

# THE FLYER

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

# April 21, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY "Gaze upon Him; consider Him; contemplate Him, as you desire to imitate Him." Saint Clare

UPCOMING April 24–OPEN HOUSE

#### Gather after mass for fellowship in the Dining Room. 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/

## Brother Lawrence, OFM Conv. will return next month

Please pray for Secular Franciscan Vocations

## FRANCISCAN VOCATION PETITIONS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Adapted From the National Secular Franciscan Prayer Resources

#### Sunday Morning Prayer:

O God, you revealed the mystery of your being Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier

--help the Franciscan family to witness to the diversity of community life.

# Monday Morning Prayer:

O God, you have given us the mission of sharing the Good News of your Kingdom with all people. – continue to raise up in the Franciscan family more of our brothers and sisters to spread the Gospel.

# Tuesday Morning Prayer:

O God, you have called us to conform our lives to the Gospel --teach all Franciscans to embrace a life of joyful penance and keep us single minded in your service.

# Wednesday Morning Prayer:

O God, the Apostles answered Jesus' call to 'come and see',--grant us the favor to invite others to our Franciscan way of life.

#### Thursday Morning Prayer:

O God, Francis and Clare had great awe and reverence for the Eucharist.--may our devotion to Jesus' Body and Blood be an example to those who aspire to the Franciscan life.

# Friday Morning Prayer:

O God, Francis' imitation of Christ led him to the gift of the Stigmata, --may our daily crosses lift us up to a greater love of you and your people.

#### Saturday Morning Prayer:

O God, the Virgin Mary accepted the call to be the Mother of Jesus,--may the love of our own Franciscan vocation bring forth a new birth of justice and holiness in the world.

#### Minister's Note

OPEN HOUSE APRIL 21 AFTER NOON MASS - bring light refreshments to share.

This month we are focusing on recruiting new members to our fraternity. We hope that you will share the flyer that was sent out, and invite someone to come and find the beauty of living out the Franciscan vocation.

Many fraternities across the United States have closed their doors as their membership can no longer support their communities. When the door closes, so does the opportunity for someone else to join the Secular Franciscans. The experiences and the graces given by fraternity brothers and sisters fades away until we are no longer in existence.

Recruiting means that we have to market our Franciscan faith as much as possible. We need to share our faith in ways that invite others to either come back, or to take a chance at something new.

Saint Clare left all she ever knew: a life of comfort and luxury to join Saint Francis in carrying out his mission. We have to step out of our comfort zone.

We need to light the path so others can follow. We need to invite others to experience the deep abiding peace of living a Franciscan life that leads us to the heavenly kingdom.

In His Love Melissa

Do you have an article for the newsletter? Please send your input to Melissa. The word count should be under 500 words. Share your insights and thoughts with the fraternity.



Pilgrimage to Assisi September 10-19, 2024 Join Father Noel Danielewicz, OFM Conv.

For more information reach out to Melissa.

# **GENERAL CONSTITUTION ARTICLE 45**

1. The promotion of vocations to the Order is a duty of all the brothers and sisters and is a sign of the vitality of the fraternities themselves. The brothers and sisters, convinced of the validity of the Franciscan way of life, should pray that God may give the grace of the Franciscan vocation to new members.

2. Although nothing can substitute for the witness of each member and of the fraternity, the councils must adopt appropriate means to promote the Secular Franciscan vocation.

Formation Thought of the Month:

"Therefore, let us be very careful that, if we have set out on the path of the Lord, we do not at any time turn away from it through our own ignorance."

The Testament of St Clare

St Margaret of Cortona CHAPTER OF MATS Registration is NOW OPEN for our September 6-8, 2024 Chapter of Mats to be held at the beautiful Claggett Center in Adamstown, Maryland. Under the theme of The Next 800 Years, we will explore where we have been, where we are now, and where we are going.



Volunteer to help Little Portion Farm at https://www.LittlePortionFarm.org

Food grown helps those in need.



Help at the Shrine: 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,

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

Treasurer's Report		If you are unable to attend the gatherings, you can send your contributions to the fraternity.
March – 2024		Contributions are tax deductible.
Beginning (running) Balance:	<u>\$ 3,566.37</u>	Direct Donation checks to: <u>St. Joseph Cupertino</u> <u>Fraternity</u>
Income: Common Fund Contributions	\$385.00	<b>Mail donations to:</b> Jerry Yu
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$ 385.00</u>	2812 Green Shade Court Ellicott City, MD 21042
<u>Expenses</u> : Spiritual Assistant	\$100.00	You may use your bank's BILL PAY. Direct payment to
Franciscan Friars	100.00	<u>St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity</u> C/O the address above.
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 200.00</u>	NOTE! FOR BILL PAY, THE ADDRESS HAS CHANGED.
Ending (running) Balance:	<u>\$ 3,751.37</u>	

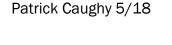


This month: Kathy Ford 4/6

Next month:

# PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED <u>MEMBERS</u>;

MARIE LINDUNG 4/12/21





Ray Heverling 4/10/2005

# **Book Share-**

Thomas A'Kempis' classic Imitation of Christ.

First Saturdays from 1-3 pm on ZOOM! Contact Geri Flynn OFS for details: AngelBarty@aol.com PRAYER LIST <u>For Healing:</u> Gail Bunyan, OFS Lita Maisel, OFS Bill Siefken, OFS Teresa Lam, OFS Rosemary Whelan, OFS Michael Radcliff, OFS Patrick Caughy, OFS Will Potter, OFS