~Cindy Mohler OFS

On September 12, 2021, our beloved Secular Franciscan brother, John, returned to the Lord at the age of 92. He was one of the founding members of our St. Joseph Cupertino fraternity which met in several places, over the years, before settling in our current home at the Shrine of St. Anthony. John introduced me to the Secular Franciscans.

John grew up in Williamsport, PA, the home of the Little League World Series, for which he was very proud and returned every year to see it. John served in the US Air Force and spent a short time at St. Charles Seminary. He worked for Catonsville Recreation and Parks. He resided in Catonsville with his parents to whom he was very devoted. After their passing, he stayed in Catonsville.



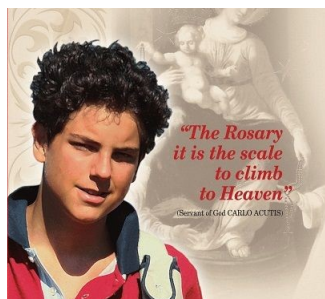
He was proud of his Irish heritage and loved to sing. John was a member of the Irish Men's Choir which performed at area nursing homes and parades. He could be seen often in his green sport jacket along with his great Irish smile and friendly personality.

John was truly Franciscan and lived out the Beatitudes, especially "the poor in spirit." Every Sunday, he could be seen in the first pew at St. Marks with two disabled boys that he would bring to Mass and then take them to breakfast afterwards at McDonalds or Double T Diner. He would offer money to anyone he thought needed it and would literally deprive himself of essentials to be able to do so. He would even put his food on the porch in the winter to keep it cold when his electricity was turned off because he couldn't afford it. He wore his green sport jacket to the end along with his tattered shoes. John gave of himself as did our father, St. Francis.

He entered Brightview Assisted Living with the help of his pastor and assistant. When visiting him, he could be found exercising, singing, visiting other patients or in Bible studies. He truly lived the life of our father, St. Francis as he preached frequently - sometimes using words.

### Please Pray for Healing for:

Joan Babin, OFS  
Karan Bevers, OFS  
Gail Bunyan, OFS  
Louise Hotovy, OFS  
Mike Hotovy, OFS  
Sherry Lewis, OFS



Gerry Pinkas OFS  
Lita Maisel, OFS  
Jean Singleton, OFS  
Jim Tebo, OFS  
Jerry Yu, OFS

(Image of Blessed Carlo Acutis, from [Home \(carloacutis-en.org\)](http://Home(carloacutis-en.org)) )

## **The Shrine of St. Anthony**

### **A NIGHT WITH THE SAINTS**

Bring the kids dressed as their favorite saints and Biblical figures to get loads of candy & hear the stories of saints with great devotions to St. Joseph! Meet at 7 pm in front of the Shrine; bring a bag of candy per 2 kids and flashlights. Meet the Saints, pray with the Saints, & enjoy a bonfire. **RSVP 410-531-2800**



**The Shrine Grounds & Courtyard** are open daily dawn till dusk.

If you have any questions please contact the Front Office at 410-531-2800;  
[www.shrineofstanthony.org](http://www.shrineofstanthony.org)

## **Book Club– Admonitions 7&8**

**Join the online book club and delve more deeply into: St. Francis' Sermon on the Mount: Lessons from the Admonitions by John Michael Talbot.**

**Friends old and new meet on the first Saturday of every month from 1-3 pm on ZOOM!**

**Contact Geri Flynn OFS for details:**  
[Angelbarty@aol.com](mailto:Angelbarty@aol.com)

**Next meeting is Nov. 6**

## **MOVED or Missing?**

Please send any address, phone, or email changes to our sister, Jeanne Kerins, OFS

(410) 227-6497 or [jmkerins12@gmail.com](mailto:jmkerins12@gmail.com).

