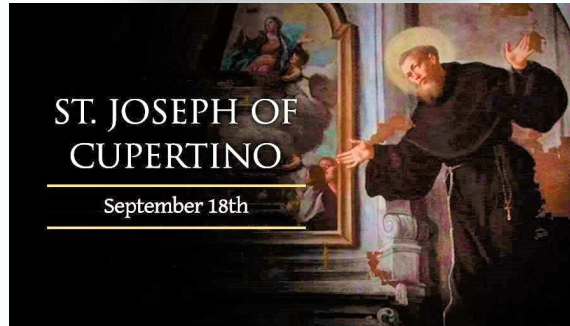


The Flyer

**THEME FOR THE YEAR:
BE HOLY**



August 18, 2019 Gathering

Essential Secular and Franciscan Traits

Desire to live the Gospel
Following Francis
Conversion to the Gospel
Living in fraternity
A member of the Catholic Church
Living a secular lifestyle
In life-giving union with all members of the Franciscan family
Familiar with Sacred Scripture
The Rule
The General Constitutions
International Statutes
National Statutes
The Ritual
The Franciscan charism
Books and resources on St. Francis, St. Clare, and other Franciscan Saints
Adapted from the FUN Manual

BE SOLICITOUS TO MAKE YOUR ELECTION PERMANENT



Our Fraternity Council for 2019 – 2022

Minister: Geri Flynn, OFS, 410 730-4395

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Secretary: Denise Donaldson, OFS, 443 683-2538

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Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi

Minister's Message

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Francis and Clare,

"Francis and Clare lived their faith in Christ in a way that would make human beings more human and this world a better place in which to live.

With them we witness to God who is involved with our world" (Build with Living Stones)

Thoughts to ponder:

* How do I experience God in my life?

*What activities seem to draw me to God?

Prayer: God, you call us to put our trust in you. Help us always see the wonders that you do for us.
— Amen

A handout will be distributed for Evening Prayer.

Geri Flynn, OFS
Minister



Please Pray For ...

Connie Baker, OFS
Marie Lindung, OFS



Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The St. Joseph of Cupertino Fraternity will have our annual picnic on Sunday September 15th from noon to 4pm.

This year we will celebrate under the arches in the Shrine's Courtyard perpendicular to the chapel entrance. This picnic will be our September Gathering.

Please sign up using the Sign-Up Genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4eaea72fa4fe3-annual2>

or contact Denise Donaldson at 443-683-2538 or dmdonaldsonmd@gmail.com no later than September 5th.

We are asking each attendee to bring **one** of the following items:

Main Dishes (NO electrical source will be available for heating)

Side & salad dishes (cold; eg. macaroni, potato, bean or veggie salad)

Desserts - all sorts (YUM!)

Chips - yes, oh yes chips!

Drinks – Soda, Ice Tea, Lemonade, Gatorade both regular and diet

We are also looking for volunteers to help set up, starting at 10 am on the day of the picnic and for volunteers to clean-up after which usually takes about half an hour if several people volunteer.

Please mark all bowls and utensils with your name & make sure you take the containers, and utensils home with you. Also, whatever is not eaten must go back home with you. The fraternity is not responsible for items left behind after clean-up.

Thank you for participating in this wonderful fraternity event!



OUR DECEASED SISTERS AND BROTHERS

Deacon Tom Bello, OFS

Frances Bastress, SFO

Joe Bezila, SFO

Jerry Cichowicz, SFO

Shirley Costello, OFS

Joe Cykoski, SFO

Stella Cykoski, SFO

Claire Lee Davison, SFO

Adela Duff, SFO

Donna Duncan, SFO

Charles Ferrara, SFO

Mary Ferrara, SFO

Dolores Fritz, OFS

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Frances Langbehn, SFO

Bob Lewis, SFO

Jean Manning, OFS

Jim Manning, OFS

Yvonne Proch, SFO

Nancy Seaton, SFO

Don Sweitzer, OFS

Betty Taylor, SFO

Bud Tenley, SFO

Regina Yeager, SFO

Dorothy Zalewski, SFO

UPCOMING Events



September 15, 2019

Fraternity Picnic
Where?
The
Shrine of St. Anthony



Calendar

AT THE SHRINE
Chapel Open Daily
From 9 AM – 5 PM
Noon Mass
every day
For more
Information
call 410 531-2800

Food for Thought

"A voice is a human gift; it should be cherished and used, to utter fully human speech as possible. Powerlessness and silence go together."
-- Margaret Atwood



Treasurer's Report

July 2019

Beginning Balance:

\$1,641.43

Common Fund Contributions 410.00
St. Paul Street Ministry 30.00
Total \$ **2,081.43**

Expenses:

Brother Lawrence 100.00
Franciscan Friars 100.00
Formation Expense 97.25
Charity Parish visitors 200.00
Correction St. Paul St. Evan. 30.00
Other PayPal fee 4.26
Web Fee 15.00
Total \$ **546.51**

Ending Balance:

\$ 1,534.92

Thank you for your monthly contribution to the Common Fund

Contributions are tax deductible

Birthday Blessings Coming Your Way

ENJOY EVERY MOMENT OF YOUR LIFE

May Everyday Bring Something New And Exciting For You

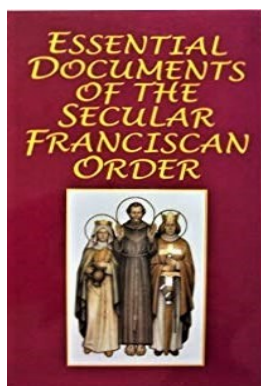
May This Birthday Turn Out To Be As Amazing As You



Happy Birthday

Louise Hotovy, OFS 08/14
Jim Tebo, OFS 08/20
Rosemary Whelan, OFS 08/20
Gail Bunyan, OFS 08/21

General Constitutions of the Secular Franciscan Order



The Form of Life Article 17

2. The preparation of the brothers and sisters for spreading the Gospel message "in the ordinary circumstances of the world" and for collaborating in the catechesis within the ecclesial communities should be promoted in the fraternities.

