



# THE FLYER

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

December 2025

Third SUNDAY

FIND HOPE.  
BE HOPE.

## UPCOMING: Christmas Gathering at 1 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/>

December 21- 1 pm Christmas Gathering.  
We will have a special collection to support the  
efforts of The Shrine of St Anthony as our  
Christmas tithe.  
Bring food to share!

*Merry  
Christmas*

\* Joy, Peace, Love \*

## Upcoming Events:

**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/>

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## MINISTER'S NOTE

This morning I watched the birds and squirrels come to our backyard feeders. Against the snow, the pink light of early morning and the colorful flight of wings formed a magical, divine moment.

In that moment I felt completely united to the beauty and glory of the Father.

The stress of the holiday season and life's tasks fell away. A great sense of peace came over me.

The Christmas tree may not be up and the stockings on the mantel may not be filled this year. Many now unimportant tasks have fallen aside for something greater.

A call for tenderness and care is waiting in the converted bedroom of our home., as we care for my mother in law. It is waiting in the manger.

The morning sun peeks through as winged heavenly hosts sing: Glory to God in the highest.

In quiet surrender, I kneel in the hay and messiness of life, basking in the Love of the Father. Light has come. Christmas is here.

May His Radiance spill over you and surround you today and always.

Peace and goodness

Melissa



***Formation Thought of the Month:***

Right now, in this season, God is inviting us to simply sit in silence, to be left in waiting...so that we're standing in awe before the Lord at the majesty of who He is, humbled by the fact that God desires to be with us in this way.

***Fr. Pierre Touissant CFR***



You are God's Beloved. A Franciscan reflection of Christmas.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/st-anthony-messenger/st-francis-and-christmas-a-celebration-of-love/>



**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

November – 2025

<b>Beginning (running) Balance:</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,620.48</u></b>
<b>Income: Nov To be deposited!</b>	
Common Fund Contributions (Cash)	\$ 0.00
Common Fund Contributions (Checks)	\$ 0.00
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 0.00</u></b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Spiritual Assistant	\$100.00
Franciscan Friars	100.00
Website fee	15.00
Formation	27.93
Music for Mass of Remembrance	80.00
<b><u>Total Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 322.93</u></b>
<b>Ending (running) Balance:</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,297.55</u></b>

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.



# Happy Birthday!

Ed Burgee 12/17

Mark McPherson 12/23

Will Potter 12/23

## 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 Tebo 12/25/2022

## 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

For Healing:

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