

# **THE FLYER**

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

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**November 21, 2021**

**Theme for the Year:  
*Love is Patient*  
(1 Cor 13:4)**

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**N**ovember is the forgotten month for me. Even before Halloween had come, I saw stores and offices already decorated for Christmas. On the news, I have been hearing of the “big problem” that Christmas will be this year because of the inability to unload cargo ships. What has happened to November? I have decided for myself that I would offer some reasons to let Christmas rest until late December and to actually emphasize November and what it brings.

It began for me in All Saints and All Souls days; the first a celebration of those before us whom we know are in heaven, and the latter a commemoration of those who have gone before us who have not yet been proclaimed to be saints. We continue to pray for these souls, many whom we have known, in hopes of their release from purgatory and heavenly entrance. Later in the month, we have All Saints of the Seraphic Order (11/29) and All Deceased of the Seraphic Order (11/5). Of course there are two upcoming secular commemorations that I do not want to forget, Veterans’ Day and Thanksgiving Day. The first of these I see as a great big “thank you” to those, like myself, who spent time in the military (for me, the Navy) in protection of this country. We may not recognize them when we pass them on the street, but they have sacrificed their time to defend us and deserve our recognition. And, of course, Thanksgiving has become the biggest and most celebrated family holiday in the United States. We have to remember to be thankful to God, first and foremost, for all that he has done for us and for our country. Then comes our thankfulness for those people who help us in whatever way that they do: those who guide us, our teachers and students, our officemates, the cashiers at Royal Farms, etc.; these people often go forgotten at Thanksgiving. I need, this year, to remember to be more aware of everyone who has helped me in life.

Yes, November should not be forgotten or shrunken to a turkey dinner on just one day of the month. And, oh yes! I forgot to add one more celebration: November 28th is the “New Year’s Day” for the Church as the First Sunday of Advent. Let us certainly remember to commemorate the Advent season for the those 27 days.

Peace, Br. Lawrence

## Regional Minister's Message

### Holiday Message from the Regional Minister

As we enter into the season of celebrations, we have so much to be thankful for. Many families and friends will gather around the Thanksgiving table to relive memories of the past, talk about the present and plan for the future. Advent, Hanukah, Christmas and Kwanzaa, these are celebrations of joy. No matter the holiday, they all have one thing in common, they bring peace to the heart. Advent will be upon us before we know it. The season of Advent is a time for us to prepare our hearts for the coming of the baby Jesus. So, it is right and just to rend our hearts of the mundane and to joyfully and spiritually invite the King of Glory, the Prince of Peace to dwell within us.

In the small town of Greccio, of the province of Rieti in the Italian region of Lazio, at Christmastime in 1223, three years before his transitioning into eternal life, our brother Francis wished to celebrate the birth of Jesus in a new way by replicating that most beautiful night in his native Italy. To this day, you can see the stone used as the manger. Carved in the stone is a V-shaped indentation image where the babe was laid. Still at Christmas, in the town of Greccio, the traditional reenactment of the birth of Jesus can be found in the hearts of the visitors and townspeople.

Our holy father, St. Francis, is for us the perfect example of the indwelling of the King of Glory, the Prince of Peace. He shows us what it means to have Jesus living within us. In the First Life of Saint Francis, Thomas of Celano tells us of Brother Francis' experiencing the baby Jesus in the manger:

85. The Saint of God stood before the manger, full of sighs, overcome with tenderness and filled with wondrous joy.

86. The Saint of God was vested with Levitical ornaments, for he was a Levite, and with sonorous voice chanted the holy Gospel--an earnest, sweet, clear and loud-sounding voice; inviting all to the highest rewards. Then he preached to the people who stood around, and uttered mellifluous words concerning the birth of the poor King and the little town of Bethlehem. (And often, when he would name Christ Jesus, aglow with exceeding love he would call Him the Child of Bethlehem, and, uttering the word "Bethlehem" in the manner of a sheep bleating, he filled his mouth with the sound, but even more his whole self with the sweet affection. Moreover, in naming "the Child of Bethlehem" or "Jesus" he would, as it were, lick his lips, relishing with happy palate, and swallowing the sweetness of that word.) There the gifts of the Almighty were multiplied, and a vision of wondrous efficacy was seen

by a certain man; for in the manger, he saw a little child lying lifeless, to whom the Saint of God seemed to draw near and (as it were) to rouse the child from the lethargy of sleep. Nor was this vision incongruous; for the child Jesus had been given over to forgetfulness in the hearts of many in whom, by the working of His Grace, He was raised up again through His servant Francis and imprinted on a diligent memory.

At length the solemn vigil was ended, and each one returned with joy to his own place.

