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

A Miracle of Saint Joseph of Cupertino, Public domain, Placido Costanzi,
The Metropolitan Museum of Art <https://metmuseum.org>

November 20, 2022

*** Mass * 3 pm ***

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

Greetings from Brother Lawrence

As I write this, the war in Ukraine is still going on and, although I hope it would be stopped by the time you read this, such is likely not to be. This is a sad state of affairs for our world, but it is not something unexpected when reading world history. War and violence are always at our doorstep. Violence in the city, state, nation, and between nations seem to be events of which those who rule seem to not care about nor concern themselves with. We believe that a large part of the people who make up the world are followers of religions and faiths which continually seek peace, but it does not seem to show too much. So, we need to turn to God to help us in our need.

God has given to each of us a free will, but we do not seem to understand what it is nor exactly what it is for. Free will, by many today, judging from what I hear in class and from adults, is our ability to choose what we want or believe to be right. From my own understanding, free will is given to us by God to be able to freely choose what God wants of us; *it is the freedom to choose what God wants of us*. When we come to realize what God wants of each of us, we have the freedom to choose to do that. Instead, what often seems to happen, is that we choose what we want, what is best for us, and it is this that leads to wars and violence. Another way of referring to this is that we often choose our own personal selfishness.

I have been thinking of this because I have been pondering recently why we, as good Christians in the world, cannot, or, perhaps, prefer not to discover what God is asking of each and every one of us. Our own self continues to block our freedom to choose what God is asking of us. I have come to the conclusion over the years that selfishness is the root cause of all that is evil in our world. We, as Franciscans, need to work to realize that there is nothing any of us wants that can be better than what God wants. Certainly, we need to continue to pray for peace each and every day, but we also need to work for peace as well. *(Cont. on page 4)*

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

Minister's Moment

November is a contemplative month for me. We begin the month with All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, in the middle there is Veterans' Day, and the month ends with my father's memorial day. All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day make us conscious of those who have entered heaven before us. As we witnessed in the Transitus last month, Saint Francis embraced Sister Death. He asked to be brought to the chapel of St. Mary of the Angels. There he forgave anyone who asked his forgiveness and blessed all those who were away. He made plans for when he would no longer be there to guide his brothers. He asked his friends to come and promised that those who could not come. they would have time to mourn him.

While it seems to be a morbid task, we should take steps to plan for the time that we, too, embrace Sister Death. My father had taken certain steps to plan for his death, but it came rather unexpectedly and our family had to make many decisions that might not have been what he desired. Estate planning is not for just the wealthy, and one shouldn't leave it for later. "The goal is to communicate your end-of-life healthcare wishes and document what you have, who gets it after you die, and set up a trouble-free way to transfer it to your heirs or preferred charities, while minimizing payouts to probate courts, attorneys, accountants, and the government." *

We should make some plans for our survivors. This month, as we celebrate those who have gone before us, take time to write out your desires. It might be a document that your store with a copy of your Will, and Advanced Directive. You may even want to include this information *in* your Will so that it is enforceable (check with an estate attorney for Maryland laws). For planning purposes, you can also decide what your Franciscan Wake and Burial wishes would be.

Finally, think about the tasks that St. Francis completed. He made sure that he forgave everyone, prayed for everyone, let his friends and family care for him, and acknowledged that there would be those who mourned for him. May we be so generous as well.

Love and peace:

Melissa, OFS

*<https://www.checkbook.org/national/estate-planning-tasks-and-tips> La Morte di San Francesco by Giotto, 1325

Greccio Celebration!

The fraternity will once again be sponsoring the Greccio celebration at the Shrine of St. Anthony. Please call Melissa to volunteer and check out our registry: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C49A9A72AAFF2-greccio1>

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Florence, Italy WikiArt.org



The Shrine of St. Anthony

Advent Family Festival:* Nov 26 1-4 pm

Greccio: Dec 10, 7:30– 9 pm at the Barn

**(bring cookies on Dec 9 or 10,
Mark with “Greccio,” & leave in kitchen.)**

Christmas Celebrations: 24th—No Noon Mass;

Masses at 4 pm & 9 pm; carols at 8:30 pm.

