



THE FLYER

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

February 2026

Third SUNDAY

The Lord gave me brothers
and sisters.

UPCOMING: Profession 2 pm Mass Feb 15, 2026

- ◆ 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/>

February 15, 2026

2 pm Mass

You are cordially invited to attend
Profession of

Frank Braxton

David Garcia

John Johnson

Kelly Neale



Upcoming Events:

February 15 Meeting: Profession for our Candidates. Mass at 2 pm. Reception to Follow.

Sign Up here for Food:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C49A9A72AAFF2-62207755-potluck>

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

MINISTER'S NOTE

Do you remember your profession date? And the years of preparation before it?

It takes real commitment to stick with something for more than 3 years . Yet, this is exactly what each of us were asked to do prior to our profession. This is what our new brothers and sister have been asked to do.

We prepared. We studied. We questioned. We prayed. The years themselves became a language through which God spoke, teaching us perseverance, humility, and trust. We learned that fidelity is not proven in a single day, but in the willingness to keep walking when the path feels ordinary or even difficult.

We keep following the path, arriving at the threshold of something greater.

Profession does not end our commitment. When we stepped over the threshold, more waited for us.

Each day we are asked to step through that doorway again. Each day we renew our yes. Each day we recommit ourselves to living the Rule, to life in community, and to the promise of bringing the Gospel to Life through who we are and how we live.

What was asked of us then is still being asked of us now: to remain committed, to be formed continually, and to trust that God is still at work in the long, faithful unfolding of our lives.

Welcome our brothers and sister. We are happy you have joined us!

Peace and love,

Melissa



Formation Thought of the Month:

Article 1 of the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order

“The Franciscan family , as one among many spiritual families raised up by the Holy Spirit in the Church, unites all members of the people of God-laity, religious, and priests - who recognize that they are called to follow Christ in the footsteps of Saint Francis of Assisi. In various ways and forms but in life-giving union with each other, they intend to make present the charism of their common Seraphic Father in the life and mission of the Church.”

Events at the Shrine of Saint Anthony

The Shrine has many upcoming events that you may want to attend:

<https://www.shrineofstanthony.org/calendar>

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

January 2026

Income:

Common Fund (Cash)	\$ 60.00
Common Fund (Checks)	1200.00
Total Income	\$ 1,260.00

Expenses:

Spiritual Assistant	\$100.00
Franciscan Friars	100.00
Total Expenses	\$ 200.00

Ending (running) Balance: \$ 4,019.55

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.



Theresa Lam 2/5
Charlie Heyden 2/15
Jerry Yu 2/26
James Kim 2/27

Mick Michieli-Beasley 3/5
Deanna Williston 3/5
John Johnson 3/11
Cindy Mohler 3/13
Kelly Neale 3/13
Karen Beavers 3/21

Book Share-

Thomas A' Kempis' classic Imitation of Christ.

First Saturdays from 1-3 pm on ZOOM!
Contact Geri Flynn OFS for details:
AngelBarty@aol.com

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.*

Connie Baker 2/27/2001

PRAYER LIST

For Healing:

Gail Bunyan, OFS
Lita Maisel, OFS
Bill Siefken, OFS
Teresa Lam, OFS
Rosemary Whelan, OFS
Patrick Caughy, OFS
Harry Ford, OFS
Kathy Ford, OFS

