



THE FLYER

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

A Miracle of Saint Joseph of Cupertino, Public domain, Placido Costanzi, The Metropolitan Museum of Art <https://metmuseum.org>

April 24, 2022

**Our Theme for the Year is:
The Eucharist: The
Lord's Body & Blood**

Greetings from Brother Lawrence

After our Lenten preparation, we are about to enter upon the Easter Season; this is really a most wonderful transition for us. Christ, unjustly murdered by the Roman and Jewish officials, is resurrected by the Father as a revelation to us that He is truly God's Son, the Messiah and Lord of Creation. Let us celebrate this joyous event! I have always seen this season as one of joy and revelation and I have oftentimes got myself all tied up in trying to figure the immediate meaning of this season. I know that there is the idea of each of our future resurrections, but I have also believed that there is an immediate message or idea here as well; a revelation by which I might be able to guide my life toward God. It begins with an idea within the tomb itself: the days in the tomb usually picture a dark cave with a stone across the front of it to prohibit access and it is quiet, as quiet as can be. This picture in my head has allowed me to think of two things in my spiritual life.

First, death gives its appearance to us of nothing; it is the existence of darkness which is, of course, the absence of light. We seem, in death, to have lost Christ the Light found in John's gospel. And the darkness is awful for us. I, personally (and I think most people), fear the darkness. Is there anything there? And we discover there may not be because we cannot see anything nor hear anything. It has been said that even in the darkness of death, one can still commune with God, for He is not absent from even the most total of darkness, of death, of apparent non-existence. And that this environment cannot really distract my being with God.

Second, I have also come to see and ponder a scene that no one has ever talked or written about. I picture in this darkness, the body of Jesus, wrapped in cloths and lying in that prone position and next to him there is a figure, a figure that is never really quite clear to me, but clearly a living figure. Over the years I have come to begin to understand this scene in this way: Jesus, the Son of God's, body is lying there in death in the manner of all who have gone before us. The figure is sitting next to the body in sad contemplation of this event having happened and just pondering everything itself. I am convinced that the figure in my dream is the Father, Himself mourning over His Son. This is what I have come to consider quite often, mostly at this very time of year. God the Father is present always and is always available for us to reach out to in thought and prayer and this dream does indeed have a happy ending, for we all know what the Father did on that Easter morning, He rose His Son from the dead and threw back that rock from the entrance of the tomb. The light did not come flowing into the cave, however, the light came forth from the cave to enlighten the entire world.

I offer this "dream" of mine to you as something to ponder over yourselves this Easter. God bless you all as you celebrate this great event which God has given to us. ~Brother Lawrence

Minister's Message

At the General Audience on January 19th this year, Pope Francis said: "He is not frightened by our sins, our mistakes, our failings, but he is frightened by the closure of our hearts - this, yes, this makes him suffer - he is frightened by our lack of faith in his love." Complete trust in the Lord is one of the elements of the Divine Mercy. St. Faustina also wrote: "God is very displeased with lack of trust in Him, and this is why some souls lose many graces." (Diary of St. Faustina, §595)

There was a story of a royal official from John's Gospel (4: 46-54) in daily readings during Lent. Hearing that Jesus came to Cana, the royal official, whose son was ill, came to see Jesus, and asked Jesus to heal his son. "Jesus saith to him: Go thy way; thy son liveth. The man believed the word which Jesus said to him, and went his way." (Jn 4:50) On his way back home, he learnt that his son was healed. The royal official might have known the mighty deeds and words of Jesus, and these were enough for him to trust in what Jesus said to him. I ask myself: if I were in that situation, would I have simply left when Jesus said to me that my son would live? Would I not have asked again to confirm what Jesus said? Would I not have expected something such as Jesus's formal blessings? The royal official, however, simply trusted what Jesus said, and had not asked twice to confirm His words.

It also reminds me of the story of Moses at Meribah. (Numbers 20:2-13) Moses went to the rock together with the assembly of people and lifted up his hand and struck the rock "twice" with his staff. Water came out abundantly. However, right after this, the Lord said to Moses "Because you have not believed me, to sanctify me before the children of Israel, you shall not bring these people into the land, which I will give them." (Num 20: 12) O poor Moses! He must have been distressed and exhausted when people complained again that there was no water, but our merciful Father, who gave water to the people— even at their lack of trust, was merciless to His holy servant, Moses. It is, however, not a surprise when we see what Jesus said to His beloved disciples: "Doth he thank that servant, for doing the things which he commanded him? I think not. So you also, when you shall have done all these things that are commanded you, say: We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which we ought to do." (Luke 17:9-10)

What do all these teachings tell us? For us, the professed, our Lord may ask of a higher standard than the others. However, we are prone to make mistakes, as even Moses did. Whenever we feel difficulties, let's ask the Lord for help, remembering that the Lord is merciful to the ones who trust in Him.