And so, with the passing of Advent and the coming of the celebration of the birth of our Lord, we too can be filled with the joy of Christ in our hearts. Just as St. Francis experienced the joy of the sacred birth at Greccio, along with the visitors and the townspeople about 800 years ago, so can we rejoice in this miracle in our hearts—not just at Christmas time but throughout the year as well.

The St. Margaret of Cortona Regional Executive Council extends best wishes to you and your family for a most blessed Christmas Season and a most joyous New Year.

Your Franciscan brother in Christ,

*Bob Longo, OFS*

St. Margaret of Cortona Regional Minister

<http://SaintMargaretofCortona.org>

*Remember brothers and sisters, we are all called to evangelize both verbally and by our actions.*

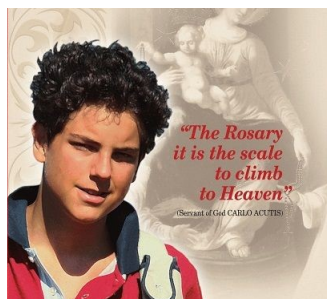
*“God wants full custody of His children, not just weekend visits.”*

*From TheGospelDaily.com*



**Please Pray for Healing for:**

Joan Babin, OFS  
Karan Bevers, OFS  
Gail Bunyan, OFS  
Louise Hotovy, OFS  
Mike Hotovy, OFS  
Sherry Lewis, OFS



Gerry Pinkas OFS  
Lita Maisel, OFS  
Jean Singleton, OFS  
Jim Tebo, OFS  
Jerry Yu, OFS

(Image of Blessed Carlo Acutis, from [Home \(carloacutis-en.org\)](http://Home(carloacutis-en.org)))



## Treasurer's Report

October – 2021

<b>Beginning (running) Balance:</b>	<b>\$3,065.63</b>
<b>Common Fund Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 315.00</b>
<b>Directed Don., Christmas Families</b>	<b>\$ 495.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$ 810.00</u></b>
<b>Intermediate Subtotal</b>	<b><u>\$3875.63</u></b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
<b>Spiritual Assistant</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Franciscan Friars</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>\$ 200.00</u></b>
<b>Ending (running) Balance:</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,675.63</u></b>

**Thank You from the whole fraternity!**

The average contribution per person estimate for 2021 should be \$156 per year.

**Contributions are Tax Deductible.**

Direct Donation checks to:

**St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity**

Mail donations to:

Gerard Pinkas  
3810 Marriottsville Rd.  
Randallstown, MD 21133

You may use your bank's **BILL PAY**. Direct payment to:

**St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity**  
**c/o address above.**

Contact Gerry with any bill pay questions.

# Happy Anniversary

On the anniversary of your profession:

12 James Soltysiak, OFS 12/16/09

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

At our December 19th Gathering, we are planning to have an in-person Greccio service with readings and music and hopefully, cookies! The celebration should start at 2pm at the Shrine. Please note that the donations for our Christmas families should be turned in at our November gathering.

To date, we have collected \$495 for our Christmas Families. Christmas Family donations must be clearly marked on memo line of check or on outside of envelope. Thank you!

# Happy Birthday!

Lorie Chase, OFS	11/05
Sherry Lewis, OFS	11/15
Barbara Levasseur, OFS	11/17
Alice Umugiraneza, OFS	11/20
Ray Glennon, OFS	11/22

*Coming Next Month:*

<i>Denise Donaldson, OFS</i>	<i>12/10</i>
<i>Joan Bundy, OFS</i>	<i>12/15</i>
<i>Edward Burgee, OFS</i>	<i>12/17</i>
<i>Diane Witherspoon, OFS</i>	<i>12/18</i>
<i>Mark McPherson, OFS</i>	<i>12/23</i>
<i>Will Potter, OFS</i>	<i>12/23</i>

## **The Shrine of St. Anthony**

### **Advent Family Festival**



You are invited to an Advent Family Festival at the Shrine of St. Anthony this November 27th from 1 to 4pm! This event features Pictures with St. Nicholas, hay rides, a build your own Advent wreath workshop, snacks and cider, a bon fire and a 4:00pm closing Vigil Mass! The Shrine is opening its doors to all those who are looking to get away from the hustle and bustle of the shopping weekend. There is no charge for this event but certain activities will accept donations. Please bring your friends and family!

