

ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO FRATERNITY

Gathering – November 16, 2014

Ministers Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Francis and Clare,

Our Gathering this month will start at 3:30 pm instead of 1:00 pm. At 3:30 we will have a short social and will go to the chapel at 4pm for a Mass in honor of our deceased brothers and sisters. **This Mass will fulfill our Sunday obligation.** Please make every effort to attend.

Our Mass will include a candle lighting ceremony for deceased Secular Franciscans and Spiritual Assistance. During the Prayer of the Faithful we will have the opportunity to ask for prayers for relatives and friends.

Those in remembrance are: 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, Bob Lewis, SFO, Jean Manning, OFS, Yvonne Proch, SFO, Betty Taylor, SFO, Bud Tenley, SFO, Regina Yeager, SFO, Dorothy Zalewski, SFO

Spiritual Assistance: Fr. Cronin Cantlon, OFM Conv., Fr. Jim Elliott, OFM Conv., Fr. Larry Kubera, OFM Conv.

“Death was not something that simply “happened” to Francis, but a human reality that the saint of Assisi embraced as his sister.

Saint Francis saw Sister Death as a natural part of life which we transition to continue our life with God. It was sad for him to say goodbye, but he was ready. Francis’s understanding of death within the context of God’s creation was a capstone discovery that completed a lifelong process of conversion and seeking God. And at the center of his ability to make peace with his own mortality was his fraternal worldview of creation. Today, this fraternal worldview serves as a lens through which we too can look at death and embrace its presence as a constitutive component of creation that is part of God’s plan.”

- *FrancisCorps and Daniel P. Horan, OFM*

On December 6th and 7th, 7:30PM the Shrine will once again host Greccio - Living Nativity, to commemorate the Birth of Jesus in the manner of St. Francis of Assisi in the little town of Greccio, Italy. Secular Franciscans attending either Saturday or Sunday events are being asked to bring two dozen cookies. *Your Fraternity Council*

Letter from Our Spiritual Assistant – Br. Lawrence LaFlame, OFM. Conv.

In our society today the month of November has become a month where we stop to give thanks. As Catholics we have a double thanks to give.

As the month that begins with two holy days (All Saints and All Souls) we are reminded to thank those who have gone before us for their interactions with us – both from when we knew of them or knew them in person here on earth; and now as they intercede for us before God in heaven. Sometimes we need to think of what they mean to us, but we also should reflect on what we might mean to them. Our interaction with those who have gone before us is always a two-way interaction, just as those actions are with those we encounter every day now, today.

The Flyer



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Memorial Mass



Our Fraternity will remember our deceased members and loved ones during a special Memorial Mass at this months gathering.



Please Pray For ...

- Connie Baker**, OFS
- Donna Duncan**, OFS
- Marlene Feaga**, OFS
- Mary Ferrara**, OFS
- Joy Kubricky**, OFS
- Marie Lindung**, OFS
- Jim Manning**, OFS
- Georgianna Papazian**, OFS
- Nancy Seaton**, OFS
- Jim Tebo**, OFS



OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

- Frances Bastress**, SFO
- Joe Bezila**, SFO
- Jerry Cichowicz**, SFO
- Shirley Costello**, OFS
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Lest we think that All Saints is somewhat different from All Souls the thought comes to my mind of all those people who have recently told me that they saw (and perhaps interacted) with John Paul II or John XXIII. Recently a confrere of mine passed away who had been received into the Order by St. Maximilian Kolbe back in the 30s. Wow! We interact with them or hear those who have told us the stories of them that will never be told in biographies and for this we are truly blessed.

In addition to the thanks we give as Catholics, in our own country we are also called to give thanks. We call it Thanksgiving Day. I want to remind myself and everyone whom I meet that it is a day set apart for us to give thanks for our blessings as a nation. Yet I also want to point out two things that have seemed to go to the wayside in recent times. First, it is more than the “traditional” kick-off to the Christmas season (as well as kick-offs of a day of football). There is a whole season that we have to go through still before Christmas and that is Advent. Advent in no way is a season for preparation for our earthly celebration of Christmas, rather it is a celebration of what is in the past and a anticipation what is to come in the future concerning our salvation. This will be the theme of the Advent Day of Prayer on 13 December where I shall speak here at the Shrine on both of these elements of Advent. But I would like to say something here of the of the second point concerning Thanksgiving as it should relate to us which, I fear, may have been lost by many. When one gives thanks it is not a generic thing in some way, for to give thanks means “to give thanks to” and in our case it is a giving of thanks to God for what he has given to us as a country. Let us never forget that most important element for there is no giving of thanks without it being addressed to someone. It is not our nation that has given us things for which we give thanks, instead we give thanks to God who has given us things as a nation that have been then passed on to us. When we look at Thanksgiving as “Turkey Day” or “a day of football or Santa Claus parades” we have missed the entire point of the day. Let us always come to see this day as a day of thanks to God first and foremost and look upon the gifts we have (for everything is God’s gift) as a blessing from God.

