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Newsletter for Saint Joseph Cupertino Secular Franciscan Fraternity

FRATERNITY 2026 THEME

***THE LORD GAVE ME
BROTHERS AND SISTERS.***

UPCOMING: Social after Noon Mass and Gathering at 2 pm.

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



RULE 6. THEY HAVE BEEN MADE LIVING MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH BY BEING BURIED AND RAISED WITH CHRIST IN BAPTISM; THEY HAVE BEEN UNITED MORE INTIMATELY WITH THE CHURCH BY PROFESSION. THEREFORE, THEY SHOULD GO FORTH AS WITNESSES AND INSTRUMENTS OF HER MISSION AMONG ALL PEOPLE, PROCLAIMING CHRIST BY THEIR LIFE AND WORDS.

CALLED LIKE SAINT FRANCIS TO REBUILD THE CHURCH AND INSPIRED BY HIS EXAMPLE, LET THEM DEVOTE THEMSELVES ENERGETICALLY TO LIVING IN FULL COMMUNION WITH THE POPE, BISHOPS, AND PRIESTS, FOSTERING AN OPEN AND TRUSTING DIALOG OF APOSTOLIC EFFECTIVENESS AND CREATIVITY.

Minister's Note

Over the next few months, the Council and I sincerely hope that each of you will be drawn more deeply into your commitment as a Secular Franciscan. May this be a season of renewed grace, where we allow the Spirit of the Gospel and the example of St. Francis to shape us more fully in our daily lives.

Last month, we spent time reflecting on how we are personally responding to our Franciscan vocation as individuals. We considered the ways we live out simplicity, joy, peacemaking, and care for creation in our families, workplaces, and communities. This month, I invite you to continue that journey by prayerfully reflecting on the questions that were distributed during our fraternity meeting. Take time with them, perhaps in your daily prayer, during Adoration, or in quiet moments throughout your week.

Fraternity life is not sustained by once-a-month presentations alone; it is dependent on *us*. It grows through our presence, our willingness to share our lives openly, our faithfulness to prayer and formation, and our care for one another. When even one member draws closer to the Lord and to the Franciscan way of life, the whole fraternity is enriched. Conversely, when we drift or remain distant, the entire body feels the loss.

This month Brother Lawrence will lead us into a deeper reflection of how the fraternity can support us in bringing the Gospel to Life.

Peace and Love
Melissa

Plan ahead for our Meetings

June- Father Terence will be our guest speaker

June 13- Join us at the Feast of St Anthony Celebration

July- Regional Visitation/ Observation – **Fraternity Service Project**

August- Pilgrimage to Monastery of the Holy Lands: Begins with Mass at 11 am. Tour at 1:30 pm. Limited to 30 participants.

September – Annual Picnic

October- Planning for Sister Death with Will Potter

October 3 Transitus

FORMATION THOUGHT FOR MAY

“Therefore, let us be very careful that, if we have set out on the path of the Lord, we do not at any time turn away from it through our own fault or ignorance.”

- The Testament of St. Clare

Events at the Shrine of Saint Anthony

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

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



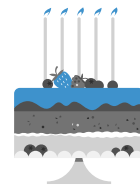
PRAY FOR HEALING

Gail Bunyan, OFS
Lita Maisel, OFS
Bill Siefken, OFS

Teresa Lam, OFS
Rosemary Whelan, OFS
Patrick Caughy, OFS
Harry Ford, OFS
Kathy Ford, OFS

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



BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Ron Chrismer 5/4
Mimi Cox-Owens 5/18
Patrick Caughy 5/18
Ray Heverling 5/31

Next Month:

Richard Lam 6/6
David Garcia 6/3

Pray for deceased:



Jerry Cichowicz 6/10
Donna Duncan 6/25



Treasurer's Report

April – 2026

Beginning (running) Balance:

\$ 2,406.56

Income:

Common Fund (Cash)

\$ 160.00

Common Fund (Checks)

600.00

Total Income **\$ 760.00**

Expenses:

Spiritual Assistant

\$ 100.00

Franciscan Friars 100.00

Expenses for the

Open House 81.00

Total Expenses **\$ 281.00**

Ending (running) Balance:

\$ 2,885.56

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\$ 2,406.56

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.



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