~James Kim



Treasurer's Report

March – 2022

Beginning (running) Balance:	<u>\$3813.35</u>
Common Fund Contributions	\$ 510.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 510.00</u>
Intermediate Subtotal	<u>\$4323.35</u>
Expenses:	
Spiritual Assistant	\$ 100.00
Franciscan Friars	\$ 100.00
Office Supplies	\$ 23.20
Total Expense	<u>\$ 223.20</u>
Ending (running) Balance:	<u>\$4100.15</u>

Thank You from the whole fraternity for your contributions!

"Give and it shall be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over." Lk 6:38

The average contribution per person estimate for 2021 was \$176 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.

Welcome, Visitors!

Want to find out more about the
Secular Franciscans?

- ◆ Attend a meeting. We meet (usually) on the third Sunday of the month at 2 pm.
- ◆ Check out our website:
<http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/our-fraternity/>
- ◆ Check out our regional website:
<http://saintmargaretofcortona.org/>
- ◆ Check out our national website:
<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/>



St. Francis Receiving the Stigmata by Marco diRuggero
~1471 Italy, The Walters Art Gallery, cc0

Happy Anniversary

On the anniversary of your profession:

17 Ray Heverling, OFS 04/10/2005



Happy Birthday!

Kathy Ford, OFS 04/06
Julianna Kim, OFS 04/28

Coming Next Month:

Patrick Caughy, OFS 05/18
Ray Heverling, OFS 05/31



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 pardon³¹. Messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, they should strive to bring joy and hope to others³². 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 Father³³.

19. 회원들은 평화의 전달자로서 간단없이 평화를 건설해야 하는 자임을 기억하고, 누구에게도 신적(神的) 요소가 있으며, 사랑과 용서로 사람을 변화시킬 힘이 있음을 신뢰하고, 대화를 통해서 일치와 형제적 조화의 방법을 모색해야 합니다. 회원들은 완전한 기쁨의 전달자이므로 어떤 처지에서든지 다른 이들에게 기쁨과 희망을 가져다주도록 노력해야 합니다. 회원들은 자매인 죽음의 참 뜻을 알게 해주는 그리스도의 부활에 동참(同參)하게 되었으므로, 성부와 최후의 만남을 평온한 마음으로 준비해야 합니다.

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

<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/the-rule-of-the-secular-franciscan-order/>

Please note that the English and Spanish versions have updated 2020 translations.

31. *Misericors Dei Filius* 2:9; *Legend of the Three Companions* 14:58 (2 FA:ED, L3C, 14:58, pp. 76 and 101-2).

32. *Admonitions of St. Francis* 21 (1 FA:ED, Adm. 21, p. 135); *First Rule* 7:15 (1 FA:ED, ER 7:16, p. 69).

33. *Gaudium et Spes* 78:1-2.

The Franciscan Center Mother's Day Request

The Franciscan Center needs your help making this years Mother's Day Monday Event Successful!

Donations Needed:

NEW

mini make-up kits

eye lash kits

lipstick or lip gloss

make-up brushes

mini hand held mirrors

contact: Angela Hall at
ahall@fcbmore.org or
Cindy King at
volunteer@fcbmore.org



Spring At Little Portion Farm

Please check out the website below for :

- * **Sustainable Agriculture Film Series**
- * **Book Club**
- * **Watering Volunteers**
- * **Mowing/weed trimming Volunteers**

<https://www.LittlePortionFarm.org/news/>

Around the Shrine

The first of an occasional series of brief descriptions and photos of familiar places and objects at the Shrine of Saint Anthony, our fraternity gathering place. ~Ray Glennon, OFS



The Courtyard and Fountain

Immediately upon passing through the front gate at the Shrine of St. Anthony, you enter the *cloister*, the covered walkway with colonnade, that surrounds the *cortile*—the quadrangle courtyard at the heart of the shrine both physically and, more important, symbolically. At the pre-profession retreat “The Joy of Doing Penance” in June 2021, Fr. Stephen King, OFM Conv. told the three candidates (me, my wife Dawn, and Deanna Williston) and other participants that the courtyard symbolizes the importance of making a space in the center of our lives—in our hearts—for God. Our lives are constantly cluttered with many things. The courtyard reminds us to leave space in our hearts and time in our lives so we can “Come apart into a desert place, and rest a little” (Mk 6:31) and to invite God to join us there.