### **Immaculate Conception Novena**

Begins 11/29 at 11:50 am in the Chapel

**The Shrine Grounds & Courtyard** are open daily dawn till dusk.

If you have any questions please contact the Front Office at 410-531-2800;  
[www.shrineofstanthony.org](http://www.shrineofstanthony.org)

Christmas Tree Line Drawing by Gavin Academy at DeviantArt.net

## **Book Club– Admonitions 7&8**

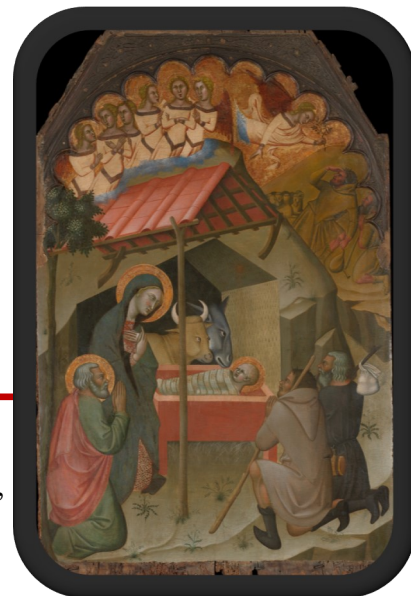
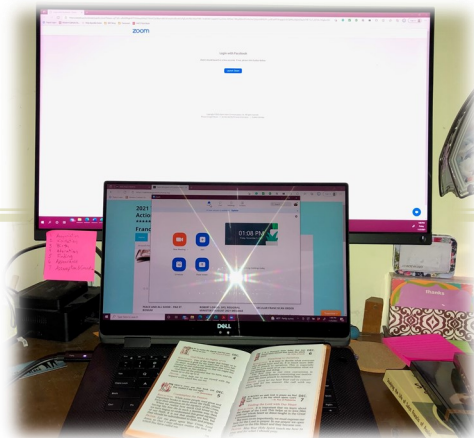
Join the online book club and delve more deeply into: St. Francis' Sermon on the Mount: Lessons from the Admonitions by John Michael Talbot.

Friends old and new meet on the first Saturday of every month from 1-3 pm on ZOOM!

Contact Geri Flynn OFS for details:  
[Angelbarty@aol.com](mailto:Angelbarty@aol.com)

**Next meeting is December 4**

(The November meeting was cancelled due to schedule conflicts.)



Adoration of the Shepherds  
Met Museum / Public Domain  
(1374) Bartolo di Fredi altarpiece

## **MOVED or Missing?**

Please send any address, phone, or email changes to our sister, Jeanne Kerins, OFS

(410) 227-6497 or [jmkerins12@gmail.com](mailto:jmkerins12@gmail.com).

Please reach out to our brothers and sisters who have not been attending our gatherings & let us know how we can help them reconnect with the fraternity.



# **YOU ARE MISSED!**

**WHAT'S A Q?** The Franciscan Family will be gathering in Arizona on August 3-7, 2022, to celebrate the Jubilee of our Order's 800th anniversary of *Memoriale Propositi* with keynote speakers, "little fraternities," breakout sessions, Morning and Evening Prayer, the celebration of the Mass, meals, Taize, a service project, and even a concert! Come and meet your brothers and sisters from around the country!

**Register NOW for the OFS-USA  
Quinquennial  
Franciscan JUBILEE!**

**REGISTER BY DEC 31** SPECIAL PRICE

Full 'Early Bird'\*\* \$ 175  
One day only 'Early Bird'\*\* \$ 83

**Early Bird Special Pricing!**

<https://SecularFranciscansUSA.org>

**Whether or Not You Go to the Q, There is Still Plenty to Do!**

**SERVICE PROJECT:** YouFra is leading the way to make hand-tied fleece blankets for youth and elders in shelters and along the border. This is how you can contribute to the project:

Option 1: Purchase and bring to the Q

- Blizzard fleece fabric of any patterns and/or solid colors (58-60" wide fleece – 1.5 yards)

Option 2: Donate to the project:

- \$10 – per 1 cut of fleece
- \$10 – per 1 pair of fabric scissors (do not bring scissors on airlines)
- \$ - choose any amount

**PRAYER:** 2022 Quinquennial Prayer

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we come before you in awe of Your love for us.

We acknowledge Your divine seed in everyone.

Through your merciful compassion help us to see our need for conversion.

In our service to each other let us experience this time of JUBILEE!

We walk the path before us upon foundations built by our brothers and sisters.

We are thankful for our present and excited for our future,  
always believing that You, O Lord, guide our journey. AMEN

## 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*.

14. Secular Franciscans, together with all people of good will, are called to build a more fraternal and evangelical world so that the kingdom of God may be brought about more effectively. Mindful that anyone "who follows Christ, the perfect man, becomes more of a man himself," let them exercise their responsibilities competently in the Christian spirit of service.

