

THE FLYER

NEWSLETTER FOR THE ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO FRATERNITY OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCANS

San Giuseppe di Copertino
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September 20, 2020

Theme for the Year:

**Sanctify Yourself & You
Will Sanctify Society**

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Greetings from Brother Lawrence

September, that wonderful month which will leave us in the season of summer, my favorite season of the year. The beginning of the return to school of students far and wide (this year a little differently). Leaves of all colors! Cooler temperatures as well. Just a time to enjoy nature.

I apologize for not having a letter for you last month but I was quite down and out with hip problems but I have returned to my more normal self now and am looking forward to seeing my students early this month (whether in person or on Zoom). And, let us hope, to have a face to face (or mask to mask) gathering on the 20th (I hope that phase 3 will allow for that).

This month I want to return to the homily from St. Anthony that I began in July. Then, I discussed the six jars of water at Cana that Anthony viewed as jars of water for purification. In that letter I wrote about the two jars he viewed as confession and cleansing. This month I wish to give thoughts of two more— contrition and forgiveness.

Contrition is the most important for us in our being absolved from sin. So important, in fact, that the sacrament calls for each penitent to make an “act of contrition.” Contrition is our being sorrowful for our sins, but we can be sorrowful for one of two reasons. A more immature form is called imperfect contrition, it is contrition but the reason for being sorry is to not receive punishment. Like little children who will be sorry for doing something wrong so that they are not punished, we can also have the same attitude when we go to confession. It is contrition, but it is not yet a mature, responsible contrition. Perfect contrition is when we are sorry because we have offended God. It has the Christian element of “otherness” within it. From the very beginnings of Christianity we find that we say and do things not for ourselves but for others. We are sorry for the “other,” in this case God. It is our apology to God just as we apologize to another when we offend them in some way. Not for ourselves, but for the other.

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Minister's Message

Dear sisters and brothers,

At last we are going to have an outdoor gathering at the Shrine. The last time we gathered together was in February for the Profession ceremony and party! I often thought that our Lord knew what was going to happen after the February Profession and guided us to have the Profession ceremony in February exactly. Our newly professed members are truly blessed in the Lord.

This time, we are going to welcome our new members, Will Potter and John Park-Jung, entering the Secular Franciscan Order. Formation is something like a process of preparing a foundation upon which a house may be built. "Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock" (Mt 7:24, *New American Bible Revised Edition*). "If anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw, the work of each will come to light, for the Day will disclose it" (1 Cor 3:12-13, NABRE). The foundation may be invisible now, but it may be revealed with a house built upon it.

Let us offer our prayers for our new members, Will Potter and John Park-Jung, and welcome them with our sincere hearts. Please remember that we all, not only candidate members, are in the continuous process of building the foundation. The antiphon for Cantic of Mary of evening prayer on August 28, feast day of St. Augustine, reads "Late have I loved You, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved You. You called, You shouted, and You shattered my deafness" (St. Augustine of Hippo, *Confessions*). Our Lord calls us continually as He did for St. Augustine.

~James Kim



St. Augustine of Hippo, 15th Century bronze, Belgium, CC0 The Walters Art Museum

Some Reminders for Our First In-Person Meeting

- * Please remember that we will need to wear masks, stay six feet apart, and not share food.
- * The ceremony will take place behind Carrollton Hall. There are only nine parking spots at Carrollton Hall, please consider if you need to park that close, or leave the spot for someone else. The ground is fairly shady & level, but please, make safe choices for hats, bugspray/sunblock, footwear and any walking aids you might need.
- * Please bring your own water (in case it gets hot), a chair to sit on, and your brown Ritual Book.
- * Restrooms will not be available.

Do you have a story from your daily conversion, pilgrimage, street evangelization, or social justice activity that you would like to share? Please email to jtwillis@aol.com (or call 443-745-1109) by the first of the month and you may see it in an upcoming edition of *The Flyer*.

Please use this as a way to share of bit of yourselves with your Franciscan brothers and sisters.

Treasurer's Report

August – 2020

Beginning (running) Balance: \$ 1,251.34

Common Fund Contributions \$ 670.00

Total \$ 1,921.34

Expenses:

Brother Lawrence \$100.00

Franciscan Friars \$100.00

Grayorbit (annual web fee) \$180.00

Total \$ 380.00

Ending (running) Balance: \$ 1541.34

Thank You for your monthly contributions!

