



THE FLYER

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

August 20, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY
Our Theme for the Year:
Franciscan Joy

UPCOMING: August 20: Meet for social hour at 1 pm; Gathering at 2 pm– St. Maximilian Kolbe
Evening prayer after the Gathering.

- ◆ 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.

Good day to one and all,

I just recently returned from Libertyville in Illinois and the friars' there in Marytown or the National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe. I was there for a 5 full days of retreat mostly with friars from the Midwest province of Our Lady of Consolation. The retreat was presented to us by Fr. Dan Crosby, OFM Cap. via zoom due to health reasons but it was wonderful. His presentation was on the spirituality of Bl. Solanus Casey who was from his province. When Fr. Dan was a novice in the 1950s he lived in the novitiate where Bl. Solanus was living out his final year of his life. Fr. Dan was quite impressed with Fr. Solanus and spent much of his years after that studying, meditation, etc. on what Fr. Solanus had said to him and taught. Since at this time Fr. Dan was 18 or so and Fr. Solanus was 85 he pointed out to us that he was presenting what he learned from Fr. Solanus to us at the age of 85 himself.

I wanted to present this opening to you this month. In the months coming to year's end I hope to be able to write about much that Fr. Dan presented to us each session of the retreat. I confess right up front that I can not conceive of my second-hand presentation being as good as Fr. Dan's but I do think that these things are important for all of you to here. I shall endeavor to do the best that I can and I will also endeavor to answer any questions you ask as well (although not necessarily right off the top of my head).

I hope to see all of you at this month's meeting as well as at the Cupertino Picnic at the Shrine of St. Anthony on 17 September.

Peace, Br. Lawrence

Minister's Note

Starting this month, we actively want to invite more people to join the Secular Franciscans. We want to be more visible at The Shrine of St. Anthony and in our own home parishes. Please consider how you are witnessing to others about your vocation to the Secular Franciscans.

We will be hosting a gathering table at the end of Mass on the Third Sunday of the month at The Shrine. This will just be a meet and greet to personally invite folks to come and see what the Seculars are all about. We want members of the Fraternity to volunteer to be lectors, ushers, Eucharistic ministers at The Shrine. Perhaps you can host such a gathering table at your home parish to invite others to join a Secular Franciscan Fraternity as well.

Rule 22 states the Fraternity is "a visible sign of the Church, the community of love." Many of us became Secular Franciscan at the invitation of others. We want to have opportunities for others to join the Franciscan community.

Keep in mind that Service to others is an important part of our Rule. We need volunteers to help with many tasks within the Fraternity. Volunteer to man the table after mass for about 10-15 minutes. Volunteer to participate in the Liturgy as a lector, usher, Eucharistic minister. Don't forget to volunteer to help at our picnic next month. (Contact Charlie to help!)

Reach out to me to be a part of spreading the Franciscan Joy!

Thank you for all you do for others.

Love and Peace

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.



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The St. Joseph of Cupertino Fraternity will have our annual picnic on

Sunday September 17th from 1 pm to 4pm

The location of the picnic is in the courtyard.

This picnic will be our September Gathering.

Please sign up by
contacting Charlie Heyden at cheyden2@comcast.net or 410 215 9079
no later than **September 15th**

Formation Thought of the Month: “The most deadly poison of our time is indifference. And this

happens, although the praise of God should know no limits. Let us strive, therefore, to praise Him to the greatest

extent of our powers.”

St. Maximilian Kolbe



Welcome our new Inquirers: Kelly Neale, Frank Braxton, John Johnson and David Garcia

Father Noel Danielewicz, OFM Conv., former director of the Shrine of St. Anthony, would like to organize a pilgrimage next year to Assisi, La Verna, Greccio, and Osimo, where St. Joseph of Cupertino spent the last years of his life. The pilgrimage would take place in October 2024. Father Noel would like to know if members of our fraternity would be interested.



Email Melissa if you think you would be interested in going.



Please bring diapers and personal hygiene products to the gathering. The items will go to the Franciscan Center.



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 man a table to invite interest in the Secular Franciscan Order. Email Melissa.

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



Treasurer's Report

July 2023

Beginning (running) Balance:	\$ 1326.35
Common Fund Contributions	\$ 325.00
Other income	0.00
Total Balance Before Expense	\$ 1651.35
Expenses:	
Spiritual Assistant	\$ 100.00
Franciscan Friars	100.00
Total Expenses	\$ 200.00
Ending (running) Balance:	\$ 1451.35

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

Contributions are Tax Deductible

Direct Donation checks to: St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity

Mail donations to:

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2812 Green Shade Court
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You may use your bank's BILL PAY. Direct payment to St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity C/O the address above.

NOTE! FOR BILL PAY, THE ADDRESS HAS CHANGED.

Happy Anniversary

Brother Lawrence LaFlame, OFM Conv
08/15

Book Share- Admonitions 23 True Humility

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

We will be on admonitions 24 & 25 - True Love.

We are seeking suggestions for a new book.

First Saturdays from 1-3 pm on ZOOM!

Contact Geri Flynn OFS for details:
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Next meeting: Sept 2nd

Happy Birthday!

Louise Hotovy, OFS 08/14
Jim Tebo, OFS 08/20
Rosemary Whelan, OFS 08/20
Gail Bunyan, OFS 08/21
Coming Next Month:
Dawn Glennon, OFS 09/05
Bill Siefken, OFS 09/06
Pat Frederick, OFS 09/22
Melissa Reed-Konigsdorffer, OFS
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Mike King, OFS 09/25

PRAYER LIST



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