



THE FLYER

**Newsletter for the St. Joseph Cupertino
Fraternity of the Secular Franciscans USA**

SEPTEMBER 15,
2024

THIRD SUNDAY

“Gaze upon Him; consider
Him; contemplate Him, as
you desire to imitate Him.”

UPCOMING: Sept 15, 2024 Fraternity Picnic!!!

Gather after mass for fellowship outside under the Arches!

- ◆ Meetings are third Sunday of the month at 2 pm. (See website for date changes and updates)
- ◆ 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/>

Brother Lawrence, OFM Conv.

Brothers and sisters,

Today I am thoroughly saddened while, at the same time, I have joy in my heart. When I first entered the Order the first friar that I got to know was Fr. Joe Benicewicz, a Curley alum from '77 five years after myself.

Yesterday it was announced the Fr. Joe died during the night at his assignment in Connecticut. I want you to pray with me for his soul which is now with the Lord. He was a very good man who worked very hard to guide the people entrusted to him, whether students or in a parish. It was truly his life's work and he prayed and worked at it.

He will truly be missed, especially by me as I have known him my entire time in the Order and lived and worked with him 18 years at St. Francis High School in Hamburg, NY. I shall miss him dearly. The services will be next Saturday in Sacred Heart of Mary in Dundalk.

God bless,

Br. Lawrence

Peace grant unto them, O Lord.

We extend our most heart felt condolences and prayers to all who knew Father Joe, especially Brother Lawrence.

Visitation hours will be on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., at St. Paul Catholic Church, 461 Alling St., Berlin, Ct., with a Franciscan Wake Service at 7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 11 a.m., at St. Paul Catholic Church. A second Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Sept. 14, followed by interment at St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Baltimore. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Franciscan Education Fund (12300 Folly Quarter Rd., Ellicott City MD 21042).

Obituary for Father Joe can be seen here: <https://farrellfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/1672/Fr-Joseph-Benicewicz/obituary.html>

Minister's Note

On October 3, the Shrine of Saint Anthony will have a celebration of the Transitus of Saint Francis. The program is still in the works, but the Fraternity has been asked to participate in the ritual.

I would encourage everyone to participate in this moving event like the friars and Saint Clare did as they gathered around Saint Francis in 1226. It is a beautiful reminder that one day too, our goal is to be united with God in heaven.

Saint Francis said on his deathbed, "I've done what is mine to do. May Christ now teach you what you are to do." May we continue learning from his example of how to live and how to die.

If you are available, and are willing to participate in the program, please reach out to Melissa.



This month we will celebrate our annual picnic.

Please sign up by contacting Charlie Heyden at cheyden2@comcast.net or 410 215 9079 no later than September 13th.

We need:

Main Dishes (NO electrical source will be available for heating)
Side & Salad Dishes (cold; eg. Macaroni, potato, bean or veggie salad)
Desserts - all sorts (YUM!)
Cut tomatoes
Cut lettuce
Cut onions
Jars of Pickles
Chips
Drinks – Iced Tea, Soda, Gatorade both regular and Diet

We are also looking for volunteers to help set up at 10 am on the day of the picnic and for volunteers to clean up which takes less than 30 minutes with a few volunteers.

Formation Thought of the Month: Clare's Blessings

May you reflect the glory of the Lord. Place your heart in the divine substance through contemplation. Transform your being into the image that we reflect, the Godhead Itself. Then, you will feel what love is. Then, you will feel the sweetness that is revealed to us through the Spirit, what no eye has seen and no ear has heard, the love that God has for His lovers.

Clare of Assisi (The St Clare Blessing Book, Jon M. Sweeney p. 143)



WINE AT THE
SHRINE

All proceeds benefit Little Portion Farm and the Franciscan Center of Baltimore. Over 85,000 pounds of food have been grown at the Shrine of St. Anthony and donated to feed the hungry in Baltimore.

Tickets include samples of wine and beer. Food trucks will be available. There will be live music, fun activities like pumpkin picking and painting, hayrides, and more.

Oct 12 at 1-6pm

Tickets available here:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/wineattheshrine/1275531>

Volunteer to help Little Portion Farm at <https://www.LittlePortionFarm.org>

Food grown helps those in need.



Help at the Shrine: Volunteer as a lector, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, especially before our gatherings. Help staff a table to invite interest in the Secular Franciscan Order. Email Melissa.

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



Treasurer's Report

August – 2024

Beginning (running) Balance:	<u>\$ 2,082.28</u>
Income:	
Common Fund Contributions	\$ 115.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 115.00</u>
Expenses:	
Spiritual Assistant	\$ 100.00
Franciscan Friars	100.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Ending (running) Balance:	<u>\$ 1,997.28</u>

If you are unable to attend the gatherings, you can send your contributions to the fraternity.

Contributions are tax deductible.

Direct Donation checks to: **St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity**

Mail donations to:

Jerry Yu
2812 Green Shade Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

You may use your bank's **BILL PAY**. Direct payment to **St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity C/O** the address above.

NOTE! FOR BILL PAY, THE ADDRESS HAS CHANGED.

Pray for Deceased Members:

Frances Bastress
Claire Davison
John Kirby

Happy Birthday!

Dawn Glennon, OFS 09/05

Bill Siefken, OFS 09/06

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

*Remember those who have gone before us.
Grant them peace, Lord. May they reign in
paradise with you. Through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.*

Happy Anniversary

Gerry Pinkas, OFS 09/16/1979

Book Share--

Thomas A'Kempis' classic Imitation of Christ.

First Saturdays from 1-3 pm on ZOOM!
Contact Geri Flynn OFS for details:
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PRAYER LIST

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