

ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO FRATERNITY, ELLICOTT CITY, MD
Gathering on Sunday – January 19th, 2014



A Message from our Minister

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Francis and Clare,

At our January Gathering, we will continue the tradition in the Franciscan Order the “Extraction of Saints”. All will receive the name of a Franciscan Saint, a scripture quote for meditation and his or her new prayer partner to pray for in the coming year.

Often, the “Extraction of Saints” is accompanied by much joviality on the part of the fraternity – lots of “oohs” and – “aahs” for the members who are lucky enough to be honored with a famous Franciscan saint – like St. Francis or St. Clare – as their patrons.

When you receive your prayer partner, some people prefer to keep it a secret; you can do that if you like. However, this year, we would like for you to consider taking a more active role in the life of your prayer partner, even if that means telling your prayer partner who you are.

Here are some suggestions:

- Get to know your prayer partner better
- Ask your prayer partner if he or she has any special intentions for which you can pray
- Check with your prayer partner periodically to see how things are going
- Send your prayer partner a birthday card
- Send a card, or give a call if your partner becomes ill

Remember, we are Christ’s hands and feet in this world! Let’s reach out in prayer and action to our prayer partner this year.

Thanks to all who donated to our needy Family(s) “Grassroots of Howard County”. We would like to give those who were unable to attend our Franciscan Christmas celebration a chance to contribute to this worthy cause. If you would like to send a check for the “Grassroots” program, please make your check out to “St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity” and send to: Jerry Yu, OFS - 2812 Green Shade Ct., Ellicott City, MD 21042

In place of our February Gathering we will celebrate the Rite of Profession on February 16th for our four Candidates, Joan Bundy, OFS, Chris Donaldson, OFS, Kathy Ford, OFS and Harry Ford, OFS. We are asking all professed members to bring a covered dish, or wine, or beverages for this happy occasion, Lynne Float will have sign-up sheets at our January Gathering.

Last but not least we will have a ceremony welcoming members to our new inquiry class that will begin in February.

Please check out our fraternity’s new website: <http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/> to stay informed about upcoming events.

Many Blessing and Good Wishes for the coming Year - *Your Fraternity Council*



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Extraction of Saints



**The Fraternity will
conduct the traditional
Extraction of Saints in the
Chapel**



Please Pray For ...

- Connie Baker**, OFS
- Donna Duncan**, OFS
- Marlene Feaga**, OFS
- Mary Ferrara**, OFS
- Joy Kubricky**, OFS
- Marie Lindung**, OFS
- Jim Manning**, OFS
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**The St. Joseph Cupertino Bulletin Board
Posts from Our Fraternity Members**

Upcoming Events

Our Next Book Sharing Meeting – All Are Welcome

Date: Saturday, February 1st - 1:30pm (social)
2:00pm ~ 4:00pm

Place: Ed Burgee's home: 408 Westside Blvd.
Catonsville, MD
Tel: 410 788-2718

Book: "Francis, the Journey and the Dream", by Murray Bodo

Chapters: "Eucharist"
"Of Mountain Hideaways"
"The Rains of Mount Subasio"

Heaven and Earth

A remarkable display of rare icons, mosaics, frescoes and religious art from Greece is currently on view at the National Gallery of Art in Washington. The contemplation of Beauty is a key Franciscan value which can deepen our awareness of God's presence and strengthen us in our vocation. All are welcome therefore to gather together and experience the power of these rare and ancient windows into adoration and prayer.

<http://www.nga.gov/content/ngaweb/exhibitions/2013/heaven-and-earth.html>

Saturday, January 18th, 2014
10:00 am

Visitor Information Desk
Main Entrance, Main Floor
West Building, on the National Mall
National Gallery of Art
Washington DC

There is a Café at the Museum for any who would like to gather for lunch and conversation afterward.

For more information contact Patrick Caughy 410 744 8119
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Remembering Your Profession

Jean Singleton, OFS 1/18/83



**OUR DECEASED
BROTHERS AND SISTERS**

- Frances Bastress**, SFO
- Joe Bezila**, SFO
- Jerry Cichowicz**, SFO
- Shirley Costello**, OFS
- Joe Cykoski**, SFO
- Stella Cykoski**, SFO
- Claire Lee Davison**, SFO
- Adela Duff**, SFO
- Charles Ferrara**, SFO
- Dolores Fritz**, OFS
- Marilyn Gilson**, SFO
- Richard Hall**, SFO
- Frances Langben**, SFO
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- Jean Manning**, OFS
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- Regina Yeager**, SFO
- Dorothy Zalewski**, SFO



Treasurer's Report

If you miss a gathering send your check payable to St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity
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At our gatherings, the common fund box will be in the Refectory.

Beginning Balance:	\$ 908.50
Income	442.00
Total	<u>\$1350.50</u>
Expenses:	
Franciscan Friars	\$ 100.00
Brother Lawrence	50.00
Newsletter Printing and Mailing	26.00
Christmas gift (Br. Lawrence)	50.00
Christmas gift (Br. Gerry)	50.00
To Sherry (Reg. Mtg)	89.27
To Bob (Reg. Mtg)	89.27
To John Clem (website) for gas	20.00
Total Expenses:	<u>\$ 474.54</u>
Ending Balance:	<u>\$ 875.96</u>

Thank You for your monthly contributions

Contribution is Tax Deductible

January Birthdays



Marie Lindung, OFS 1/18
John Kirby, OFS 1/25
Jim Soltysiak, OFS 1/26
Br. Lawrence LaFlame, OFM. Conv. 1/26

February Birthdays

Geri Flynn, OFS 2/14
 Jerry Yu, OFS 2/26
 Kevin Kulesa, OFS 2/26

Lobby Night

Lobby Night: Join hundreds of Maryland Catholics in Annapolis for an evening of talking to your Maryland state legislator on issues regarding upcoming legislative issues. This will be on Monday, Feb. 17th; starting at 2:30 PM. Registration is required so that an appointment with your legislator can be arranged. You can register at www.mdcathcon.org/lobbysnight. This is always a very interesting and thought provoking day. The best way to keep informed about upcoming laws is to register for the Catholic Advocacy Network. You can do this by going to www.mdcathcon.org under Resources the section marked for parishes (Catholic Advocacy Network) and find the register on line.

