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

May 21, 2023

Fraternal Visitation

2pm—4pm

Our Theme for the Year:

Franciscan Joy

Greetings from Brother Lawrence, OFM Conv.

Good day to one and all,

For me this is a most hectic time of year with final exams, graduation and baccalaureate proms, along with all of the norms of school days. I only teach one section of mostly seniors, so I do not get finished with the students earlier than most teachers. The class of '23 is a very interesting class with an interesting makeup to it. And I must also say that I consider them to be one of Curley's better classes in recent years (but not as good as '72).

It always is a real special time of year to see a senior class graduated, but it also comes with some loss. I did teach most of these lads in their junior year and I have always have a special relationship with those I have taught. Seeing them almost everyday for a school year, interacting with them, trying to get them to understand and accept what I am teaching, sometimes with good and sometimes bad results; yet, it is still what I enjoy doing for they come to me as young men, boys really, and they leave much more grown up. I must say that I am proud of each of my students whom I have taught.

Yet, I know what September brings and that is more of the same to begin anew. Young lads whom I most likely do not know at all or of little acquaintance. And, of course, the process begins all over again. It is what I love to do as my main ministry for God.

I really do believe that this come and go routine, what happens in between and how they come through it, are of most importance. I always go much deeper with them than many teachers because, unless they come to understand, then they really do not know much about their faith. For example, teaching morality means I cover the seven deadly sins and I want them to know these and what makes them "deadly." Just this past week we are discussing the sin of envy and the first thing I point out to them is that it is the one sin that nobody wants to accept as one they commit. That is a tough point to make to them.

Why am I writing all of this to all of you? I just thought that you would appreciate what I do and how difficult it is to teach high schoolers in today's world. I am teaching from a counter-cultural perspective just as St. Francis did, a priority on what is true and most important. I ask all of you to keep praying for me and my students as this year ends and when the next year begins. It is essential for God's work.

Br. Lawrence

Minister's Note May 2023

I recently read an excerpt from the philosopher and spiritual writer Søren Kierkegaard. In the excerpt, Kierkegaard pointed out that Jesus does not want admirers. He wants followers. He wants disciples. He doesn't want people who merely accept His teachings, but wants those who are committed.

I find myself wondering and yes, even worrying that am I caught up in what others may think. Are my priorities in the right place? Could I be as committed as the first disciples were, even to the point of death? Do I merely admire what Christ asks of us or am I a follower?

It is easy to compare ourselves to others and even judge them based on those comparisons. We may have all the outer appearances of being a follower of Christ. Yet, we may be holding something back that prevents us from being a true disciple that is willing to lay everything on the line for Him. Or maybe we are holding others back because we have a notion of what we think that they should be doing or not doing.

Saint Francis stood in front of the bishop and gave the very clothes on his back to his father as he saw them as a hinderance to living out his faith.

What is hindering us from living our faith out loud? What is preventing us from stripping away everything and being exposed to God and to everyone? Are we playing it safe? Are we willing to sacrifice everything?

Jesus' resurrection had an impact on those early disciples. They had no doubts about who they were following, including Thomas. They had a profound understanding of His divinity, glory and power. They were radically and permanently changed by their knowledge and understanding of the Truth, the Way, the Light.

As we approach Pentecost, let's pray that the Holy Spirit will embolden our witness and strengthen our resolve to proclaim Christ to the world. Let us be followers and not merely admirers of our Risen Lord.

~Peace, Melissa



Jesus is Present

~Ray Glennon, OFS

I was sitting in the choir at the Shrine of Saint Anthony during Eucharistic Adoration before the noon Mass on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, and had this remarkable view and a graced insight.

Within my narrow field of vision, the presence of Jesus was manifest in five different and meaningful ways.

Jesus, the Word of God (the lectionary on the ambo)

Jesus, the Good Shepherd (the icon)

Jesus, the Bread of Life (the Eucharist on the altar, his Real Presence)

Jesus, the Light of the World (the paschal candle)

Jesus, our Lord and Redeemer (the San Damiano Cross)

Jesus, you are always present. Open my heart so I may recognize you.
Jesus, I trust in You.



Little Portion Farm is a ministry of the Franciscan Friars

Conventual whose mission is to grow food for those in need while using sustainable farming methods. We grow a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, and flowers to provide an array of produce and to support our diverse farm

ecosystem.

Support Our Mission

Volunteer: Sign up to receive volunteer schedules or contact us about group visits.

