



THE FLYER

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

July 20, 2025

Third SUNDAY

FIND HOPE.
BE HOPE.

UPCOMING: July 20, 2025.

- ◆ 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-Fraternity's-Website>
- ◆ Check out our regional website: <https://SaintMargaretOfCortona.org/>
- ◆ Check out our national website: <https://SecularFranciscansUSA.org/>

Note from Brother Lawrence, OFM Conv. Will return

O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially... (*special intention*).

We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust to your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever.

Amen.



Minister's Note

Saint Bonaventure says that the path to happiness lies with “ultimate union with the one who is the fountain and origin of all goods....” (Tree of Life, Bonaventure)

One of the songs from Scout camp last week had the lines” Are you happy? You bet your life I am...”

Despite the heat, and thunderstorms, there was a certain amount of peace at camp. All cares fell away, as I listened to my scouts read daily devotions from the Psalms, and watched them learn and grow.

I have discovered many times that serving others is a path to happiness. I forget about my own cares, as I support others.

Happiness comes in making the rock pile smaller while building a trail. It comes from watching scouts conquer their fear of heights 25 feet above the ground as they walk on the high wires while I belay them.

Happiness also comes from knowing sadness. We would not be able to distinguish one without experiencing the other.

Ultimately, everything that we do or say should be through the lens of whether it unites us with Christ, our ultimate source of happiness.

We should strive in our lives so that everything becomes a part of the path that leads us to heaven.

We can move rocks or belay those on the high wire of life. We can pray for those who can't pray for themselves. We can form our lives in a way that allows us to guide others along the pathway.

We can be the source of happiness for others where ever their path is leading them. May we follow the direction that Christ has set for us until we are united with him.

Peace and love

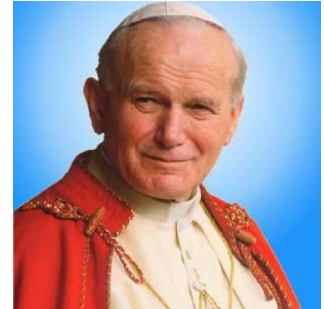
Melissa



Formation Thought of the Month:

“The Cross means there is no shipwreck without hope; there is no dark without dawn; nor storm without haven.”

St. Pope John Paul II during a visit to the Hills of Crosses in Lithuania 9/7/93



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

June – 2025

<u>Beginning (running) Balance:</u>	<u>\$ 1,458.16</u>
<u>Income:</u>	
Common Fund Contributions	\$140.00
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$140.00</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Spiritual Assistant	\$100.00
Franciscan Friars	100.00
To Regional Visitor (for election)	50.00
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
<u>Ending (running) Balance:</u>	<u>\$ 1,348.16</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:

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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:

Happy Birthday!

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

*This month:
Jeanne Kerins 7/11
Gerry Pinkas 7/18
Trudy Kerber 7/23*

Book Share–

Thomas A'Kempis' classic Imitation of Christ.

First Saturdays from 1-3 pm on ZOOM!
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PRAYER LIST

For Healing:

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