Harry Ford, OFS

The First Thousand Years: A Global History of Christianity

The Psalmist (Ps. 90:4) writes, "A thousand years in your eyes are merely a yesterday." But what does a thousand years really look like? More specifically, what happened in the first thousand years of Christianity? Robert Wilken in his truly fascinating and engaging book, *The First Thousand Years: A Global History of Christianity* traces the growth of Christianity from the first communities in Jerusalem to the time of Charlemagne. The author paints his picture using a broad palette of information. The journey from the small community to a world religion is filled with triumphs and tragedies, heroes and villains.

Wilken begins his book by a brief summary of Jesus' life, ministry, execution, and the confusion that the disciples must have experienced when their leader was taken so swiftly away from them. The earliest written account of the Resurrection is presented in Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (15:3-8). In another account, the Roman historian Tacitus, refers to the death of Jesus as a "temporary setback" for the early Christians. However, their encounters with the risen Jesus enabled them to put aside any setbacks and go forth and proclaim the message of Jesus.

The early Christian communities were small, diverse and scattered. The primary means of conversion was evangelization by the Apostles and disciples. During this period the populace would convert and eventually the rulers. As time passed, however, the situation was reversed, and the conversion of the ruler would be followed by the conversion of the people.

Initially, the Christian community was usually ignored by the emperors and rulers. The requirements of visiting the shrines on the required days or paying tribute to the gods could be ignored by the Christians without much notice when the number of Christians was far less than one-percent of the population. However, as the community grew to be around ten percent of the population, the persecutions began as Christians refused to worship at the temples and the emperors saw this as a threat to the general stability of the state.

The book follows the growth of Christianity and introduces us to many of the well known names and how they fit into the picture. Among many notables we meet Origen, Cyprian, Constantine, Julian, Ambrose, Theodosius, and Augustine. A few examples of the many councils we attend are: the Councils of Nicea, Chalcedon, and Constantinople and the

Controversies behind each. Empires and emperors rise and fall, and the split, both political and religious, between East and West begins and grows. Several chapters are presented that focus on the development of Christian music and architecture, the rise of the papacy, the church in Africa, Syria, the Middle East, and the Orient.

The rise of Islam and the problems it presented, and still presents, is covered in several chapters. The conquest of the Christian and non-Christian nations by the Islamic armies takes place in a relatively short time compared to how long it took the Christian message to spread and be accepted. The unsettling influence of Arabic writing, theology, and philosophy on the Christian inhabitants of conquered lands is starkly portrayed. The gradual increase of laws that are unfavorable to the practice of Christian worship leads to a great decline in the number of Christians. In the end, the author presents some discouraging information in that areas that were once wholly Christian are now wholly Islamic.

The final chapters of the book portray the rise of the empire of Charles the Great, Charlemagne, in Western Europe and the Slavic nations in Eastern Europe. I could only present just a small picture of what this book includes. For the most part, this book presents a very good overview of a thousand years of a complex and ever-changing religious, social, and political world. This book would make for an interesting study in a class or long term study group. - Harry Ford, OFS

Franciscans Serving Peace Voluntary poverty serves and sustains true peace.

Wealth is often rooted in the injustice of exploitation of humanity and the earth. At the same time, when wealth is accumulated, there is the problem of its defense. In short, wealth is created out of inequality and because of inequality it provokes a defensive posture, willingness to go to war to defend one's wealth. If we don't have anything, there is nothing to defend. Or if we do have things, they are to be shared, not hoarded. Archaeological evidence has emerged from the Middle East that when houses were basically of the same size, peace prevailed. When there began to be a disparity in the size of people's houses, more evidence of social conflict and war emerges. The way of nonviolence is not only a way of responding to specific forms of violence. Rather, nonviolence is a holistic way of life that is truly a spiritual pursuit that affects the way we respond to God, to our neighbor, to ourselves, and to all of creation.

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ATTENDANCE AT THE GATHERINGS - All active members should make every attempt to attend the Gathering every month. If you are unable to attend due to illness, work or family obligations, please contact Bob Longo 410-451-0943. If you are professed and miss a gathering please send your check for the Common Fund to: Jerry Yu, OFS - 2812 Green Shade Ct., Ellicott City, MD 21042

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Calendar

At the Friary
Chapel Open Daily
From 9 AM – 5 PM
Noon Mass everyday
All are Welcome

Reconciliation is on
Wednesday from 4 - 5pm., and
also Monday through Saturday
at 11:30am.

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Thursday
12 pm – 5:30 pm

Morning Star Family Holy Hour February 9, 2014

The next Morningstar Family Holy Hour will be on Sunday November 10th from 4-5pm. Families with children of all ages are invited to join us for a dynamic hour of prayer, song, and learning about our faith!

Family Holy Hour will gather each month on the second Sunday.