Donate: Give a one-time or recurring gift, or purchase from our wishlist. Please do **NOT** drop-off cardboard boxes for the time being; everyone has been very generous in fulfilling this request.

Engage: Subscribe to our monthly newsletter for updates on: farm events, what's growing, and more.

Visit <https://www.LittlePortionFarm.org> to do any (or all) of the above!

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

The Shrine of St. Anthony

Noon **Mass** daily, **Confessions** Mon. - Sat. 11am; **Adoration** Tuesdays 11am

The Feast of St. Anthony

Saturday, June 10 11am-5pm

Lunches available for purchase!

Join us as we celebrate our great patron St. Anthony of Padua on Saturday, June 10th!

The day will begin with 11: 00 am with Eucharistic Adoration

and our Noon Mass celebrated by our Provincial Fr. Michael Heine, OFM Conv!

Former shrine Director Fr. Noel Danielewicz, OFM Conv. will then give a second talk at 2:30pm

and the day will end with a Vigil Mass at 4:00pm.

The Shrine Grounds & Courtyard
are open daily dawn till dusk.
410-531-2800 <https://www.ShrineOfStAnthony.org>

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*. This is translated and printed by Eds Armstrong, R.J, Wayne Hellman J. A., Short, W. J, Francis of Assisi: Early Documents (FA:ED), Earlier Exhortation (1LtF), p. 41.

¹⁹In the love which is God (1 Jn 4:16) we beg all those whom these words reach to receive those fragrant words of our Lord Jesus Christ written above with divine love and kindness. ²⁰And let whoever does not know how to read have then read to them frequently. ²¹Because they are spirit and life (Jn 6:63), they should preserve them with a holy activity until the end. ²²And whoever has not done these things will be held accountable before the tribunal of our Lord Jesus Christ on the day of judgment (Rom 14:10, Mt 12:36)

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.



Treasurer's Report

April – 2023

<u>Beginning (running) Balance:</u>	<u>\$2801.30</u>
Common Fund Contributions	\$1045.00
Other income	\$ 0.00
<u>Total Balance Before Expenses:</u>	<u>\$ 3846.30</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Spiritual Assistant	\$ 100.00
Franciscan Friars	\$ 200.00
<u>Total Expense</u>	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
<u>Ending (running) Balance:</u>	<u>\$ 3546.30</u>

Contributions are Tax Deductible

Direct Donation checks to:

St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity

Mail donations to:

Jerry Yu

2812 Green Shade Court

Ellicott City, MD 21042



You may use your bank's BILL PAY.

Direct payment to

St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity C/O the address above.

June Meeting:

June 25 * Fourth Sunday * 2pm
St. Anthony Garden of Eternity



Please bring diapers and personal hygiene products. Thanks to Kelly for delivering.

Book Share– Admonitions 22 True Correction

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: June 3.



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

Coming Next Month:

<i>Boniface Kim, OFS</i>	06/05
<i>Richard Lam, OFS</i>	06/06
<i>Dale Edmunds, OFS</i>	06/25

Any Updates?

Our sister, Melissa Reed-Konigsdorffer, 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 our Minister with any needs or concerns.

Please email Melissa at: ScoutsDouglas@yahoo.com

Please Pray for Healing for:

Karan Bevers, OFS
Gail Bunyan, OFS
Patrick Caughy, OFS
Harry Ford, OFS
Louise Hotovy, OFS
Mike Hotovy, OFS
Lita Maisel, OFS

Will Potter,
OFS

Br. Lawrence,
OFM Conv.

Br. Pascal,
OFM Conv.



Dolores Fritz, OFS
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Richard Hall, SFO
John Kirby, SFO
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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
Jim Tebo, OFS
Regina Yeager, SFO
Dorothy Zalewski, SFO

**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

Fr. Cronin Cantlon, OFM Conv.
Fr. James Elliott, OFM Conv.
Fr. Larry Kubera, OFM Conv.

“Since happiness is nothing else than the enjoyment of the supreme good, and the supreme good is above us, no one can enjoy happiness unless he rises above himself.”

~St. Bonaventure,
The Journey of the Mind into God

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 1:30 pm.
- ◆ 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/>

SAVE THE DATE!

Mike King, OFS will be ordained as a deacon of the Archdiocese of Baltimore this coming October 7 (Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary).

UPCOMING:

*** May 21* 3rd Sunday *
Ceremony of Welcoming
Fraternal Visit**

Glass Room
1-4 pm

***Should you need to miss a
Gathering,
please contact a Council member.***