It's A Great Time to Become a Saint

All are born to be saints, most of us struggle daily to become a saint.

We live in a time where we have the perfect opportunity to be saints.

Past purifications of the Church have produced an abundance of saints through the ages.

Do not let this chance of a Lifetime slip by you.

Bob Longo, OFS



Book Sharing

Our book share group has decided to break until Fall when we will begin a new book (to be determined) and all are encouraged to come.

~ Geri Flynn, OFS

BENEDICT XVI: IT IS RATIONAL TO BELIEVE

Faith carries in our hearts the hope of rediscovering our joy at believing and our enthusiasm for communicating the truth of faith to all. ... This leads us to discover that our encounter with God brings value to, perfects and elevates that which is true, good and beautiful in mankind.

Faith means knowing God as Love, thanks to His own love. The love of God ... opens our eyes and allows us to know all reality beyond the limited horizons of individualism and subjectivism which distort our awareness.

The Catholic tradition has always rejected the so-called principle of 'fideism', that is, the will to believe against reason. ... Indeed, although a mystery, God is not absurd. ... If, in contemplating the mystery, reason sees only darkness, this is not because the mystery contains no light, rather because it contains too much. Just as when we turn our eyes directly to the sun, we see only shadow - who would say that the sun is not bright? Faith allows us to look at the 'sun' that is God, because it welcomes His revelation in history. ... God has sought mankind and made Himself known, bringing Himself to the limits of human reason.

At the same time, God, with His grace, illuminates reason and opens up new horizons, immeasurable and infinite. Therefore, faith is a continuous stimulus to seek, never to cease or acquiesce in the inexhaustible search for truth and reality. ... Intellect and faith are not foreign or antagonistic to divine Revelation, they are both prerequisites for understanding its meaning, for receiving its authentic message, for approaching the threshold of the mystery. ... The Catholic faith is therefore rational and also nurtures trust in human reason. ... Knowledge of faith, furthermore, is not contrary to reason. ... In the irresistible desire for truth, only a harmonious relationship between faith and reason can show the correct path to God and to self-fulfillment.

A correct relationship between science and faith is also based on this fruitful interaction between comprehension and belief. Scientific research leads to the knowledge of new truths regarding mankind and the cosmos. The true good of mankind, accessible through faith, indicates the direction his path of discovery must follow. Therefore, it is important to encourage, for example, research which serves life and seeks to combat disease. Investigations into the secrets of our planet and the universe are also important for this reason, in the knowledge that man is placed at the peak of creation, not in order to exploit it senselessly, but rather to protect it and render it inhabitable.

In this way, faith does not enter into conflict with science but co-operates with it, offering fundamental criteria to ensure it promotes universal good, and asking only that science desist from those initiatives that, in opposition to God's original plan, may produce effects which turn against man himself. Another reason for which it is rational to believe is this: if science is a valuable ally of faith in our understanding of God's plan for the universe, faith also directs scientific progress towards the good and truth of mankind, remaining faithful to that original plan.

This is why it is vital for man to open himself to faith, and to know God and His plan for salvation through Jesus Christ. The Gospel establishes a new humanism, an authentic 'grammar' of humankind and reality. It is rational to believe, as it is our very existence that is at stake.

- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI – November 2012



BEGGING FOR BAGS

Sisters and Brothers in Francis and Clare,

Our sister, Gerri Flynn, OFS, is requesting plastic bags for her plastic mats ministry for our homeless sisters and brothers. Please bring your bags with you at our August 18th gathering.

Making Sleeping Mats out of Plastic Shopping Bags

For several years, our sister, Geri Flynn, OFS has been busy making sleeping mats out of plastic shopping bags for our homeless sisters and brothers for the Franciscan Center in Baltimore.

Geri tells us, “crocheting or knitting these sleeping mats for those who find themselves homeless has been such a pleasure. In addition to providing a lightweight, waterproof surface between the person and the cold, wet ground, they are also an amazingly positive way to utilize plastic bags!”

“Each mat uses up to 500 bags—so much better than the landfill - I find so many people are happy to save their bags for me. Our kids got a kick out of me quietly **removing** bags from our supermarket recycle bin and the Franciscan Center has been happy to receive them.”

“If anyone wishes to join me in this effort, just let me know and will be happy to share the easy Instructions”: angelbarty@aol.com

Below are several pictures of sleeping mats crocheted by Geri:



This is a wonderful ministry any time of the year. It would be great to have other fraternities take on this apostolate. Believe it or not, next winter will be here before we know it. Please ask your fraternity to help us keep our sisters and brothers dry in the spring and summer and warm in the winter.

Sponsored by the St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity



Franciscan Center Giving

Don't forget to bring your donated items to this month's gathering. Please pick from:

hand sanitizer

washcloths

soap

handi wipes

toothbrushes

toothpaste

shampoo/conditioner

men/women deodorant

disposable razors

feminine hygiene products

Remember your donations are tax deductible.

OUR GATHERINGS

All should make every effort to attend our gathering every month. All Candidates and Professed members are to contribute to the common fund box, located in the Shrine refectory during our social time. Everyone is required to sign in; the book is located next to the common fund box. If you are unable to attend one of our gatherings, please mail your monthly common fund to:

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