

**ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO FRATERNITY**  
2018 Theme for the Year "Living Our Charism Within Our Culture"  
Gathering – April 15, 2018

# The Flyer

*Laudato Si (Praise be to you – On Care For Our Common Home),*

## IV. DECLINE IN THE QUALITY OF HUMAN LIFE AND THE BREAK-DOWN OF SOCIETY

Paragraph 44 - "Nowadays, for example, we are conscious of the disproportionate and unruly growth of many cities, which have become unhealthy to live in, not only because of pollution caused by toxic emissions but also as a result of urban chaos, poor transportation, and visual pollution and noise. Many cities are huge, inefficient structures, excessively wasteful of energy and water. Neighborhoods, even those recently built, are congested, chaotic and lacking in sufficient green space. We were not meant to be inundated by cement, asphalt, glass and metal, and deprived of physical contact with nature." ~ Pope Francis

### MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Francis and Clare,

Our Treasurer, Michael Radcliffe, OFS, is pleased to announce that our PayPal credit card system is now set up on our fraternity's website. You can therefore submit, if you wish to do so, your monthly "Common Fund Contribution" at [http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/common\\_fund/](http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/common_fund/). Alternatively, you can go to the main menu on our website at <http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/> and click on the "Common Fund Button" (last item on the menu) that will take you to the site and allow you to submit your monthly contribution. Please note PayPal is a secure website.

If you experience problems with your monthly contribution, please contact Michael at [trupio44@gmail.com](mailto:trupio44@gmail.com) or 301 310-5204 for assistance.

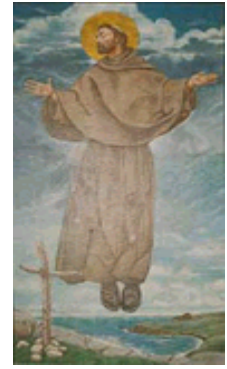
#### Regional Elections:

Please keep in your prayers our upcoming April 21<sup>st</sup> regional elections as our local fraternity ministers and delegates will come together to elect a new regional minister and a new council.

#### A Note from our Formation Director, Geri Flynn, OFS:

"In keeping with our theme, Living Our Franciscan Charism In Today's Culture, Brother Manny has kindly agreed to speak with us on the need for a buoyant, robust sense of hope as we lead our lives as Catholic Christians in this age. We see our faith under attack elsewhere in the world as well as in our own land. What model does St Francis provide?"

~ *Your Fraternity Council*



#### Our Fraternity Council 2016 - 2019

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### Evening Prayer



Divine Mercy Chaplet



**Please Pray For ...**

- Connie Baker**, OFS
- Marlene Feaga**, OFS
- Marie Lindung**, OFS
- Jim Manning**, OFS
- Georgianna Papazian**, OFS
- Jim Tebo**, OFS



**OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS**

- Deacon Tom Bello**, OFS
- 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
- Donna Duncan**, SFO
- Charles Ferrara**, SFO
- Mary Ferrara**, SFO
- Dolores Fritz**, OFS
- Marilyn Gilson**, SFO
- Richard Hall**, SFO
- Joy Kubricky**, OFS
- Frances Langbehn**, SFO
- Bob Lewis**, SFO
- Jean Manning**, OFS
- Yvonne Proch**, SFO
- Nancy Seaton**, SFO
- Don Sweitzer**, OFS
- Betty Taylor**, SFO
- Bud Tenley**, SFO
- Regina Yeager**, SFO
- Dorothy Zalewski**, SFO

**April 15**  
 Remaining hopeful in trying times”.  
 Presenter - Brother Manny, OFM. Conv.

**April 21**  
 Election of new Regional Council  
 Holy Land Monastery  
 9:30 AM

**May 20**  
 “How our charism can apply to youth in today’s world”  
 Harry Ford to present

**June 24**  
 Profession

**June 29 – July 1, 2018**  
 Chapter of Mats – Priest Field Center

**September 18, 2018**  
 Fraternity Picnic at the Shrine of St. Anthony

**Our Franciscan Center Apostolate**

Don't forget to bring your donated items to this month's gathering, please pick from below. Remember your monthly donation(s) are tax deductible.

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Hand sanitizer            | Soap              |
| Toothbrushes              | Toothpaste        |
| Shampoo & Conditioner     | Washcloths        |
| Deodorant                 | Disposable razors |
| Feminine hygiene products |                   |

Your donations are tax deductible.

**Diaper Drive Coming**

Twice a year our fraternity will conduct a diaper drive for the Howard County Pregnancy Center – More information forth coming.