25th: Mass at 12 Noon

Tours: 11/06, 11/19, 12/3, & 12/11– after Noon Mass

*Please call the Shrine to volunteer.

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

410-531-2800;

<https://www.ShrineOfStAnthony.org>



The Franciscan Center

The Shrine of St. Anthony is currently
collecting for the Franciscan Center
of Baltimore:

New, twin-sized

flannel blankets

& throws.

Little Portion Farm is a ministry of the Franciscan Friars Conventual whose mission is to grow food for those in need while using sustainable farming methods. Since 2019, hundreds of volunteers have worked our three-acre plot of land to harvest more than 60,000 pounds of fresh produce for people in Baltimore. We grow a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, and flowers to provide an array of produce and to support our diverse farm ecosystem.



Support Our Mission:

Volunteer: Sign up to receive volunteer schedules or contact us about group visits.

Donate: Give a one-time or recurring gift, or purchase from our wishlist. Drop off broken-down cardboard boxes (please remove all tape and labels).

Engage: Subscribe to our monthly newsletter for updates on: farm events, what's growing, our winter book club and film series, and more.

Visit www.LittlePortionFarm.org to do any (or all) of the above!

The Rule Review

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

These words appear at the end of the Rule:

“And whoever observes these things let him be blessed in Heaven with the blessing of the Most High Father, and on earth with the blessing of His Beloved Son with the Most Holy Spirit the Paraclete”

(Blessing of St. Francis found in *The Testament of Francis*)

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.

(Cont. from page 1.) Let us hope that we can see clear to put others before ourselves and God first and foremost overall. Let us pray that such an attitude begins to spread everywhere: in Baltimore, in Maryland, in the United States, and in the world; we need to put an end to selfishness.

We can begin in small ways. When you check out at a store, say nice things and make the check-out person's day. When we are driving let us carefully and safely drive and not speed and drive recklessly and putting the safety of others at risk. Let us be careful to choose people who practice a "theology of otherness," as I call it. We may never have a real impact on the Ukraine situation, but we can begin one in our neighborhoods and locally. From there it can really spread. May God continue to give us the ideas that we want for us, for us to see and understand what is best for each of us and not to think that we know better than God does. With just the beginning of doing these God-things even at a small level we may find that this Thanksgiving will be one worth giving thanks to God.

May through July —2022	
Beginning Balance	<u>\$2387.12</u>
<u>May Income Credited:</u>	
Common Fund Contributions	\$ 225.00
Intermediate Subtotal:	<u>\$2612.12</u>
<u>May Expenses Debited:</u>	
Spiritual Assistant:	\$100.00
Franciscan Friars (April, May, Speaker, Mass)	\$400.00
Musician	\$120.00
Total Expenses Debited:	<u>\$620.00</u>
May Ending Balance:	<u>\$1992.12</u>
<u>June Income Credited:</u>	
Common Fund Contributions	\$ 915.00
Intermediate Subtotal:	<u>\$2907.12</u>
<u>June Expenses Debited:</u>	
Spiritual Assistant:	\$100.00
Franciscan Friars	\$100.00
Total Expenses Debited:	<u>\$200.00</u>
June Ending Balance:	<u>\$2707.12</u>
<u>July Income Credited:</u>	
	(\$0)
<u>July Expenses Debited:</u>	
Spiritual Assistant:	\$100.00
Franciscan Friars (July, Mass)	\$200.00
Musician	\$120.00
Regional Elections	\$100.00
Total Expenses Debited:	<u>\$520.00</u>
July Ending Balance:	<u>\$2187.12</u>

