

THE FLYER

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



June 27, 2021

Theme for the Year:

Love is Patient

(1 Cor 13:4)

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Rheims, unless otherwise
noted.*

*****Minister's Message*****

Now Masses are restored back to normal. It's June last year that Masses resumed after about a two-month closure. I remember that the first Mass after the closure in my parish church was an outdoor Mass at Church's yard. We sat on folding chairs spaced apart under the sun without any cover. We came to Mass, being confused and worrying, but also begging for the mercy of the Lord. Now we are allowed to come to Mass without any restrictions. Let's take a moment to give thanks to the Lord. "See ye that I alone am, and there is no other God besides me: I will kill and I will make to live: I will strike, and I will heal, and there is none that can deliver out of my hand." (Deuteronomy 32:39)

Recalling the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis proclaimed "a year of St. Joseph." In the title "With A Father's Heart," Pope Francis wrote "Each of us can discover in Joseph - the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence - an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all."

I like to thank all church volunteers who have helped Masses alive through over a year. Their hidden devotions are the examples which we may not forget.

Pope Francis's Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* can be found at:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html

~James Kim

Image of the Sacred Heart of God the Father →
MovingHeartFoundation.com



GOOD WORKS

Treasurer's Report

May – 2021

Beginning (running) Balance:	\$3979.00
Common Fund Contributions	\$ <u>730.00</u>
Total Income	\$ <u>730.00</u>
<i>Intermediate Subtotal</i>	<i>\$4,709.00</i>
Expenses:	
Brother Lawrence	\$100.00
Franciscan Friars	\$100.00
Fair Share	\$1570.00
Total Expense	<u>\$1770.00</u>

Ending (running) Balance: **\$2939.00**

Thank You for your tax-deductible contributions!
The Fair share contribution was discounted \$450 due to the pandemic. The average contribution per person estimate for 2021 is \$156.

Direct donation checks to:
St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity.

Mail donations to:

Gerard Pinkas
3810 Marriottsville Rd.
Randallstown, MD 21133

Your bank's bill pay may be used. Direct payment to **St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity** at the address above. *Contact Gerry with any bill pay questions.*



Please Pray for Healing for:

Joan Babin, OFS
Karan Bevers, OFS
Louise Hotovy, OFS
Mike Hotovy, OFS
John Kirby, OFS
Sherry Lewis, OFS
Jean Singleton, OFS
Jim Tebo, OFS



Due to upcoming renovations and the COVID 19 pandemic, we are temporarily discontinuing acceptance of any non-perishable food and all clothing donations. Please watch this space for updates.

Please consider hosting a fundraiser!

Website: www.FCBmore.org

On Facebook: The Franciscan Center of Baltimore

“Wherefore, brethren, labour the more, that by good works you may make sure your calling and election. For doing these things, you shall not sin at any time.” 1 Peter 2:10

**Our Deceased
Brothers & Sisters:**

Connie Baker, OFS
 Frances Bastress, SFO
 Dea. Tom Bellos, OFS
 Joe Bezila, SFO
 Mary Chandler, OFS
 Jerry Cichowicz, SFO
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 Changed Contact Info?**

Please contact our sister,
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*Noah's Family Assembling the Animals Before
 the Ark* by Jan van Kessel II, CCO, —>
 The Walters Art Museum



**Welcome,
 Visitors**

Want to find out more about Secular Franciscans?

- ⇒ Secular Franciscans are friendly & invite all to their meetings & events.
- ⇒ Check out our website: http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/our_fraternity/
- Go to the St. Margaret of Cortona website: <http://saintmargaretofcortona.org/>
- ⇒ Visit our national website: <https://secularfranciscansusa.org/>

Getting to Know Our Visitors: Maryella Hierholzer

Maryella R. Hierholzer is a parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in Ellicott City. She is involved in several efforts to help the homeless in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. In addition, during the COVID pandemic, she focused primarily on teaching class material, learned at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, on the Biblical basis of the Catholic faith. She recently authored the drafts for study guides to be published by the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology in Steubenville on the following books: *A Church in Crisis* by Ralph Martin and *It is Right and Just* by Dr. Scott Hahn. Maryella is also a contributing writer to the blog post of the National Catholic Register.

A Review of *Conversation With Christ* by Fr. Peter Thomas Rohrbach, OCD

~Joanne Patton OFS

Just days before Pentecost, a message arrived in my inbox from our Franciscan National Formation Commission about Prayer and Contemplation and my goodness, what providence! Indeed, the Holy Spirit has presented an opportunity to discuss what is found throughout Scripture and the Catechism - prayer. Much has been written about prayer and meditation with probably as many different methods as there are authors which is why I am going to focus this review on a little treasure of a book based on the teachings of one of the greatest mystics of the church, St. Teresa of Avila, who is also a Doctor of the Church.