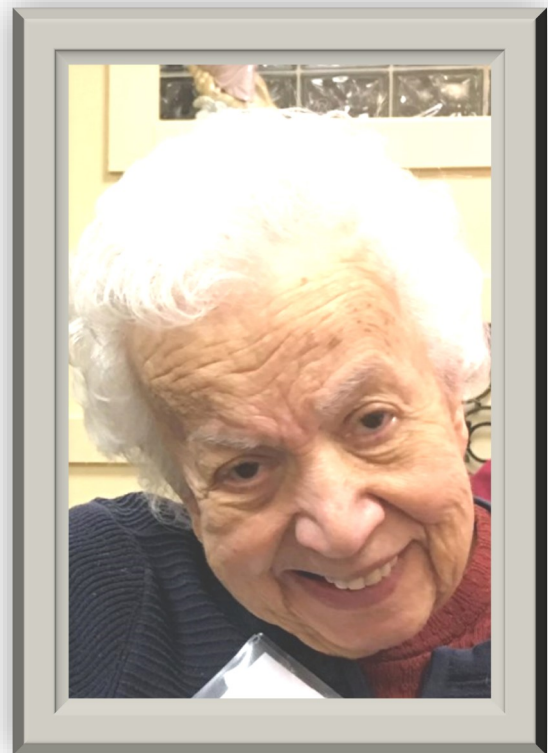
### **Missing:**



Please reach out to our brothers and sisters who have not been attending our gatherings & let us know how we can help them reconnect with the fraternity.

**YOU ARE MISSED!**

Image: St. Francis Holding a Skull by Guido Reni



## **Our Sister, Georgianna ~Deanna Williston OFS**

While I did not have the pleasure of meeting Georgianna Papazian in life, I did "meet" her at her Franciscan Wake Service. The testimony given by her friends at St. Joseph's home, the nuns, and our brothers and sister in Francis and Clare let me know how truly wonderful she was. As a gift to me as well—our sister, Jean Singleton was able to attend the wake service and funeral. Georgianna might not have ever officially transferred into our fraternity, but she was (and is) definitely in our hearts. May God bless all His faithful departed.

## St. Gregory the Great's Homily 34 on the Gospels (On the Angels # 11& 12)

~Jeanne Kerins OFS & Deanna Williston OFS

When asked what she would like to share with the fraternity this month, our dear sister Jeanne mentioned that she especially loved the 2nd Reading from the Office of Readings on the Feast of the Archangels; researching this reading, I found that it was but a drop in the bucket of a wonderful homily. I encourage everyone to read the full text ([Gregory the Great Homily 34 on the Gospels - Patristic Bible Commentary \(googole.com\)](http://www.patristic.com/Gregory-the-Great-Homily-34-on-the-Gospels-Patristic-Bible-Commentary-googole.com)). The section below contains St. Gregory's reflection on what it will be like for us in heaven *with the angels*. While I have considered what heaven will be like for humans & animals, I really have not figured the angels into the equation. I suppose I just thought they would all be worshipping God in the air and we would be in His presence on the ground level. You can see that I haven't fully thought this out, but St. Gregory has. Let us consider how we live our life now impacting more fully how we live our life in community with the angels as we all worship God forever.



In bad theological terms, but an easy analogy, consider the holiday movies about Santa's workshop: imagine that you are a young human adopted by elves and need to determine your place. Will you be maker of a practical toy, a shiny toy, or a game that inspires others to play together? How will you help Santa bring joy and love to everything? Carefully consider what training you would need: woodworking, servant leading, painting, singing, and even healthcare training. That is what we must discern now. What talents has the Lord given you? Are you developing them? Will you be ready to enter into the great workshop of delights when you die, or will you need further time to prepare? Brothers and Sisters, Christmas—the true Christmas of the Incarnation (the spirit of love behind the secularized holiday) is such a gift from a loving Father and Brother and Spirit—please show your thanks by considering the words of St. Gregory:

But what good is it to say these few words about the angelic spirits, if we do not bother to turn them to our progress by an adequate reflection? The heavenly city is made up of angels and men, and we believe that there will be as many representatives of the human race as there have remained of the chosen angels, as it is written, "He has set the limits of peoples according to the number of angels of God." (Dt 32:8) We must therefore profit for our lives from the distinctions that exist between the inhabitants of the city from above, in order to inflame ourselves with a holy ardor to grow in virtue. For if it is true that the number of men destined to ascend to Heaven is equal to that of the angels who have remained there, those same men who return to the heavenly homeland must imitate in something the militia they join there. The different ways of life of men correspond, indeed, to each of the [nine] orders of the heavenly militia, and we receive a place in their ranks according to the similarity of our way of living with theirs.



