

**ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO FRATERNITY**  
2018 Theme for the Year "Living Our Charism Within Our Culture"  
Gathering – August 19, 2018

Be solicitous to make your call and election permanent, surely those who do so will never be lost. - 2 Peter 1:10

***ACTING MINISTER'S MESSAGE***

Hello everyone; May the Peace of Christ be with you!

I hope everyone is enjoying the Summer while dodging the raindrops. This month the Council meeting and the Gathering will be in the capable hands of our Vice Minister, Geri Flynn, in my absence.

Our speakers this month will be Brother Lawrence who will summarize the past year of Reviewing our Franciscan Charism. We will also hear from Br. Paschal of Divine Mercy, formally Jim O'Brien, OFS, who will tell us of his experiences as a hermit.

Pax et Bonum,  
Ed



**September 1, 2018**

Please keep the Book Sharing group in mind

All are so welcome whether you have read from the book being discussed or not. We always find Franciscan spirituality to be the basis of our discussions and would love to have many voices present.

Currently, we are reading "Clare, A Light In The Garden". A beautiful meditation on the life of St Clare and her relationship to St Francis.

We meet on the first Saturday of each month from 1pm til 3pm in the Kolbe Room at the Shrine though we are very willing to move to another time slot as requested and if space at the Shrine is available Bring a bag lunch and enjoy good conversation!

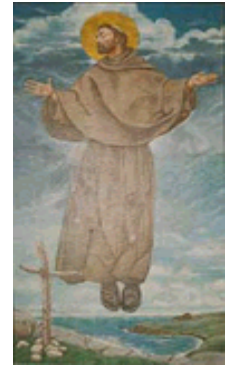
**September 18, 2018**



Fraternity Picnic at the Shrine of St. Anthony

**October 21 - Profession**

**The Flyer**



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**Evening Prayer**

**Litanies of  
Repentance**

Handouts will be  
available



**Please Pray For ...**

**Connie Baker**, OFS  
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**Jim Manning**, OFS  
**Georgianna Papazian**, SFO  
**Jim Tebo**, OFS



**OUR DECEASED  
BROTHERS AND SISTERS**

**Deacon Tom Bello**, OFS  
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**IV. DECLINE IN THE QUALITY OF HUMAN LIFE AND THE BREAK-DOWN OF SOCIETY**

Paragraph 48 “The human environment and the natural environment deteriorate together; we cannot adequately combat environmental degradation unless we attend to causes related to human and social degradation. In fact, the deterioration of the environment and of society affects the most vulnerable people on the planet: “Both everyday experience and scientific research show that the gravest effects of all attacks on the environment are suffered by the poorest”. For example, the depletion of fishing reserves especially hurts small fishing communities without the means to replace those resources; water pollution particularly affects the poor who cannot buy bottled water; and rises in the sea level mainly affect impoverished coastal populations who have nowhere else to go. The impact of present imbalances is also seen in the premature death of many of the poor, in conflicts sparked by the shortage of resources, and in any number of other problems which are insufficiently represented on global agendas.”

*~ Pope Francis*

**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.

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

Your donations are tax deductible.

**Poverty**

“Poverty, which teaches solidarity, sharing, and charity and which is also expressed in a soberness and joy of the essential, to put us on guard against the material idols that obscure the true meaning of life. Poverty, which is learned with the humble, the poor, the sick, and all those who are at the existential margins of life. Theoretical poverty doesn't do anything. Poverty is learned by touching the flesh of the poor Christ in the humble, the poor, the sick, and in children.”

*~ Pope Francis*



FEAST OF ST. CLARE – August 11<sup>th</sup>

July – 2018

Beginning Balance:	\$ 2,077.95
Common Fund to Region	<u>615.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,692.95</b>
Expenses:	
Brother Lawrence	100.00
Franciscan Friars	100.00
Web Fee	15.00
Formation	<u>21.96</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 236.96</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,455.99</u></b>

Thank You for your monthly contributions

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August Birthdays



Louise Hotovy, OFS	08/14
Jim Tebo, OFS	08/20
Rosemary Whelan, OFS	08/20
Gail Bunyan, OFS	08/21

Food for Thought

"Kind words do not cost much. They never blister the tongue or lips. Mental trouble was never known to arise from such quarters. Though they do not cost much yet they accomplish much. They make other people good natured. They also produce their own image on men's souls, and a beautiful image it is."

Blaise Pascal

St. Clare is known as the "piancicella", or "little plant" of Francis. She understood and followed Francis' spirit and example more than anybody else. Even when later the Friars greatly abandoned the ideals of Francis, and the people around her, especially the influential ones including Popes and cardinals prompted her to dilute her principles, she stood firm and stubbornly fought for the living of the ideals of St. Francis.