March – 2018

Karan Bevers, OFS

Beginning Balance:	\$ 2,492.34
Income	535.00
Book	
Reimbursements	74.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,101.34</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Brother Lawrence	100.00
Franciscan Friars	100.00
1st Quarter	
Charity Donation	200.00
2018 Fair Share	
(1st payment)	870.00
Web Fee	15.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,285.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 1,816.34</b>

Thank You for your monthly contributions

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April Birthdays



- Kathy Ford, OFS 04/06
- Geri Flynn, OFS 04/26
- Julianna Kim, OFS 04/28

Remembering Your Profession



Ray Heverling, OFS 04/10/05  
13th Anniversary

*“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”— Matthew 28:19-20*

*Jesus’ great commission calls us to evangelize, to introduce others to Him, to share His good news with them, and inspire them to follow Him. If Evangelization is the spark that ignites the fire, then catechesis is the work of tending the flame once it's established. (Alice L. Camille, 2009, Vision Vocation Network).*

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC)

This year I have the privilege to teach my parish’s first RCIC class. This class was created for children ages seven through high school who have not yet been baptized, but who are perhaps seeking the sacraments of initiation. This is a pre-Catechumenate period for the students in which I am called to “spark the fire” so to speak.

I will continue this summer, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to “tend the flames” within their hearts as every student desires to receive the sacraments!

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (Team RCIA)

More recently, RCIA at my parish has incorporated a year-long program. The program is very flexible, and those who are interested may enter at any time of the year. Being a Catholic convert myself, who went through the RCIA program thirty-five years ago, I share my own RCIA faith journey with the Catechumens, and in doing so, help them to feel more comfortable sharing their own.

I enjoy teaching occasional classes within this ministry, but most of all, I enjoy being involved with the Metanoia part of the year-round RCIA program in which we plan activities such as mini-retreats for Catechumens.

Teaching ministries such as RCIA, within our parishes, are opportunities for us to “tend our own flames” as we journey in Faith toward Perfection.

The Martha & Mary Meals Ministry

“If you can’t feed a hundred people, feed one really well.” ~~~ Saint Teresa of Calcutta

The Martha & Mary Meals Ministry at my parish provides home-cooked meals on a short-term, temporary basis, for those within our parish and those within our larger community who are facing difficult or challenging times due to illness, surgery, loss of a loved one, or financial difficulties.



As a member of this ministry, I help to prepare the meals and deliver them to the families in need. There have been times when we have prepared and delivered over 25 meals per month!

If your parish does not have a meals ministry, and you wish to be “the hands of Christ” in this world, consider taking a meal to someone in need. If you are invited inside, use this time to “set a spark” or “tend a fire”.

“Use the gifts you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you . . .” ~~~ Saint Terese of Lisieux.

### **Tutoring the Needy**

The latest opportunity that I have been given to serve our Lord has truly been a most special answer to my prayers. One evening, while feeling that I was not serving Him as much as I should, I prayed that He would send me a child in need whom I could tutor that I might offer this to Him. I was hoping that an opportunity to tutor in a homeless shelter would present itself to me; however, the very next day, I happened to be at my parish rectory, and I overheard a parent comment to someone that they were searching for a tutor for their child, but could not afford one. I immediately offered my services!

I have had the great joy of tutoring this precious child of God since last spring. I make a point to frequently remind her that she is an answer to one of my prayers and a gift to me from God. She always sighs, and shakes her head, and smiles at me. I see the light of Christ in her beautiful eyes.


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### **OUR GATHERINGS**

All should make every effort to attend our gathering every month. If you are unable to attend due to illness, work or family obligations, contact a council member (see page 1 for telephone numbers). If you are a candidate or are professed and miss a gathering, please send your check for the Common Fund to:

**Michael Radcliffe, OFS  
7911 Westpark Drive, Apt 2709  
Tysons Corner, VA 22102**

Or by using PayPal on our fraternity website at [http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/common\\_fund/](http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/common_fund/)

	<b>Calendar</b>
<b>At the Friary</b>	
<b>Chapel Open Daily</b> From 9 AM – 5 PM	
<b>Noon Mass everyday</b>	
<b>For more Information call:</b> <b>410 531-2800</b>	

### **General Constitutions of the Secular Franciscan Order**

**December 8, 2000**

### **The Form of Life Article 12**

3. Rule 8 The brothers and sisters should love meeting God as His children and they should let prayer and contemplation be the soul of all they are and do. They should seek to discover the presence of the Father in their own heart, in nature, and in the history of humanity in which His plan of salvation is fulfilled. The contemplation of this mystery will dispose them to collaborate in this loving plan.