



THE FLYER

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

October 15, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY
Our Theme for the Year:
Franciscan Joy

UPCOMING: October 15– Talk on the Franciscan Rosary. Social at 1 pm, and talk 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/>

Greetings from Brother Lawrence, OFM Conv.



Blessing in this month of St. Francis! I am most happy to send you blessings and prayers for a wonderful feast of St. Francis this month.

At this wonderful time of the year two of my favorite things take place, St. Francis' feast day and the beginning and high point of my favorite season, autumn. There is so much in common with the two for me, for as the trees turn into such beautiful colors up and down the East Coast and they last until the defoliation of the trees is complete it reminds me of Francis. Francis himself coming to the end of his life at this time of year and coming to the highpoint of his life in the final accomplishment of his mission from God and his eventual death and transitus into heaven. For me these are so very similar but I find the foliage display an annual reminder to me of the end of the life of Francis.

Take some time in spending a day or two living among the beautiful fullness of fall. I do so every year. I go somewhere each and every fall on a weekend day just to look at and appreciate this beautiful season. Sometimes it is a mere drive through the countryside and at other times it is getting out of the car and walking among the beauty mostly with a camera. I also try not to go to the same areas each year because on the east coast there is so much variety to see and ponder.

Needless to say I also include some meditation time amongst my autumn "hikes" and, of course, Francis always enters into my mind. It affords me a real time for meditation about God and his poor man of Assisi in God's own chapel of nature.

So, enjoy the feast of Francis, pray to him for help in following him, enjoy the display of God in the fall of the year and its natural beauty which itself speaks of the very beauty of God, St. Francis and his life and all the beauty of God and showing in his world.

God bless,
Br. Lawrence

Minister's Note

On one of my daily walks, I met an angel. She was glowing and filled with light. Her spirit was overflowing and she shared this glory generously.

She was an older lady with white hair and a smile that lit up the shadowed trail. She told my walking partner and I that it was her birthday and that she was celebrating being alive.

She told us about her life in the few minutes that we were together on the trail, and how happy she was that day. We asked if she would be celebrating her birthday with family. She said, "No." She had an appointment with our Blessed Mother to pray the Rosary, and she was not missing it even for her birthday celebration.

I was reminded that it is important to make a regular appointment to ask our Blessed Mother for her intercession. Here is a link that has the Feast Days celebrating Mary in October. <https://devotiontoourlady.com/october.html> May you glow too with the joy found praying with our Blessed Mother.

Next month we will have a mass celebrating all our brothers and sisters who have gone before us. Please join us.

Peace and goodness,
Melissa



Congratulations to Mike King. He was ordained a deacon on September 30th. There were fourteen men ordained that day. We pray for Mike, his family, and all those ordained last month!



Formation Thought of the Month:

“Franciscan joy, when it comes down to it, is not about being constantly upbeat and optimistic. The story goes, after all, that Francis himself thought that we achieved “perfect joy” only when we are able to endure pain and rejection and fear with peace, calm and trust in God.”

Br. John Barker OFM
from an article Franciscan Joy : Trust in God Be Not Afraid
Friar Voices

Saint. Anthony Garden of Eternity Dedicated

On October 1, 2023 the Saint Anthony Garden of Eternity at the Shrine of St. Anthony was formally dedicated by Minister Provincial Fr. Michael Heine, OFM Conv., Fr. James McCurry, OFM Conv., and Fr. Richard-Jacob Forcier, OFM Conv. Endowed in loving memory of William and Kathleen Cavanaugh, the garden features thirteen stations highlighting milestones on life’s



journey using thoughts from St. Anthony’s writings. The garden offers a place of prayerful meditation on life’s deepest values to contemplate the beauty of Eternity. Fraternity members Ray & Dawn Glennon OFS and Deanna Williston OFS attended the dedication, with Dawn and Deanna leading the reflection and prayer at two of the milestones.



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

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



Treasurer's Report

September – 2023

Beginning (running) Balance:	<u>\$ 1755.35</u>
Income:	
Common Fund Contributions	\$ 150.00
Rebate coupon for the brochure printing	50.00
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Expenses:	
Picnic expenses	\$ 146.76
Brochure printing cost	254.18
Spiritual Assistant	100.00
Franciscan Friars	100.00
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 600.94</u>
Ending (running) Balance:	<u>\$ 1354.41</u>

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

Edward Burgee, OFS 10/16/2011
Jerry Yu, OFS 10/16/2011
Karen Bevers 10/21/2018
Mick Michieli-Beasley, OFS 10/21/2018
Richard Lam, OFS 10/21/2018
Theresa Lam, OFS 10/21/2018
Charlene Heyden, OFS 10/23/2016
Jeanne Kerins, OFS 10/23/2016
Mark McPherson, OFS 10/23/2016

Book Share–

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

First Saturdays from 1-3 pm on ZOOM!
Contact Geri Flynn OFS for details:
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Happy Birthday!

Mimi Cox Owens, OFS 10/01
Bob Longo, OFS 10/06
Harry Ford, OFS 10/10
Lita Maisel, OFS 10/13
Michael Radcliffe, OFS 10/22
Theresa Heath, OFS 10/30
Coming Next Month:
Ray Glennon, OFS 11/22

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

For our deceased:

Sharon Lewis 10/5/2022