Conversation With Christ was first published in 1956 and most recently in 1980 by Four Courts Press, Dublin. As a guide to private, mental prayer, the book helps the reader understand the basics of Christian meditation, what it is (and is not), its purpose and necessity, and how to prepare oneself for meditation. Once prepared, the soul can more easily enter into a conversation with Christ – *and that conversation is what's at the very heart of Christian meditation*. St. Teresa tells us “our mind and our memory [must] be saturated with the thought of Christ before we commence our conversation with Him” (17) and that prayer is an act of special friendship with God. (*Life*, VII §1) Recollection, detachment and spiritual reading are all “indispensable” aids in meditation and each are covered in the book.

Conversation With Christ does an excellent job of describing St. Teresa's method of entering into mental prayer. The general outline of her method is as follows:

1. Preparation – *Place oneself in the presence of Christ.*
2. Selection of the material: *Read; or study a picture of Christ.*
3. Consideration: *Reflect upon the material. Ask oneself the questions: who, what, why, for what reason?*
4. Conversation: (Core of the Meditation) – *Converse with Our Lord about the material. Employ the affections of love, adoration, thanksgiving, sorrow, petition.*
5. Conclusion: *Gratitude to Christ for favors received. Examination of faults during meditation, and resolution of further effort in succeeding meditations.* (22)

The heights of mental prayer that St. Teresa achieved, *which is meant for ALL of us*, was not reached without many obstacles and difficulties including aridity and distractions. They are “a constant annoyance to be expected without surprise...[and] No one can entirely avoid distractions at prayer”. (73) Thankfully, *Conversation With Christ* includes a brief chapter on each.

Diligently following the instructions of such a spiritual master, one may find they have advanced beyond the basics of meditation. *Conversation With Christ* does not delve deeply into advanced mental prayer but does contain a short chapter on the subject.

Next month I will review *Finding God Through Meditation*, written by another master of prayer, St. Peter Alcantara, a Franciscan and one of St. Teresa's spiritual directors. *Conversation With Christ* is available from TAN Books, and others. *Life of St. Teresa of Jesus* is available for free at carmelitemonks.org/Vocation/teresa_life.pdf.

Events at the Shrine of St. Anthony



Mass Times:
Monday through
Saturday- in the Chapel
at 12 Noon.

Sunday outside- in front
of the building at 12
Noon.

Adoration:

In the Chapel:
Tuesdays & Saturdays 11am-Noon

Confession Schedule:

Monday through Saturday :
11am-11:55 in the Conference Room

Gift Shop Hours

Monday through Saturday from 9am - 4pm
Sunday 10am - 2pm

Currently, masks *may* be worn inside the building, but are not mandatory. Public bathrooms, the choir stalls, and all the pews in the Chapel are open!

Outdoor Tours, 1st Friday & 1st Saturday Devotions, and Prayer Shawl Ministries are back! Please check the website for the latest updates.

The Shrine Grounds & Courtyard are open daily dawn till dusk! *The Chapel bell will be rung about 10 minutes before Mass.*

If you have any questions please call the Front Office at 410-531-2800; check the website for details www.shrineofstanthony.org

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Going Deeper into the Admonitions

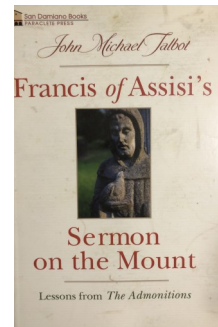
It's the perfect time for those who have wanted to join to do so and we would so welcome your contributions of thoughts, prayers and words as we ponder areas of spiritual growth from a Franciscan point of view.

We are on Admonition 5, Page 54 of Francis of Assisi's Sermon on the Mount:
Lessons from *The Admonitions*
by John Michael Talbot

We will meet on Zoom every First Saturday from 1-3 pm (the next meeting is on July 3).

*Just write an email to Geri Flynn (Angelbarty@aol.com) and you will receive an email invitation at 12:45pm on Saturday.

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* * * UPCOMING GATHERINGS * * *

- ♦ **June 27 (4th Sunday)** at the Shrine of St Anthony
-in the Glassroom
-2 pm, arrive at 1:30 to socialize
- ♦ **July 11 (2nd Sunday)** at the Shrine CHAPEL
-Mass starts at 3pm!
-Mass with Profession for Ray & Dawn Glennon and Deanna Williston
-After Mass, we will continue celebrating in the Courtyard & Glassroom

(See highlighted notes at left about Shrine safety protocols; please respect others' levels of comfort.)

Thanks to all who submitted ideas and articles for this month!