In her we find a lived feminine expression, or "the perfect mirror" of Francis' radical way of following Christ.

The study of these two great saints who are unparalleled luminaries in the history of "following Christ" will prove invaluable in the life of any committed Christian.

It seems beyond dispute that the Novelty of Francis and Clare to the religious world of the time is found in their exceptional attitude towards Poverty. "My Lady holy Poverty" as Francis would say, "The world's most desperate lover of poverty", G.K. Chesterton called him. And Clare, in her turn, is named "Princess of Poverty".

When one says that their attitude was novel, it is to explain that religious men and women in the Church had at all times and in all places vowed themselves to personal poverty. "Blessed are the poor in the spirit", with the stress on the "in spirit", was their way. And it was a good way.

Franciscans and "Clares" were thoroughly aware of Christ's blessing of the poor in spirit, but they would go further and dispossess themselves and their followers of all possessions. Even the poor places in which they dwelt were not to be theirs, but on loan for a time from the owners.

"Let the Sisters (legislated Francis) appropriate to themselves nothing – neither house, nor whatever it may be; but, strangers here below, on pilgrimage to the heavenly fatherland, serving the Lord in poverty and humility, let them send with confidence to beg alms. And let them be very careful not to be ashamed of it but let them rather remember that the Lord became poor for our sakes in this poverty. Therein is the excellence of the highest poverty, which strips you of perishable goods but elevates you in virtue, make you heiresses and queens of the kingdom of heaven, and leads you to the land of the living. Let it be your portion: attach yourselves to it with all the powers of your being, and desire nothing else under the sun." (Rule of the Poor Clares.)

Their actions were certainly directed against luxurious living and the quest for money and meant as a support for the poor and the peasants – that these latter might be patient in poverty and trial. But their understanding of poverty was much more than this. Complete detachment brings freedom of spirit, it throws off all concern for mundane things. It should – in a faithful heart – lead to simplicity of outlook, and to humility (how could you avoid humiliation in going out to beg?), and it should put down a solid basis of penance. ~ Fr. Ambrose Rayan, O.F.M.

## St. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, OFM Conventual Feast Day August 14th

Also known as Apostle of Consecration to Mary; Maximilian Mary Kolbe; Massimiliano Maria Kolbe was born on January 7, 1894 at Zdunska Wola, Poland. As a child he suffered from tuberculosis and throughout his life was frail in health. Father Kolbe joined the Conventual Franciscan Order at age 16 and ordained at age 24. A Doctor of Theology; his insights into Marian theology echo today through their influence on Vatican II. He founded the Milita Immaculatae, and published the magazine "The Knight of the Immaculate" in an effort to fight religious apathy. Father Kolbe was imprisoned in Auschwitz for his anti-Nazi publications. He was able to minister to other prisoners, including conducting Mass and delivering communion using smuggled bread and wine. Father Kolbe was sentenced to death when he traded places with a young married man who was to be slaughtered in retribution for an escaped prisoner. In August 1941 Father Kolbe died by lethal carbonic acid injection after starvation at Auschwitz; his body was burned in the ovens.

On October 17, 1971 Blessed Maximilian Kolbe was beatified by Pope Paul VI. At St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe's Canonization in 1982 Pope John Paul II stated that "Kolbe is the patron saint of our difficult century."

St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe is the Patron of drug addiction, drug addicts, families, imprisoned people, journalists, political prisoners, prisoners, and the pro-life movement.

His writings included: A Rule of Life for Those Consecrated to the Immaculate Virgin.

Quotes: "Courage, my sons, don't you see that we are leaving on a mission. They pay our fare in the bargain. What a piece of good luck! The thing to do now is to pray well in order to win as many souls as possible. Let us, then, tell the Blessed Virgin that we are content, and that she can do with us anything she wishes."

~ Saint Maximilian Kolbe, OFM Conv.

### 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**  
**8140 Madrillon Court**  
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Or by using PayPal on our fraternity website at [http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/common\\_fund/](http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/common_fund/)

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Calendar

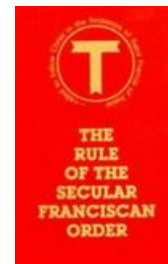
### At the Friary

**Chapel Open Daily**  
**Noon Mass every day**

From 9 AM – 5 PM

**For more Information call:**  
**410 531-2800**

### General Constitutions of the Secular Franciscan Order



**December 8, 2000**

### The Form of Life Article 14

1. Aware that God wanted to make of us all a single people and that he made his Church the universal sacrament of salvation, the brothers and sisters should commit themselves to a faith-inspired reflection on the Church, its mission in today's world and the role of the Franciscan laity within it. They should take up the challenges and accept the responsibilities that this reflection will lead them to discover.