The fountain at the center of the courtyard is a powerful image of Trinitarian God entering into his creation and into our hearts. For the great Franciscan theologian and Doctor of the Church, St. Bonaventure, God is the Trinity, a “fountain fullness” of love. Bonaventure writes that God’s essence is love belonging to and flowing among all three members of the Trinity. The Father loves his Beloved Son and the fruit of their shared love is their Holy Spirit—and God’s love overflows like a fountain and becomes the pattern for all of creation and relationships.

So the next time you pass through the courtyard, you might take moment to pause, look around, and open your heart to the love of God symbolized there. Pax et Bonum.

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The Shrine of St. Anthony

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 24, 2022, 12:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Come early for Mass, Confession, and Adoration;

attend our Secular Franciscan Gathering;

and end your celebration by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet!

Pray with us as we honor the great mercy of our Lord on Divine Mercy Sunday. We will start with our regular Noon Mass followed by Confession and Adoration from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. The day will end with a Divine Mercy Novena being prayed at 3:00pm. Jesus, I trust in you!

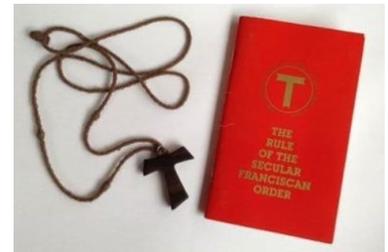
The Shrine Grounds & Courtyard are open daily dawn till dusk.
Lenten Stations of the Cross will follow the Friday 12 noon Masses.

If you have any questions please contact the Front Office at 410-531-2800;
www.shrineofstanthony.org



May Events:

- ◆ Regional Retreat (May 13-15)
- ◆ Gathering
 - ◆ May 22 * Fourth Sunday
 - ◆ 3pm in the Chapel
 - ◆ Mass Intention: Living Members of Our Fraternity
 - ◆ Renewal of Our Promises



Moving or Changing Status?

Our sister, Jeanne Kerins, OFS, needs to know of any change of your contact information, but also, would like to be able to pray with you for any changes in your health or living situation. Please contact her:

(410) 227-6497 or jmkerins12@gmail.com.

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 and/or any services they may need.

Book Share– Admonition 13

Patience

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

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

Contact Geri Flynn OFS for details:
Angelbarty@aol.com

Next meeting is May 7

Elections on June 26 (fourth Sunday). Please consider serving your fraternity.

The Fraternity Council (from the Constitutions)

Article 49 1. The Council of the local Fraternity is composed of the following offices: Minister, Vice-Minister, Secretary, Treasurer, and Teacher of Formation. Other offices may be added according to the needs of each Fraternity. The Spiritual Assistant of the Fraternity forms part of the Council by right.

2. The Fraternity, meeting in an Assembly or Chapter, discusses questions regarding its own life and organization. Every three years, in an Elective Assembly or Chapter, the Fraternity elects the Minister and the Council in the way established by the Constitutions and Statutes.

Article 50 1. It is the duty of the Council of the local Fraternity:

- to promote the initiatives necessary for fostering fraternal life, for improving the human, Christian, and Franciscan formation of its members and for sustaining them in their witness and commitment in the world;

- to make concrete and courageous choices, appropriate for the situation of the Fraternity, from among the numerous activities possible in the field of the apostolate.

2. The duties of the Council are also: a) to decide on the acceptance and admission to Profession of new brothers and sisters;

b) to establish a fraternal dialogue with members in particular difficulties and to adopt subsequent measures;

c) to receive the request for withdrawal and to decide on the suspension of a member from the Fraternity;

d) to decide on the establishment of sections or groups in conformity with the Constitutions and the Statutes;

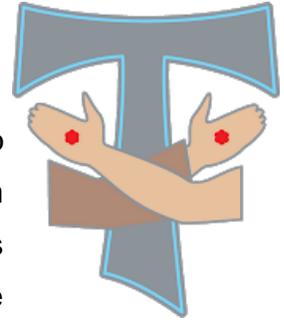
e) to decide on the use of available funds and, in general, to deliberate on matters concerning financial management and economic affairs of the Fraternity;

f) to assign duties to the Councillors and to the other professed members;

g) to request from the competent Superiors of the First Order and the TOR suitable and prepared religious as Assistants;

h) to perform such other duties as are required by these Constitutions or which are necessary to carry out its proper purposes.