COMMON FUND UPDATES
From Bank Statements

August through September—2022	
Beginning Balance	<u>\$2187.12</u>
<u>Aug. Income Credited:</u>	
Common Fund Contributions	\$ 895.00
Intermediate Subtotal:	<u>\$3082.12</u>
<u>Aug. Expenses Debited:</u>	
Spiritual Assistant:	\$100.00
Franciscan Friars	\$ 0.00
Total Expenses Debited:	<u>\$100.00</u>
Aug. Ending Balance:	<u>\$2982.12</u>
<u>Sept. Income Credited:</u>	
Common Fund Contributions	\$ 720.00
Intermediate Subtotal:	<u>\$3702.12</u>
<u>Sept. Expenses Debited:</u>	
Spiritual Assistant:	\$100.00
Franciscan Friars	\$ 0.00
Total Expenses Debited:	<u>\$100.00</u>
Sept. Ending Balance:	<u>\$3602.12</u>

Contributions are Tax Deductible.

Direct Donation checks to:
St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity

Contact Melissa with any bill pay questions.

Mail donations to:

Melissa Reed-Konigsdorffer
7681 Swallow Road
Sykesville, MD 21784

You may use your bank's BILL PAY.

Direct payment to:

St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity c/o above

Happy Birthday!

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



Coming Next Month:

<i>Joan Bundy, OFS</i>	<i>12/15</i>
<i>Edward Burgee, OFS</i>	<i>12/17</i>
<i>Mark McPherson, OFS</i>	<i>12/23</i>
<i>Will Potter, OFS</i>	<i>12/23</i>

Happy Anniversary

25th anniversary of your profession:

Lita Maisel, OFS	11/16/1997
Michael Radcliffe, OFS	11/16/1997

“Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing, Being mindful of the work of your faith, and labour, and charity, and of the enduring of the hope of our Lord Jesus Christ before God and our Father: Knowing, brethren beloved of God, your election: For our gospel hath not been unto you in word only, but in power also, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much fulness, as you know what manner of men we have been among you for your sakes.”

1 Thessalonians 1:2-5

Moving, Sick, 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 contact our Minister with any needs or concerns.

Please email Melissa at:

ScoutsDouglas@yahoo.com

December Events:

- ◆ Christmas Party
- ◆ **December 18** * **Third Sunday**
- ◆ Pre-gathering after Noon Mass in the Glass Room
- ◆ Gathering: 2-4 pm in the Glass Room

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 2:00 pm.
- ◆ Check out our website:
<https://StJosephCupertino.SFOUSA.org/Welcome-To-Our-Fraternity-Website>
- ◆ Check out our regional website:
<https://SaintMargaretOfCortona.org/>
- ◆ Check out our national website:
<https://SecularFranciscansUSA.org/>

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 meet monthly from 1-3 pm on ZOOM!

Contact Geri Flynn OFS for details:

AngelBarty@aol.com

On hiatus for the Holidays! See you January 21.

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

OFM Conv:

Fr. Cronin Cantlon,
Fr. James Elliott,
Fr. Larry Kubera,

Please Pray for Healing for:

Karan Bevers, OFS
Gail Bunyan, OFS
Patrick Caughy, OFS
Harry Ford, OFS
Louise Hotovy, OFS
Mike Hotovy, OFS
Lita Maisel, OFS

Jim Tebo, OFS

Jerry Yu, OFS

Br. Lawrence, OFM Conv.



Madonna and Child with White Roses

by Pseudo Pier Francesco Fiorentino, Italy,

1st half of the 15th century. CCO,

The Walters art Museum

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UPCOMING GATHERING:

* November 20 * 3rd Sunday *

◆ Chapel * 3 pm *

- ◆ Please arrive early and socialize before the Mass; Mass to begin promptly at 3 pm.

Mass for Our Deceased

“Receive Holy Communion often... there you have the sole remedy, if you want to be cured. Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing!”

~St. Theresa of Lisieux