

THE FLYER

Newsletter for the St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity of the Secular Franciscans USA

February 18,2023

THIRD SUNDAY

"Gaze upon Him; consider
Him; contemplate Him, as
you desire to imitate Him."

Saint Clare



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<u>UPCOMING:</u> February 18– Visitor Speaker Ander Scharbach: Iconography. Gather after mass for fellowship. Meeting at 2 pm.

- Meetings are third Sunday of the month at 2 pm. (See website for date changes and updates)
- Check out our website: https://StJosephCupertino.SFOUSA.org/Welcome-To-Our-Fraternitys-Website
- Check out our regional website: https://SaintMargaretOfCortona.org/
 Check out our national website: https://SecularFranciscansUSA.org/

Greetings from Brother Lawrence, OFM Conv.



Well, the wonderful season of Lent comes up on the 14th of this month; it seems like it was just Christmas, but time goes on. With the Lenten season upon us it is time for all of us to begin our penitential season in a most meaningful way. In my Friary we set up various penitential things for the individual and the Friary as a whole. The community penances are ones that we can help each other or discuss among each other at any time of the season. The one I have chosen for my personal penance I make the best for myself. Both usually work out well even if they are totally different from each other.

Speaking of different from each other, how can Ash Wednesday fall on St. Valentine's Day!!! This is one scheduling conundrum that I do not even want to attempt to tackle. For those of you who do, more power to you.

Have a wonderful Lent and prepare well for the Easter Triduum.

God bless,

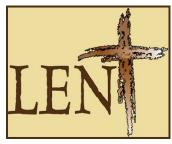
Br. Lawrence

Minister's Note

We are journeying with Saint Clare on a year long novena. Last month we reflected on Saint Clare and community. Our companion prayers for our fellow fraternity members are an important part of supporting our community. The Saints that we prayerful picked will accompany us through the year. Think of all the people that God has placed in your life. How do they support you? How do you support them? May we always know that we are not alone in our journey of faith.

This month our focus is on our talents. Saint Clare recognized that each sister brought her own unique gifts to the community. She encouraged and supported Saint Francis and the brothers in their quest to bring the Kingdom of God to others. Saint Bonaventure instructed the Poor Ladies to investigate who they were, who they could have been, and who they will be with the grace of God. May we take time, especially during Lent, to investigate how we are using our talents to serve others and to serve God. May we use our talents for peace and goodness and to promote the Gospel Way of Life.

In His Love Melissa



Online Lenten Retreats

Are you looking for a retreat that you can do at home? Here are some that you may want to follow:

The Pray More Lenten Retreat- https://praymoreretreat.org/

Franciscan Sisters of the TOR https://www.franciscansisterstor.org/events/lenten-retreat-2024

The Wild Goose TV – My Father's Father https://wildgoose.tv/programs/my-fathers-father?category_id=23145

PRAY FOR ALL OUR DECEASED

Connie Baker 2/27/2021 Nancy Seaton 2/23/ 2017 Formation Thought of the Month:

""I admonish and exhort all my sisters, both those present and those to come, to strive always to imitate the way of holy simplicity, humility, and poverty."

St. Clare



The movie <u>Cabrini</u> is coming to theaters in our region next month.

Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini has been listed as Secular Franciscan and founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

You can find theaters and showtimes here: https://www.angel.com/tickets/cabrini

Trailer here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uuFkt3w-7kl

Volunteer to help Little Portion Farm at https://www.LittlePortionFarm.org Food grown helps those in need.



<u>Help at the Shrine:</u> Volunteer as a lector, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, especially before our gatherings. Help staff a table to invite interest in the Secular Franciscan Order. Email Melissa.

2022-2025 Council

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



Beginning (running) Balance:

Total Income

Income:

January - 2024

Contributions are Tax Deductible

Direct Donation checks to: St. Joseph Cupertino

send your contributions to the fraternity.

If you are unable to attend the gatherings, you can

Fraternity

Common Fund Contributions \$ 605.00 **Mail donations to:**

Jerry Yu

Expenses: 2812 Green Shade Court Ellicott City, MD 21042

\$ 1.511.37

\$ 605.00

Spiritual Assistant \$100.00 Franciscan Friars \$100.00 You may use your bank's BILL PAY. Direct payment to

St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity C/O the address

above.

<u>Total Expenses</u> <u>\$200.00</u> NOTE! FOR BILL PAY, THE ADDRESS HAS CHANGED.

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Happy Anniversary

Harry Ford 2/16/2014
Kathy Ford 2/16/2014
Deacon Michael King 2/16/2020
Melissa Reed-Konigsdorffer 2/16/2020
Mimi Cox-Owens 2/16/2020

Happy Birthday

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

Coming Next Month:

Mick Michieli-Beasley, OFS 03/05
Deanna Williston, OFS 03/05
Cindy Mohler, OFS 03/13
Karan Bevers, OFS 03/21
France Staudenmann OFS 03/29

Book Share-

New Book Share coming in the New Year Thomas A'Kempis' classic <u>Imitation of Christ</u>.

First Saturdays from 1-3 pm on ZOOM! Contact Geri Flynn OFS for details: AngelBarty@aol.com



PRAYER LIST
For Healing:
Gail Bunyan, OFS
Lita Maisel, OFS
Bill Siefken, OFS
Teresa Lam, OFS
Rosemary Whelan, OFS
Michael Radcliff, OFS
Patrick Caughy, OFS
Will Potter, OFS