



THE FLYER

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

July 21, 2024

Fourth SUNDAY

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

Saint Clare

UPCOMING: July 21, 2024 Ripples of Faith

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-Fraternities-Website>
- ◆ Check out our regional website: <https://SaintMargaretOfCortona.org/>
- ◆ Check out our national website: <https://SecularFranciscansUSA.org/>

Brother Lawrence, OFM Conv.

Br Lawrence will return next month.....

Part of our obligation as Secular Franciscans is to seek continuing formation. There are many wonderful websites that you can access for FREE to deepen your faith.

If you are interested in continuing education classes for free, many parishes have access to the many webinars and programs at www.FORMED.ORG

If your parish does not have access, you can sign up for your own subscription. (However, many parishes in our area do offer free access. You can look up your parish on the FORMED.ORG website as well.)

Father Dave Pivonka, TOR has several videos in connection with the Wild Goose. You can access those videos, including a wonderful series on Saint Francis at <https://wildgoose.tv/catalog>

Franciscan University offers free on-line courses that includes a video on pilgrimages featuring Father Dave Pivonka, TOR. <https://franciscan.edu/freecourses/>

Finally, the Franciscans Friars of the Renewal offer several podcasts/ videos/ and other social media through Ascension Press and on their website: <https://www.franciscanfriars.com/media>

If you know of other websites that we can feature, please send them to Melissa.

Minister's Note

44 And all they that believed, were together, and had all things common.⁴⁵ Their possessions and goods they sold, and divided them to all, according as every one had need. ([Douay-Rheims 1899 American Edition](#) (DRA) Public Domain)

In the Acts of the Apostles, we hear our obligation as Christians to stewardship. We are in this together. We are obligated to share our gifts with others.

The perfection of Jesus is so great that it is virtually impossible for one person to reproduce it. It must be reproduced in community. We work together in order to achieve that perfection. It reminds me of the children's TV show *Captain Planet*: "with our powers combined we are Captain Planet. " With our powers combined we become Jesus. With our diversity we are stronger, and hold a greater appeal to those who are not yet in our community of faith.

We are united in this community of faith with Jesus at our head. We are united in faith with His mother and our mother, Mary. We are united in faith through the powerful workings of the Holy Spirit. When we pray, even as individuals, our prayers are joined with others' prayers across the world. This is especially true when we pray the Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours, and even the Rosary.

When we read the passage from Acts, we see that it is also a call of stewardship. We are called to share our gifts, talents, and time with those in our community. We are called to be Christ for each other. We are called to support each other, especially those who are less fortunate. A body cannot exist without its many different parts. We need arms and legs and feet. We need the differences in our community of believers. The power of the Trinity will unite us all toward the one goal of heaven.

Our community is strengthened by our brothers and sisters. We need each other. Please remember to pray for our fraternity and all our members, especially those who are unable to join us at fraternity gatherings.

Peace be with you all,

Melissa

Formation Thought of the Month:

“Every Flower Created” is a podcast that matches up different flowers to Catholic Saints. On 6/4/2019 Episode 8, the guest speaker, Stephen Cordova talked about St. Clare of Assisi. This is a section of that podcast. Hope you enjoy the thoughts!

“There was really no contest for the flower that could represent the radiant St. Clare. The sunflower, mirroring St. Clare’s attitude toward Christ, will turn its stalk toward the East in the morning and rotate its face to follow the arch of that celestial body until it sets in the west. St. Clare followed the light of the Heavenly Body of Christ with entirety, no matter what she did in her life, she had a sense of how to turn her gaze towards Heaven and be attentive to Christ’s designs for her. “

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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Treasurer's Report

June 2024 Will be posted next month

If you are unable to attend the gatherings, you can send your contributions to the fraternity.

Contributions are tax deductible.

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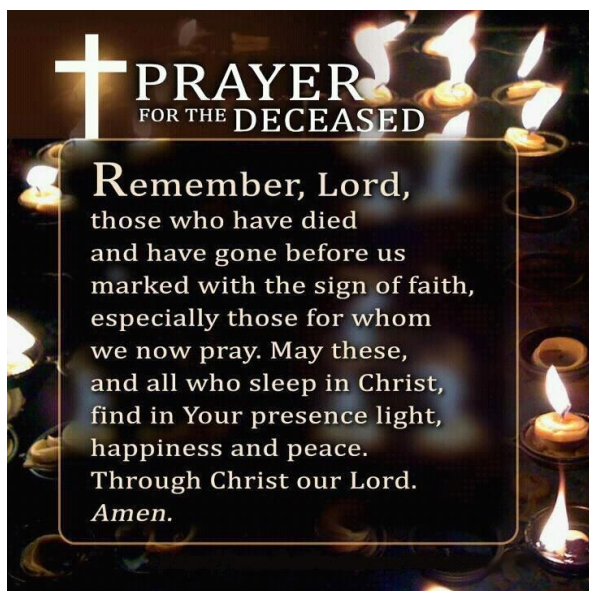
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Happy Birthday!

Jeanne Kerins, OFS 07/11

Gerry Pinkas, OFS 07/18

Coming Next Month:

Louise Hotovy, OFS 08/14

Rosemary Whelan, OFS 08/20

Gail Bunyan, OFS 08/21

Happy Anniversary

Dawn Glennon, OFS 07/11/21

Ray Glennon, OFS 07/11/21

Deanna Williston, OFS 07/11/21

Book Share--

Thomas A' Kempis' classic Imitation of Christ.

First Saturdays from 1-3 pm on ZOOM!

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