



THE FLYER

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

January 21, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY

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

Saint Clare

UPCOMING: January 21– Drawing of Saints: Gather after mass for fellowship. Meet in chapel 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.

Happy New Year,

As always the New Year opens with the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Just a mere week ago we celebrated the Nativity of Our Lord and now a week later we celebrate Mary's motherhood. Of course, these two feasts obviously go together, but I think that the real celebration is Mary's Mother's Day as we celebrate for our earthly mothers in May.

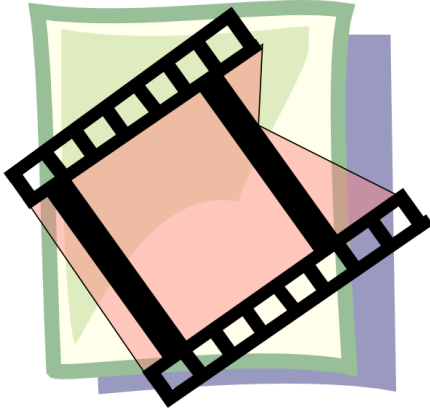
This is the day for celebrating Mary's motherhood of Jesus and all of the wonderful things she did to support her son during his early years, his teenage years and into his early adulthood. It is the tradition that Jesus began his mission when about 30 -33 years of age so I can guess that Jesus was the child who stayed at home into his thirties as many do today! Yet, I envision Jesus taking care of his mother, working the carpentry shop to bring in some money, etc. Of course, when he began his mission he had to forego this as he made his way around the countryside of ancient Israel. But, as I see it, the tables were turned.

When Jesus left for his mission activity it seems to me that Mary would be on mission of supporting her son by following him with the other women who were following along with Jesus' disciples. It is stated in the gospel accounts that they were doing service for Jesus as he went along so as to be able to free Jesus and his apostles to carry out the mission of Jesus. I do not know if I have ever thought about this before and so I have lately been pondering this mission of Mary and the other women who were on their own mission too. I think of Martha and Mary a bit as it is the only episode of which I can think where there is an issue that arises. (cont.)

Formation Thought of the Month:

“We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become.”

St. Clare



Did you know that our own **Kelly Neale** has been featured in two videos featured on EWTN and Catholic Climate Covenant? Both videos were filmed at Little Portion Farm. Kelly gives a wonderful testimony about feeding the poor and care for the environment.

You can watch the videos on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otcrr1RgykQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uACaWUWvfxk>

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

December – 2023

Beginning (running) Balance:	<u>\$ 1,137.82</u>
Income:	
Common Fund Contributions	\$685.00
Total Income	<u>\$685.00</u>
Expenses:	
Spiritual Assistant	\$100.00
Franciscan Friars	100.00
Music ministry for Mass	85.00
Tau for Rite of Admission	26.45
Total Expenses	<u>\$311.45</u>
Ending (running) Balance:	<u>\$ 1,511.37</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.



Look into the mirror.
Consider what you see.

(Photo provided by F. Staudenmann)

Book Share–

New Book Share coming in the New Year
Thomas A' Kempis' classic Imitation of Christ.
We'll take a January break and then start back up
on February 3 at 1 pm

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

Jim Soltysiak, OFS 01/26
Br. Lawrence LaFlame, OFM Conv. 01/26

Coming Next Month:
Theresa Lam, OFS 02/06
Charlene Heyden, OFS 02/15
Jerry Yu, OFS 02/26

PRAYER LIST



For Healing:
Gail Bunyan, OFS
Lita Maisel, OFS
Bill Siefken, OFS
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Rosemary Whelan, OFS
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