



THE FLYER

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

February 18, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY

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

Saint Clare

UPCOMING: February 18– Visitor Speaker Ander Scharbach: Iconography.
Gather after mass for fellowship. 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/>

Greetings from Brother Lawrence, OFM Conv.

Ash Wednesday is February 14.

Well, the wonderful season of Lent comes up on the 14th of this month; it seems like it was just Christmas, but time goes on. With the Lenten season upon us it is time for all of us to begin our penitential season in a most meaningful way. In my Friary we set up various penitential things for the individual and the Friary as a whole. The community penances are ones that we can help each other or discuss among each other at any time of the season. The one I have chosen for my personal penance I make the best for myself. Both usually work out well even if they are totally different from each other.

Speaking of different from each other, how can Ash Wednesday fall on St. Valentine's Day!!! This is one scheduling conundrum that I do not even want to attempt to tackle. For those of you who do, more power to you.

Have a wonderful Lent and prepare well for the Easter Triduum.

God bless,

Br. Lawrence

Minister's Note

We are journeying with Saint Clare on a year long novena. Last month we reflected on Saint Clare and community. Our companion prayers for our fellow fraternity members are an important part of supporting our community. The Saints that we prayerful picked will accompany us through the year. Think of all the people that God has placed in your life. How do they support you? How do you support them? May we always know that we are not alone in our journey of faith.

This month our focus is on our talents. Saint Clare recognized that each sister brought her own unique gifts to the community. She encouraged and supported Saint Francis and the brothers in their quest to bring the Kingdom of God to others. Saint Bonaventure instructed the Poor Ladies to investigate who they were, who they could have been, and who they will be with the grace of God. May we take time, especially during Lent, to investigate how we are using our talents to serve others and to serve God. May we use our talents for peace and goodness and to promote the Gospel Way of Life.

In His Love
Melissa

Online Lenten Retreats



Are you looking for a retreat that you can do at home? Here are some that you may want to follow:

The Pray More Lenten Retreat- <https://praymoreretreat.org/>

Franciscan Sisters of the TOR

<https://www.franciscansisterstor.org/events/lenten-retreat-2024>

The Wild Goose TV- [My Father's Father](https://wildgoose.tv/programs/my-fathers-father?category_id=23145) https://wildgoose.tv/programs/my-fathers-father?category_id=23145

PRAY FOR ALL OUR DECEASED

Connie Baker 2/27/2021

Nancy Seaton 2/23/ 2017

Formation Thought of the Month:

“I admonish and exhort all my sisters, both those present and those to come, to strive always to imitate the way of holy simplicity, humility, and poverty.”

St. Clare

The movie Cabrini is coming to theaters in our region next month.



Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini has been listed as Secular Franciscan and founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

You can find theaters and showtimes here:

<https://www.angel.com/tickets/cabrini>

Trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uuFkt3w-7kl>

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



Treasurer's Report

January – 2024

Beginning (running) Balance:	<u>\$ 1,511.37</u>
Income:	
Common Fund Contributions	\$ 605.00
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$ 605.00</u>
Expenses:	
Spiritual Assistant	\$100.00
Franciscan Friars	100.00
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>
Ending (running) Balance:	<u>\$ 1,916.37</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:

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.

NOTE! FOR BILL PAY, THE ADDRESS HAS CHANGED.

Happy Anniversary

Harry Ford 2/16/2014

Kathy Ford 2/16/2014

Deacon Michael King 2/16/2020

Melissa Reed-Konigsdorffer 2/16/2020

Mimi Cox-Owens 2/16/2020

Happy Birthday!

Theresa Lam, OFS 02/06

Charlene Heyden, OFS 02/15

Jerry Yu, OFS 02/26

Coming Next Month:

Mick Michieli-Beasley, OFS 03/05

Deanna Williston, OFS 03/05

Cindy Mohler, OFS 03/13

Karan Bevers, OFS 03/21

France Staudenmann OFS 03/29

Book Share--

New Book Share coming in the New Year
Thomas A'Kempis' classic Imitation of Christ.

First Saturdays from 1-3 pm on ZOOM!

Contact Geri Flynn OFS for details:
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PRAYER LIST

For Healing:

Gail Bunyan, OFS

Lita Maisel, OFS

Bill Siefken, OFS

Teresa Lam, OFS

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Michael Radcliff, OFS

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