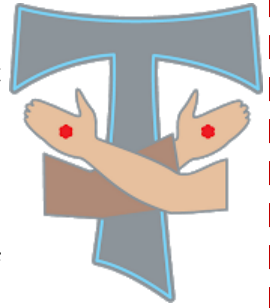
14. 재속 프란치스코 회원은 선의의 모든 사람들과 함께 하느님의 나라를 효과적으로 실현시키기 위해 세상을 더욱 형제적이고 복음적인 것으로 건설하도록 불리웠습니다. “ 완전한 인간이신 그리스도를 따르는 사람은 누구나 더욱 완전한 인간이 되리라” 는 사실을 인식하고, 그리스도교 봉사 정신으로, 자신들의 책임을 합당하게 완수해야 합니다.

\*14 references: Lumen Gentium 31; Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes) 93.\*

The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order (with citations) may be accessed at anytime at:

<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/the-rule-of-the-secular-franciscan-order/>

Please note that the English and Spanish versions have updated 2020 translations.



### **The Franciscan Center**

#### **Encampment Wishlist on Amazon**

As the dark and cold winter weather settles in, please consider our homeless friends in Baltimore City. The Franciscan Center now has an Amazon Wishlist. Items will be distributed among the homeless encampments in Baltimore City. Packages should be sent to:

**The Franciscan Center (Attn: Sabrina Gay)**  
**101 W. 23rd Street, Baltimore, MD. 21218**

[https://amazon.com/hz/wishlist/lz/IP6O9X8JLI63?ref=wl\\_fw\\_le](https://amazon.com/hz/wishlist/lz/IP6O9X8JLI63?ref=wl_fw_le)

### **Welcome, Visitors!**

*Want to find out more about the  
Secular Franciscans?*

- ◆ Attend a meeting. We meet (usually) on the third Sunday of the month at 1 pm.
- ◆ Check out our website: <http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/our-fraternity/>
- ◆ Check out our regional website: <http://saintmargaretofcortona.org/>
- ◆ Check out our national website: <https://secularfranciscansusa.org/>

“And in knowledge, abstinence; and in abstinence, patience; and in patience, godliness; And in godliness, love of brotherhood; and in love of brotherhood, charity. For if these things be with you and abound, they will make you to be neither empty nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he that hath not these things with him, is blind, and groping, having forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 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.” [2 Peter 1:6-10](#)

## Our Deceased

### Brothers & Sisters:

Connie Baker, OFS  
Frances Bastress, SFO  
Dea. Tom Bello, OFS  
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  
Donna Duncan, SFO  
Charles Ferrara, SFO  
Mary Ferrara, SFO  
Dolores Fritz, OFS  
Marilyn Gilson, SFO  
Richard Hall, SFO  
John Kirby, SFO  
Joy Kubricky, OFS  
Frances Langbehn, SFO

Bob Lewis, SFO  
Marie Lindung, OFS  
Jean Manning, OFS  
Jim Manning, OFS  
Georgianna Papazian, OFS  
Yvonne Proch, SFO  
Nancy Seaton, SFO  
Don Sweitzer, OFS  
Betty Taylor, SFO  
Bud Tenley, SFO  
Regina Yeager, SFO  
Dorothy Zalewski, SFO



**Allegory on Human Life** by Jonis van Son  
(ca 1658-1660) cc0

<https://art.thewalters.org/detail/40794/allegory-on-human-life/>

In Flemish 17th-century painting, elaborate garlands of sensuous, fragile blossoms at the height of their beauty and fruit ripe to the point of bursting—all inviting our touch before their inevitable decay—were often depicted framing spiritually significant images. Here garlands frame and complement a still life of objects underlining the brevity of human life: a skull, a burning candle, and an hourglass. The human skull had long been a subject for Flemish painters, as in St. Jerome Meditating on a Skull from the workshop of Pieter Coecke van Aelst; indeed many devout Christians in the 1600s kept a human skull for their own devotions, as the Human Skull in the Collector's Study. The combination of a skull with the candle and hourglass encourages a meditation on the miracle of Christ's Resurrection and its promise of eternal life to the faithful. Obviously the skull was too much for one past owner, as it was painted out at some point in the past, only to be revealed in 1988 through technical examination and cleaning. Along with fruits and flowers including roses, grapes, cherries, and thistles, as well as butterflies and a beetle, Van Son has included an ear of corn, a New World addition to the European diet. Van Son was baptized in Antwerp on September 24, 1623. The layout in [this piece] can be compared to a much smaller painting attributed to the artist in the Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen, Rotterdam. In that painting the niche contains a roemer (style of drinking goblet) of wine thus referencing the Christian Eucharist. ~courtesy of The Walters

## **UPCOMING GATHERING: November 21 \* Chapel**

- ◆ Mass of Remembrance for Our Dead at 3pm; this will fulfill your Sunday Obligation
- ◆ Please consider our more vulnerable brothers and sisters when making choices regarding social distancing & masks.