



THE FLYER

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

November 2025

Third SUNDAY

FIND HOPE.
BE HOPE.

UPCOMING: Mass of Remembrance at 2 pm

- ◆ 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/>



Next Month:

December 6– Greccio– Sign Up to serve and bring cookies
The cord of St Francis will be available to venerate at the Greccio!

December 21-Christmas Gathering. We will be making a special collection to support the efforts of The Shrine of St Anthony.

Upcoming Events:

Mass of Remembrance at 2 pm, Sunday November 16.

The **International Week of Prayer and Fasting** will be held next week Nov 15-23 . More information:

<https://iwopf.org/>

Relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux in DC region Nov. 19 -30 . More information here:

<https://www.cathstan.org/local/relics-of-st-th%C3%A9r%C3%A8se-of-lisieux-to-visit-washington-area-nov-19-30>

21st Quinquennial Congress– Lexington, KY 29 July-02 August 2026. More information: <https://ofs-usa.regfox.com/21st-congress-secular-franciscan-order-usa>

Triumph of the Heart: New Movie about St Maximillian Kolbe. See it here: <https://www.triumphoftheheart.com/>

MINISTER'S NOTE

Last week I viewed the new St Maximillian Kolbe film ,**Triumph of the Heart**. It is a beautiful testament to what it means to be a companion in Christ. If you have time, I recommend watching it.

We are not alone in our journey. We have the accompaniment of our family, friends, and our Franciscan brothers and sisters. There are the Poor Clares offering the intentions of the world for us behind the walls of the convent. There are the friars who care for the holy relics in the Holy Land while war rages. There are the prayers of the faithful who pray for all those who cannot pray for themselves.

The men in the cell in Auschwitz were not alone. There were many outside the walls praying for the men inside.

The man that was saved that day in Auschwitz , Franciszek Gajowniczek , shared Saint Maximillian's story of sacrifice, and ultimately attended Kolbe's beatification. Without Gajowniczek, Kolbe's story may have been swept into the ashes of Auschwitz. The songs, and prayers emanating from the cell changed everyone who heard, and everyone who will hear.

This month we pray for all those who have gone before us in the Holy Saints and the Holy Souls. Their prayers are accompanying us today. We are never alone.

Saint Maximillian Kolbe pray for us.

Peace, beauty and love,

Melissa

Formation Thought of the Month:

This is the concluding prayer from the Commemoration of All The Deceased Of The Seraphic Order:

Lord God, you are the glory of believers and the life of the just. Your Son redeemed us by dying and rising to life again.

Since our departed brothers, sisters, relatives, and benefactors believed in the mystery of our resurrection, let them share the joys and blessings of the life to come.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Franciscan School of Theology Continuing Education: Beautiful reflection on the Franciscan Way of the Cross by James Sabak, OFM:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jyo4Xh7U32U>



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.

2025-2028 Council

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Treasurer's Report

October – 2025

Beginning (running) Balance:	<u>\$ 1,530.48</u>
Income:	
Common Fund Contributions (Cash)	\$ 60.00
Common Fund Contributions (Checks)	\$1,230.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 1,290.00</u>
Expenses:	
Spiritual Assistant	\$100.00
Franciscan Friars	100.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Ending (running) Balance:	<u>\$ 2,620.48</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:

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

James Manning 11/3/18

Jean Singleton 11/17/21

Happy Anniversary

This month:

Lita Maisel 11/16/1997

Happy Birthday!

Ray Glennon 11/22

Next month

Ed Burgee 12/17

Mark McPherson 12/23

Will Potter 12/23

Book Share–

Thomas A' Kempis' classic Imitation of Christ.

First Saturdays from 1-3 pm on ZOOM!

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PRAYER LIST

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