



# ***THE FLYER***

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

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**September 18, 2022**

**\* Picnic \* New Time: Noon \***

**Our Theme for the Year is:  
The Eucharist: The Lord's  
Body & Blood**

## **Greetings from Brother Lawrence**

Good day, It is great to see that the Fraternity Picnic is resurfacing after the Covid interference. I am looking forward to this event and, let us hope, the resurgence of members returning to the monthly meeting. (Of course, also to see members from other fraternities as well.) I think that this will be a most important event in the life of the fraternity since there have been few members attending since the Covid has abated. Fraternity is the most important element of Franciscanism, regardless of which order I am thinking of. I may have said this before, but brotherhood/sisterhood is the primary foundation of the fraternity. We meet with each other; we get to work with each other; we learn from each other; we get to know one another. That is quite a list, and it shows how much we actually come to need one another. I have always thought that when Francis started receiving brothers into his way of living that the main thing he and his companions came to realize is that we are all the same. Yes, we have individual talents, but we come to realize that concerning our life as Christians, we are all the same. We all come to care about each other, we come to know each of us can and cannot do, we know that each has one's own thoughts which might inspire us in some way, we really come to know each other much more than when we first met. Francis saw this as most important, for he learned that he was not so different from his confreres as they were from him and so he knew how to live with them. It is just a picnic, but for any Franciscan it is certainly something much more than that. It is a lesson in our brotherhood/sisterhood together. And it is brotherhood/sisterhood that is the very foundation of Franciscanism. Come and enjoy the few hours with your brothers and sisters in Francis. I'll see you there!

Br. Lawrence

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*Bible quotes are from the Douay-Rheims translation, unless otherwise noted.*

## Minister's Message



### Living Eucharist

At the end of the Mass, the priest says, “Go forth, the Mass has ended.” Yet, while the celebration has ended, our mission has not. We need to take the message of the Gospel to our families, to our neighbors, and to the world. We are called to evangelization by the faithful witness of our lives. (cf. *The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order* § 6) How do we do that in a meaningful way? Consider how you are living your life in alignment with our Rule.

Everything that we do or say should proclaim Christ to those around us. We can be a roadblock to heaven for someone if we are not living with authenticity.

When people see us consistently seeking peace; caring for the poor; forgiving enemies; praying for those who persecute us; opening ourselves to dialogue even with people who disagree with us; showing concern for the lonely and marginalized; giving life and flesh to the Beatitudes; showing integrity though our way of life; seeking justice; fulfilling duties required by our way of life; the call of the Spirit will not go unheeded. (Lester Bach, OFM Cap, *The Franciscan Journey*, p. 201)

We proclaim the Gospel with our lives. As the old hymn says “They will know we are Christians by our love.” Our love for the Franciscan way of life should permeate our lives. Where are you really being faithful? How can you be more faithful? Where are you letting things slide? Our Franciscan life is lived through obedience to the Rule in our station of life. If it has been awhile, read our Rule. It is available online here:

[https://www.SecularFranciscansUSA.org/wp-content/uploads/2020\\_Dec-updated-Translation\\_OFS-Rule-s1467.pdf](https://www.SecularFranciscansUSA.org/wp-content/uploads/2020_Dec-updated-Translation_OFS-Rule-s1467.pdf)

After Mass, don't leave the Eucharist in the church. Be Eucharist to everyone in your life.

~Melissa

## Guided Tours of the Shrine of St. Anthony

~Ray Glennon, OFS

Taking a guided tour of the Shrine of St. Anthony is a great way to refamiliarize yourself with this *little bit of Assisi* in Maryland and the home of the St. Joseph of Cupertino Fraternity. A guided tour might also be a way to introduce your family and friends to the Shrine building and surrounding grounds and the Franciscan spirit that we all know and cherish. Guided tours, led by Ray Glennon OFS, are scheduled for one Saturday and one Sunday each month, immediately following the noon Mass. The tours last about one hour and generally include the courtyard, the chapel, the main corridor (library, dining room, and Kolbe room), and the Lourdes grotto (weather permitting). Through the shrine architecture, statues, and artwork, tour participants learn about the history of the grounds and the shrine and meet great Franciscan saints including: St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Clare, and St. Maximilian Kolbe. They are also introduced to aspects of the Franciscan charism including: the importance of the Incarnation; following Jesus in simplicity, poverty, and humility; and devotion to our Blessed Mother and the meaning of her Immaculate Conception.

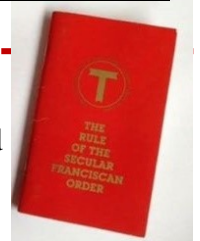


In addition to the regularly scheduled tours, if you know of a group that might be interested in scheduling a visit to the shrine for a guided tour, contact Carol in the office and she can make the arrangements.

