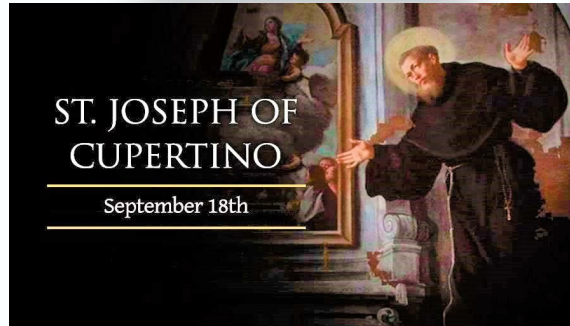


# The Flyer

**THEME FOR THE YEAR:  
BE HOLY**



**October 20, 2019  
Gathering**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Francis and Clare,

In 2003, I assumed the duties as editor of our fraternity newsletter. I must say, it has been a fast sixteen years and loved all one hundred and ninety-two issues I sent out to you.

"The Flyer" is special to me and I considered this honor as one of my favorite Franciscan ministries. As I mentioned at our August gathering, I am certainly not getting any younger and feel it is time to pass this important fraternity function on to the next generation.

I am sad to say, this October issue of our fraternity newsletter will be my last. I am happy to say, our sister, Deanna Williston, OFS has stepped up to the plate to be our next editor. I will continue to post the fraternity newsletter on our St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity website at:

<http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/our-fraternity-newsletters/>

It has been my pleasure to have served this fraternity that I love so much. You my sisters and brothers have taught me what it means to be a Franciscan and I thank you so much.

Your Franciscan brother in Christ,

*Bob*

**BE SOLICITOUS TO MAKE YOUR ELECTION PERMANENT**



## **Our Fraternity Council for 2019 – 2022**

Minister: Geri Flynn, OFS, 410 730-4395

Vice Minister: James Kim OFS, 443 458-3361

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## Minister's Message

Dear sisters and brothers in Francis and Clare,

Happy Fall!!! I'm in Florida for a while longer and even here subtle changes can be felt.

When meditating on our theme for the year, "Be Holy", my prayers so often go something like this:

Me —"Most High God, how can a weakling like me ever become holy as you have commanded?"

God - "You can't without my sanctifying grace which you can't merit' - I give it freely as you follow my word. Don't you remember St Gregory of Nyssa's words, "Christian perfection has but one limit, that of having none"?

Me —"Oh oh, you're speaking of your cross; you had no limits to your holiness. I hear you. Take up your cross and follow me." I'll keep on keeping on...with your help."

Then Pope Benedict XVI enters the conversation with:

"Holiness does not consist in not making mistakes or never sinning. Holiness grows with capacity for conversion, repentance, willingness to begin again, and above all with the capacity for reconciliation and forgiveness."

Sounds just like our dear saints Francis and Clare! God's marching orders.

Let us begin again...

May God bless us and keep us all!

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*Please Pray For ...*

Connie Baker, OFS

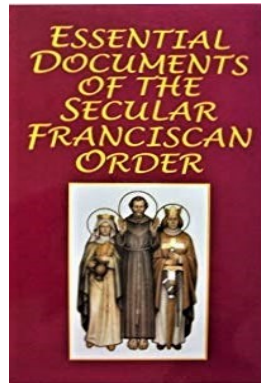
John Kirby, OFS

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Marie Lindung, OFS

Jim Tebo, OFS

## General Constitutions of the Secular Franciscan Order



### The Form of Life Article 17

3. Those who are called to carry out the mission of catechists, presiders of ecclesial communities, or other ministries, as well as the sacred ministers, should make the love of Francis for the word of God their own, as well as his faith in those who announce it, and the great fervor with which he received the mission of preaching penance from the Pope.

### St. Francis Turned into Prayer

Prayer was Francis' native tongue. He spoke it with heart, intellect and body. When he prayed...He fastened on the presence of God and did not let go.

St. Francis did not make petition his primary form of prayer. His Rule of 1221 affirms...that priority must be given to praise and thanksgiving. "We should wish for nothing else and have no other desire; we should find no pleasure or delight in anything except our Creator...."