May charity be the root and foundation of your life. (Eph 3:17)

Contributions are Tax Deductible. Please direct checks to: St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity & mail to:

**Gerry Pinkas, OFS
3810 Marriottsville Road
Randallstown, MD 21133**

Congratulations!

Gerry Pinkas, on your 41st anniversary of Profession (9/16/1979)!

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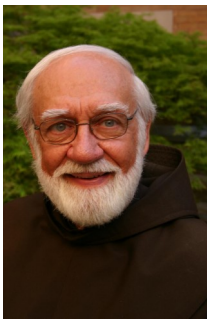
The Marriage at Cana by Gaetano Gandolfi 1766
The Walters Art Museum CCO

Another jar of the six St. Anthony sees as symbolizing the watery cleansing of forgiveness. We see it as washing away our sins for which we are sorry. Again, it is always about the other. Forgiveness is for us and is an undeserved cleansing that we really do not deserve but we really and truly need. We have the ability and strength to seek forgiveness in the first place only because we respond positively to God's gift of grace. Without God's grace, or if we reject God's grace we would be unable to seek forgiveness in the first place. I want that whole jar poured over me because I know that it is needed and necessary. St. Anthony leaves us considering these six "Cleansings" in a way that we, as penitents of St. Francis are called to do in our response as followers of the Lord.

~Brother Lawrence

Book Share

REMINDER!



Our monthly book share group meets every first Saturday (10/3) from 1-3 pm.. This month, we plan to meet outside!

We continue to study and learn from *Surrounded By Love* by Murray Bodo. You do not need the book– come listen, enjoy, and share as you wish.

Bring a mask, chair, blanket, or sunscreen/bug spray, if you wish, and a good cold drink. Lovely to be together (at a distance) See you there!

Photo: Murray Bodo, OFM, Used with permission

Co-Authoring Franciscan Prayer

~Deanna Williston

At the National Chapter Meeting on October 16, 2019 in Corpus Christi, Texas, Mary Stronak, OFS, and Anne Mulqueen, OFS, shared a slideshow that launched a group formation project; I recently found this gem scrolling across the screen on our national fraternity website (<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/>). The Power Point presentation begins with Tuesday Evening's "Franciscan Vocation Petitions for the Liturgy of the Hours," moves onto a quote from St. Bonaventure, and challenges us with questions about our prayer life.

Next, we go from slide to beautiful slide of an illustrated prayer inspired by *The Our Father* of St. Francis of Assisi. We then see a series of slides featuring both beautiful art and the words of the *Hail, Mary*. Our formation challenge is to reflect on the questions above and immerse ourselves (or small group) into Franciscan prayer so that we might expand on the *Hail Mary* as St. Francis did the *Our Father*.

I would like to challenge everyone this month to go and look at the slideshow, reflect on the questions, try our hands at writing this form of prayer, and share our final efforts. If unable to see the slideshow, please contact me and I will assist.



Madonna and Child with a Cat, Attributed to the Master of Pala Sforzesca, oil? On wood panel, CCO The Walters Art Museum

Please Pray For:

Joan Babin, OFS
Connie Baker, OFS
Karan Bevers, OFS
John Kirby, OFS
Marie Lindung, OFS
Jean Singleton, OFS
Jim Tebo, OFS



September 20, 2020 Gathering

- ♦ 2 pm
- ♦ In-person, outdoor event at the Shrine of St. Anthony, 12290 Folly Quarter Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042!
- ♦ No business meeting or on-going formation this month.
- ♦ Rite of Admission!
- ♦ Please bring your little, brown book, *Ritual of the Secular Franciscan Order*.

Our Deceased Brothers and Sisters:

Deacon Tom Bellos, OFS

Frances Bastress, SFO

Joe Bezila, SFO

Mary Chandler, OFS

Jerry Cichowicz, SFO

Shirley Costello, OFS

Joe Cykoski, SFO

Stella Cykoski, SFO

Claire Lee Davidson, SFO

Adela Duff, SFO

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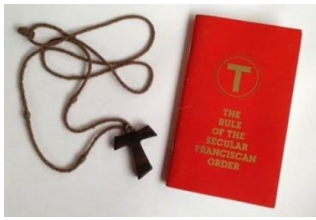
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The Rule Review

So that we might more fully live the Gospel Life, Secular Franciscans should not just read *The Rule*, but reflect on & pray with the *The Rule*:

8. As Jesus was the true worshipper of the Father, so let prayer and contemplation be the soul of all they are and do. Let them participate in the sacramental life of the Church, above all the Eucharist. Let them join in liturgical prayer in one of the forms proposed by the Church, reliving the mysteries of the life of Christ.