2022	2023
Sunday, September 11	Sunday, January 8
Saturday, September 24	Saturday, January 28
Sunday, October 16	Sunday, February 12
Saturday, October 22	Saturday, February 25
Sunday, November 6	Sunday, March 12
Saturday, November 19	Saturday, March 25
Saturday, December 3	Sunday, April 2
Sunday, December 11	Sunday, April 29

### **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*.



25. Regarding expenses necessary for the life of the fraternity and the needs of worship, of the apostolate, and of charity, all the brothers and sisters should offer a contribution according to their means. Local fraternities should contribute toward the expenses of the higher fraternity councils. <sup>44</sup>

25. 모든 형제 자매는, 형제회의 생활과 또는 전례, 사도직, 자선활동 등에 소요되는 필요한 지출을 고려하여 자기 능력에 따라 헌금을 해야 하며, 각 단위 형제회는 상급 형제회 평의회에 모든 경비를 분담하도록 배려해야 합니다.

**References:** 44: *Memoriale propositi* §20.

The [Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order](https://secularfranciscansusa.org/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 Profession of Will Potter, OFS

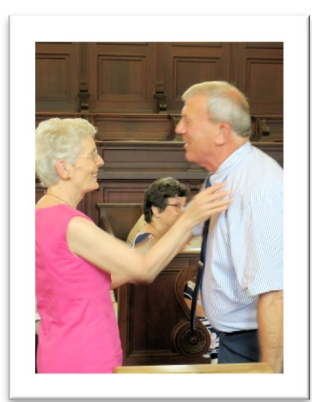


Fr. Richard-Jacob Forcier OFM Conv.

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Will and Karen Potter



Councilor: Bob Longo



Gerry Pinkas welcomes Will



Will receives gifts from the Minister (Melissa) and the  
Formation Director (Jeanne)

Photos courtesy of Jean-Louis Staudenmann

## Contributions are Tax Deductible.

Direct Donation checks to:

**St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity**

**Mail donations to:**

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You may use  
your bank's  
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Direct payment to:

**St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity**

**c/o address above.**

Contact Bill with any bill pay questions.

## 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 1:30 pm.
- ◆ Check out our website:  
<https://StJosephCupertino.SFOUSA.org/Welcome-To-Our-Fraternities-Website>
- ◆ Check out our regional website:  
<https://SaintMargaretOfCortona.org/>
- ◆ Check out our national website:  
<https://SecularFranciscansUSA.org/>

## October Events:

- ◆ St. Francis & the Eucharist with Br. Lawrence  
**October 16 \* Third Sunday**
- ◆ 1:30 pm - 4 pm in the Classroom
- ◆ Come early and socialize
- ◆ Closing Prayer: Franciscan Crown Rosary
  - ◆ If you haven't prayed this before, please join us & try it out. (Pop into the Gift Shop if you'd like to purchase a 7 decade rosary.)

## The Shrine of St. Anthony

Upcoming Events!

Transitus Oct 3  
A Night with the Saints\* Oct 29  
Advent Family Festival\* Nov 26

\*Please call the Shrine to volunteer.

The Shrine Grounds & Courtyard  
are open daily dawn till dusk.  
If you have any questions please contact the  
Front Office at 410-531-2800;  
<https://www.ShrineOfStAnthony.org>

## Moving or Changing Status?

Our sister, Melissa Reed-Konigsdorffer, OFS, needs to know of any change of your contact information, but also, would like to be able to pray with you for any changes in your health or living situation. Please email Melissa at:

[ScoutsDouglas@yahoo.com](mailto:ScoutsDouglas@yahoo.com)

September 17

## Feast of the Stigmata

Please check out the wonderful article written by one of our brothers, Bret Thoman OFS on 9/20/21

<https://aleteia.org/2021/09/20/st-francis-might-have-been-the-first-to-receive-the-stigmata/>

## Happy Anniversary

On the anniversary of your profession:

Gerry Pinkas, OFS                      09/16/1979

## Happy Birthday!

Dawn Glennon, OFS	09/05
Bill Siefken, OFS	09/06
Pat Frederick, OFS	09/22
Melissa Reed-Konigsdorffer, OFS	09/24
Mike King, OFS	09/25

### Coming Next Month:

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

## Book Share- Admonition 17

### The Humble Religious

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

Friends old and new usually 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 October 1.

## Our Deceased

### Brothers & Sisters:

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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  
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Mary Ferrara, SFO  
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Richard Hall, SFO  
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Bob Lewis, SFO  
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Jim Manning, OFS  
Georgianna Papazian, OFS  
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Nancy Seaton, SFO  
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Fr. James Elliott,  
Fr. Larry Kubera,

### Please Pray for Healing for:

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Gail Bunyan, OFS      Lita Maisel, OFS  
Harry Ford, OFS      Jim Tebo, OFS  
Louise Hotovy, OFS      Jerry Yu, OFS  
Mike Hotovy, OFS



### UPCOMING GATHERING:

\* **September 18 \* 3rd Sunday \***

\* **Courtyard \* 12 Noon \***

## PICNIC

**Food served starting at 1:30 pm**

**Feast of St. Joseph of Cupertino**

"We do not go to  
Holy Communion because we are good;  
we go to become good."  
~Saint John Bosco

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