The Poverello (Poor Man) was the personification of St. Paul's advice, "Dedicate yourselves to thankfulness." When he was turned away from shelter in a storm, abused and insulted, given scraps for dinner or a stone for a pillow, he responded with gratitude...because he appreciated the opportunity to experience the bodily sufferings of Christ...

He made of his life a "holy leisure," an openness to God's presence whenever, wherever, however the Spirit came to him. Sometimes he turned to prayer, other times, he turned into prayer. One observer said of him, "He seemed not so much a man praying as prayer itself made man."

From Six Ways to Pray from Six Great Saints by Gloria Hutchinson



### OUR DECEASED SISTERS AND BROTHERS

Deacon Tom Bello, OFS

Frances Bastress, SFO

Joe Bezila, SFO

Mary Chandler, OFS

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

Marilyn Gilson, SFO

Richard Hall, SFO

Joy Kubricky, OFS

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

**October 20, 2019**

Fraternity Gathering at  
The Shrine of  
St. Anthony.  
Social at 1 PM

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"There are two ways  
of spreading light: to  
be the candle or the  
mirror that reflects it."

~ **Edith Wharton**



### Calendar

#### AT THE SHRINE

Chapel open daily

From 9 AM – 5 PM

Noon Mass  
every day

For more  
Information

call 410-531-2800





### Treasurer's Report

September – 2019

Beginning Balance:

**\$ 2165.66**

Common Fund

386.00

Total **\$ 2551.66**

Expenses:

Br. Lawrence

100.00

Franciscan Friars

100.00

Fraternity Picnic

286.57

PayPal 4.26

Correction 4.00

Total **\$ 494.83**

Ending Balance:

**\$ 2056.83**

We will be exiting PayPal and are looking for alternatives. Please consider other donation alternatives until then.

Thank You for your monthly contributions.

**Contributions are**

## Have the Best Day Ever



Mimi Cox Owens, OFS	10/01
Bob Longo, OFS	10/06
Joanne Patton, OFS	10/08
Harry Ford, OFS	10/10
Lita Maisel, OFS	10/13
Michael Radcliffe, OFS	10/22
Theresa Heath, OFS	10/30

## Remembering Your Profession

Amy Kulesa, OFS	10/20/03	Jim Tebo, OFS	10/23/77
Beverly Edwards	10/23/16	John Handiboe, OFS	10/23/16
Boniface Kim, OFS	10/23/16	John Kirby, OFS	10/16/94
Charlene Heyden, OFS	10/23/16	Julianna Kim, OFS	10/23/16
Denise Donaldson, OFS	10/21/18	Karen Bevers, OFS	10/21/18
Diane Witherspoon, OFS	10/18/06	Mark McPherson, OFS	10/23/16
Eileen Peregoy, OFS	10/20/03	Mary Chandler, OFS	10/23/16
Edward Burgee, OFS	10/16/11	Mick Michieli-Beasley, OFS	10/21/18
Geri Flynn, OFS	10/16/11	Patricia Frederick, OFS	10/18/06
James Kim-Young, OFS	10/21/18	Richard Lam, OFS	10/21/18
Jeanne Kerins, OFS	10/23/16	Rosemary Whelan, OFS	10/16/11
Jerry Yu, OFS	10/16/11	Sherry Lewis, OFS	10/16/94
		Theresa Heath, OFS	10/11/81
		Therese Lam, OFS	10/21/18



### Book Sharing

Our book sharing group will meet on November 2, 2019 from 1 pm - 3 pm on the first Saturday of each month at the Shrine (usually the Kolbe Room).

We will study "Surrounded by Love:

**7 Teachings From St Francis** by Murray Bodo, OFM

The book can be obtained from Amazon and other online sources.

Looking forward to seeing you on November 2, 2019

~ Geri Flynn, OFS



### Prayer the Healer

Prayer is the healing we give to others.

Healing is the gift we may never know of in return.

*Bob Longo, OFS*



## 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 October 20th 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](mailto: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:

Gerry Pinkas, OFS  
3810 Marriottsville Rd.  
Reisterstown, MD 21133