9. The Virgin Mary, humble servant of the Lord, was open to His every word and call. She was embraced by Francis with indescribable love and declared the protectress and advocate of his family. The Secular Franciscans should express their ardent love for her by imitating her complete self-giving and by praying earnestly and confidently.



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Happy Birthday!

Dawn Glennon	9/5
Bill Siefken	9/6
Michael King &	9/22
Patricia Frederick	
Melissa Reed-Konigsdorffer	9/24
Jean Singleton	9/28

Upcoming:

Mimi Cox Owens 10/1	Bob Longo 10/6,
Joanne Patton 10/3	Harry Ford 10/10,
Michael Radcliffe 10/22	Theresa Heath 10/30

EVENTS AT

THE SHRINE OF ST. ANTHONY

Mass Times-

Livestream: M-F 7:30 am,
Sat, Sun, & Holidays 8:30 am

Outdoor at Carrollton Hall: Sun-Fri 10:00AM

Confession Schedule-

Monday through Friday :
9:00am - 10:00am Outside of Carrollton Hall

Fridays 7:00-8:00pm
Drive Up-Chapel Parking Lot

Adoration-

Outdoor at Carrollton Hall: Tues. at 9 am

Gift Shop & Courtyard Hours-

Monday through Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00pm
Sunday 10:00am - 2:00pm

The Shrine Grounds are open daily dawn till dusk!.

All outdoor events are weather permitting & times may change with the seasons. If you have any questions please call our Front Office at 410-531-2800; check the website for full details www.shrineofstanthony.org



Please bring donations of full & travel-sized toiletries, masks, & hand sanitizer to this month's meeting.

To donate online, instead, please visit www.FCBmore.org.

New Regional Council Elections Coming in April 2021

Sisters and Brothers in Francis and Clare,

Wow, how time flies, can you believe in April 2021 our local fraternity ministers will come together to elect a new Regional Council for 2021 – 2024. All positions on the council are open. I would like to ask all professed members to pray and think about holding a position on the new regional council.

Some of you may be saying, Oh, I am not cut out to take on the role of a servant leader. At our profession the celebrant (p.21 of the Ritual of the Secular Franciscan Order) asked us “Do you wish to be faithful to this vocation and to practice the spirit of service proper to the Secular Franciscans?” Our way of life is a vocation to live the Gospel and to serve the fraternity as much as possible. To be a servant leader is to ensure the growth and the continued life of the Order.

You might also be saying, what are the qualifications for servant leadership? Do I have the qualifications to serve my fraternity, regional fraternity or national fraternity? I would like to share a few thoughts as to what it takes to be a servant leader?

A Secular Franciscan Servant Leader:

- Demonstrates spiritual and psychological maturity
- Shows respect for every member of the fraternity
- Demonstrates the Franciscan charism by their actions
- Is compassionate and just
- Is humble and open to the wisdom of others
- Is willing to collaborate with and EMPOWER others
- Possesses good communication skills
- Is willing and able to share necessary information with the entire fraternity



2018 St. Margaret of Cortona OFS Regional Council (partial)

Our late Franciscan brother and past National Minister, Deacon Tom Bello, OFS, once said “Jesus never invites us to failure!”

More information on the 2021 Regional Elections will be forthcoming in the November issue of the St. Margaret of Cortona Regional newsletter “Up to Now”.

Stay well.

Your Franciscan brother in Christ,

Bob Longo, OFS

Welcome, Visitors!

Want to find out more about Secular Franciscans?

- ⇒ Keep an eye on our websites & newsletter. Secular Franciscans are friendly & do not have secret rites. We (usually) meet on the third Sunday of the month from Noon~4:30.
- ⇒ Check out our website: <http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/our~fraternity/>
- ⇒ Check out the St. Margaret of Cortona website: <http://saintmargaretofcortona.org/>
- ⇒ Check out our national website: <https://secularfranciscansusa.org/>