The Offices in the Fraternity



Article 51 1. While firmly upholding the co-responsibility of the Council to animate and guide the Fraternity, the Minister, as the primary person responsible for the Fraternity, is expected to make sure that the directions and the decisions of the Fraternity and of the Council are put into practice and that he or she will keep the Council informed about the work being done.

2. The **Minister** also has the following duties:

- a) to call, to preside at, and to direct the meetings of the Fraternity and Council; to convoke every three years the Elective Chapter of the Fraternity, having complied with the requests of the Council on the formalities of the convocation;
- b) to prepare the annual report to be sent to the Council of the higher level after it has been approved by the Council of the Fraternity;
- c) to represent the Fraternity in all its relations with ecclesiastical and civil authorities. When, and if, the Fraternity acquires a juridical personality in the civil order, the Minister becomes, when possible, its legal representative;
- d) to request, with the consent of the Council, pastoral and fraternal visits, at least once every three years.
- e) to put into effect those acts which the Constitutions refer to his or her competence as Minister.

Article 52

1. The **Vice-Minister** has the following duties:

- a) to collaborate in a fraternal spirit and to support the Minister in carrying out his or her specific duties;
- b) to exercise the functions entrusted to him or her by the Council and/or by the Assembly or Chapter;
- c) to substitute for the Minister in both duties and responsibilities in case of absence or temporary impediment;
- d) to assume the functions of the Minister when the office remains vacant.

2. The **Secretary** has the following duties:

- a) to compile the official acts of the Fraternity and of the Council and to assure that they are sent to their respective proper recipients;
- b) to keep the records and the registers up to date and file them, noting admissions, professions, deaths, withdrawals, and transfers from the fraternity;
- c) to provide any communication of relevant facts to the various levels and, if appropriate, to disseminate through the mass media.

3. The **Teacher of Formation** has the following duties:

- a) to co-ordinate, with the help of the other members of the Council, the Formation activities of the fraternity;
- b) to instruct and animate the aspiring members during the time of initiation (before admission), the candidates during the period of initial formation, and the newly professed;
- c) to inform the Council of the Fraternity prior to Profession, concerning the suitability of the candidate for a commitment to live according to the Rule.

4. The **Treasurer**, or Bursar, has the following duties:

- a) to guard diligently the contributions received, recording each receipt in the appropriate register, with the date on which it was given, the name of the contributor, or the person who collected it.
- b) to record in the same register the items of expense, specifying the date and the purpose, in conformity with the directions of the Fraternity Council;
- c) to render an account of his or her administration to the Assembly and to the Council of the Fraternity according to the norms of the National Statutes.

5. The provisions regarding the rights and duties of the Vice-Minister, the Secretary and the Treasurer apply, with the appropriate adaptations, at all levels.

2019-2022 Council

Acting Minister:

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443-458-3361

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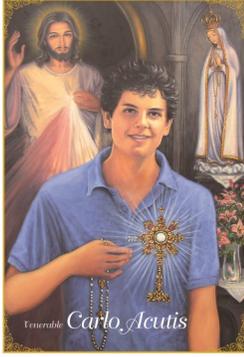
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Bible quotes are from the Douay-Rheims translation, unless otherwise noted.



Please Pray for Healing for:

- Karan Bevers, OFS
- Gail Bunyan, OFS
- Louise Hotovy, OFS
- Mike Hotovy, OFS
- Sherry Lewis, OFS

- Lita Maisel, OFS
- Jim Tebo, OFS
- Jerry Yu, OFS



Image of Blessed Carlo Acutis, from carloacutis-en.org

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
- Jean Singleton, OFS
- Don Sweitzer, OFS
- Betty Taylor, SFO
- Bud Tenley, SFO
- Regina Yeager, SFO
- Dorothy Zalewski, SFO
- Fr. Cronin Cantlon, OFM Conv.
- Fr. James Elliott, OFM Conv.
- Fr. Larry Kubera, OFM Conv.

UPCOMING GATHERING:

*** April 24 * 4th Sunday ***
*** Classroom * 2PM ***

Eucharist

with Michael King, OFS

- ◆ We will close with the Divine Mercy Chaplet (possibly in the Chapel).
- ◆ Please be considerate when making decisions about masks and social distancing.

“Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to Adoration.”

Mother Teresa (St. Teresa of Kolkota)

See reflection by Sr. Joseph Mary fti:

<https://airmaria.com/2017/09/05/st-teresa-of-calcutta-a-reflection-on-eucharistic-adoration>



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