Image of St. Francis of Assisi (oil on canvas)  
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### **Our Deceased**

#### **Brothers & Sisters:**

- Connie Baker, OFS
- Frances Bastress, SFO
- Dea. Tom Bello, OFS
- Joe Bezila, SFO
- Mary Chandler, OFS
- Jerry Cichowicz, SFO
- Shirley Costello, OFS
- Joe Cykoski, SFO
- Stella Cykoski, SFO
- Claire Lee Davidson, SFO
- Adela Duff, SFO
- Donna Duncan, SFO
- Charles Ferrara, SFO
- Mary Ferrara, SFO
- Dolores Fritz, OFS

- Marilyn Gilson, SFO
- Richard Hall, SFO
- John Kirby, SFO
- Joy Kubricky, OFS
- Frances Langbehn, SFO
- Bob Lewis, SFO
- Marie Lindung, OFS
- Jean Manning, OFS
- Jim Manning, OFS
- Georgianna Papazian, OFS
- Yvonne Proch, SFO
- Nancy Seaton, SFO
- Don Sweitzer, OFS
- Betty Taylor, SFO
- Bud Tenley, SFO
- Regina Yeager, SFO
- Dorothy Zalewski, SFO

### **Miracle**

~Barbara Levasseur



My friend, Zeny Winterling, was buried this week. Her husband, Joe shared this with me. Zeny kept speaking before she died that her nephew was coming soon to Jesus. No one in the family was aware that he had died because he lived in Oregon until the next day.

(image—Bouquet of 3 Roses from Wikimedia commons)

### **Welcome, Visitors!**

Want to find out more about the  
Secular Franciscans?

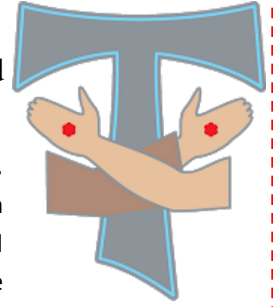
- ◆ Attend a meeting. Franciscans are friendly! We meet (usually) on the third Sunday of the month at 1 pm.
- ◆ Check out our website: <http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/our-fraternity/>
- ◆ Check out our regional website: <http://saintmargaretof cortona.org/>
- ◆ Check out our national website: <https://secularfranciscansusa.org/>

“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

## 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*.



13. As the Father sees in every person the features of his Son, the firstborn of many brothers and sisters, so the Secular Franciscans with a gentle and courteous spirit accept all people as a gift of the Lord and an image of Christ. A sense of community will make them joyful and ready to place themselves on an equal basis with all people, especially with the lowly for whom they shall strive to create conditions of life worthy of people redeemed by Christ.

13. 성부께서 수많은 형제들의 만이신 성자의 모습을 각 사람들 안에서 보시고 계시는 것과 같이, 재속 프란치스코 회원도 모든 사람을 주님의 선물로, 그리스도의 모상으로, 겸손하고 예의바르게 받아들일 것입니다. 형제애의 정신은 자신을 모든 사람들, 특히 가장 보잘 것 없는 사람들과 평등하다는 것을 기뻐하며, 또 그럴 마음 상태에 있는 것입니다. 그리고 그들을 위해서 그리스도에게 구원된 피조물에 상응한 생활 조건을 조성하도록 노력할 것입니다.

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>

“What gave him his extraordinary personal power was this; that from the Pope to the beggar, from the sultan of Syria in his pavilion to the ragged robbers crawling out of the wood, there was never a man who looked into those brown burning eyes without being certain that Francis Bernardone was really interested in him; in his own inner individual life from the cradle to the grave; that he himself was being valued and taken seriously, and not merely added to the spoils of some social policy or the names in some clerical document.”

—G.K. Chesterton from his book *St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Francis of Assisi*

## **The Franciscan Center**

### **Encampment Wishlist on Amazon**

So that benefactors may directly ship needed items, the Franciscan Center now has an Amazon wishlist. Items will be distributed among the homeless encampments in Baltimore City. Packages should be sent to:  
**The Franciscan Center (Attn: Sabrina Gay) 101 W. 23rd Street, Baltimore, MD. 21218**

<https://amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/>

## UPCOMING GATHERING

- ◆ **October 17 \* Glass Room**
- ◆ Meeting at 2pm, but consider joining us for Mass & bring your lunch to enjoy in the Glass Room (lunch may also be enjoyed outside).
- ◆ Our sister Jeanne Kerins will present to us on Saint Francis' 1st Admonition: Of the Lord's Body (The Eucharist).
- ◆ Our ending prayer will be a Luminous Rosary.
- ◆ Out of charity, it is requested that all members wear a mask.