Have ideas for future issues? Submissions should be 500 words or less. Please contact Deanna at jtwillis@aol.com (or call 443-745-1109) by July 1 and you may see your idea in the July 2021 edition of *The Flyer*. *Please use this as a way to share a bit of yourselves with your Franciscan brothers and sisters.*

SEEKING A NEWSLETTER HELPER!!!

No experience with newsletters necessary, just a computer with Microsoft Office or Publisher.

Patience, Penance, & Profession ~Deanna Williston OFS

After four years and four months, dear brothers and sisters in Francis and Clare, we will make it official, together, that you and I are family; a family that follows Jesus in the footsteps of Francis. I remember, along the way, how many of you took the time to share words of wisdom with me, the most common being: “Have patience.” It is fitting then, that this year’s theme for our fraternity is “Love is Patient.” (1 Cor 13:4) Thinking I knew what the passage meant, I was struck by the following reading during a Blessed Carlo Acutis Evening Prayer Group meeting on Zoom:

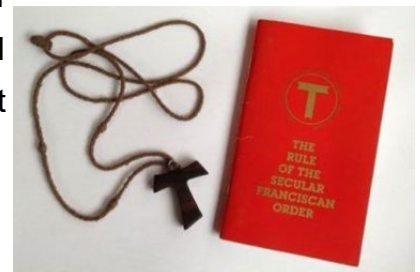
Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans 15:1-10

Now, we that are stronger, ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of you please his neighbour unto good, to edification. For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written: The reproaches of them that reproached thee, fell upon me. For what things soever were written, were written for our learning: that through patience and the comfort of the scriptures, we might have hope. Now the God of patience and of comfort grant you to be of one mind one towards another, according to Jesus Christ:

That with one mind, and with one mouth, you may glorify God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive one another, as Christ also hath received you unto the honour of God. For I say that Christ Jesus was minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers. But that the Gentiles are to glorify God for his mercy, as it is written: Therefore will I confess to thee, O Lord, among the Gentiles, and will sing to thy name. And again he saith: Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people.

This passage speaks to me of patience in a new way: be patient with those who are journeying, be a good example so that they may grow, turn often to the Bible and the Offices, be united, be penitent, be joyful. As I start this new phase of my daily conversion, I am excited to hear Fr. King OFM Conv. speak tomorrow at our pre-Profession retreat—the theme? The Joy of Penance. We have all certainly spent this last year in penance and patience. I have found strength and much joy in joining together with fellow Franciscans from around the world via Zoom. While there is still much that divides all of us, the joy of the Good News of Jesus unites us.

Patience, penance, prayer. I have one request for you for my Profession, might you reach out to at least one Franciscan that you normally would not? A simple notecard, an email, a text, a phone call, or even a short visit—would you be willing to sacrifice a bit of your time? As we regather, what else might we do to strengthen our familial bonds? If you would like to propose a field trip to a Shrine, or have a small picnic, go on a Rosary walk, start a text or pen-pal group, please let me know and we can advertise it here.



The Rule Review

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

7. United by their vocation as "brothers and sisters of penance" and motivated by the dynamic power of the gospel, let them conform their thoughts and deeds to those of Christ by means of that radical interior change which the gospel calls "conversion." Human frailty makes it necessary that this conversion be carried out daily. On this road to renewal the sacrament of reconciliation is the privileged sign of the Father's mercy and the source of grace.

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.

The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order (with citations) may be accessed at anytime at:
<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/RULE.pdf>



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Happy Birthday

Boniface Kim, OFS	06/05
Richard Lam, OFS	06/06
Chris Donaldson, OFS	06/06
Joan Babin, OFS	06/18
Dale Edmunds, OFS	06/25
Eileen Peregoy, OFS	06/26

Coming in July

Jeanne Kerins, OFS	07/11
Gerry Pinkas, OFS	07/18
Will Witherspoon, OFS	07/31

YouFra Voices

Although St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity does not have a YouFra, or Franciscan Youth group, there are a number of inspirational youth and young adults all around us. Please encourage inspiring young ones to send in an article, poem, or drawing.

Congratulations!

On the anniversary of your profession:

Barbara Levasseur, OFS (06/03/02 - 19 years)

Bob Longo, OFS

(06/15/96 - 25 years)

Dale Edmunds, OFS (06/23/10 - 11 years)

Patrick Caughy, OFS (06/24/12 - 9 years)

Cindy Mohler, OFS (06/24/12 - 9 years)

France Staudenmann OFS (06/24/12 - 9 years)

June 27, 2021 Gathering

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- ♦ 2 pm, but come at 1:30 to socialize.
- ♦ Br. Lawrence will give us a talk on St. Joseph.