Finally, on a personal note, please allow me to express my thanks to each of you for our interactions throughout the year. All of you as well as the Fraternity at large has been truly a blessing and a gift from God to me, and for that I thank God and I thank each of you, today, tomorrow, Thanksgiving day and on into the future that God has for each and every one of us.

Peace and good, Br. Lawrence

Upcoming Event

Our Next Book Sharing Meeting – All Are Welcome

Date: Saturday, December 6 - 1:30pm (social) 2:00pm ~ 4:00pm

Place: Geri Flynn’s home: 5072 Bucket Post Court, Columbia
Tel. 410 730-4395

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

Chapters: "Secrets of a Faithful Love" - Page 108

"Woman" - Page 109

"Little Lamb" - Page 110



Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance:	\$ 819.71
Income	429.00
Total	\$1248.71
Expenses:	
Franciscan Friars	100.00
Brother Lawrence	50.00
Website Fee	15.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 165.00
Ending Balance:	\$ 1083.71

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November Birthdays



Lorie Chase, OFS 11/05
Sherry Lewis, OFS 11/15



Remembering Your Profession

Claudette Lucas, OFS 11/10/11
Sheila Solomon, OFS 11/11/01
Lita Maisel, OFS 11/16/97
Mike Radcliffe, OFS 11/16/97

Franciscan Youth

On Oct. 16th, 2014, the first meeting sponsored by the St. Margaret of Cortona region for young adults was held at the Shrine of St. Anthony. Speaking to the gathering of about 10 young adult were representatives from the Franciscan Earth Corps (Rhett Engelking), Franciscan Mission Service (Bridget Higgenbotham), and Franciscan Volunteer Ministry (Katie Sullivan). All of the presenters were young adults who told those present of the many ways that Franciscans serve those in need, both at home and abroad. From short term service projects to longer term immersion experiences, the Franciscans have place for them to use their youthful energy.

A couple of the young adults have stepped up to start a leadership team that will work on future events, by and for young adults. I am looking forward to a growing number of young adults being introduced to the Franciscan message of living out the Gospel in their daily lives.

Bridget Higgenbotham of FMS presents to the crowd.



Two days earlier, on Oct. 14th, the Franciscan Earth Corps led a group of about 15 Hood College (Frederick, MD) students on a one day experience at the Catholic Worker House and then to the Garden at the Franciscan Monastery, both in Washington, D.C. There was a lot of positive response to this trip Comments from Beth O'Malley (Campus Minister at Hood) include the following:

"Wanted you to know we had a good experience in DC with the Franciscan Earth Corps. Thank you for helping us to connect and offer our support for the Catholic Worker community in NE DC and the monastery."

"We would like to thank you, and the Dorothy Day Catholic Workers, for being such gracious hosts to our Hood College students and chaperones. When students get an opportunity to experience the deeds that go along with catchy phrases like "environmental justice" and "urban sustainability", the concepts come alive. Even a day of volunteering can change how people see the world!"

This appears to be the start of a good working relationship between the FEC and the Hood College community. I am also working with the local Catholic church to help rebuild outreach to the Catholic students at Hood. Keep us in prayer! - Harry Ford, OFS

Sacred Art and Conversation at the National Gallery in Washington
<http://www.nga.gov/content/ngaweb/exhibitions/2014/el-greco-400-anniversary.html>

When: Saturday November 22nd, 10 am

All are welcome to tour two stellar exhibits on view at the National Gallery's West Wing.

We will meet at 10 am at the Fountain under the Rotunda inside the West Building. The fountain is just beyond the security desk and is easily accessible from the museum entrance facing the National Mall.

We will join together to see the work of American master Andrew Wyeth in an exhibition of his works depicting windows, doors and light.

While not obviously religious in theme, there is in his painting a reverent stillness and serenity as he celebrates the illumination of landscape and interior spaces and with the everyday miracle of sunlight. The connections of light in darkness, however, are many.

We will also view the exhibition of the painting of El Greco. This painter from Crete, trained initially as an icon painter, composed some of the most daring and dynamic religious paintings of 16th century Spain. He also addresses the theme of light especially as the light of holiness radiates from within his sacred subjects.

The encounter with and reverence for Beauty is one of the characteristics of Franciscan spirituality. These works as well as many others on view at the National Gallery allow us to be fed and nourished in our vocation.

After our tour we will have the opportunity for lunch and table fellowship at the Café onsite at the Gallery.

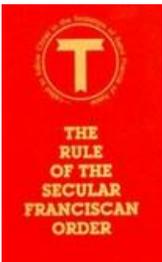
For questions please contact Patrick Caughy at ptcaughy@hotmail.com

OUR GATHERINGS – Active members should make every attempt to attend our Gathering every month. If you are unable to attend due to illness, work or family obligations, please contact a council member (see page one for telephone numbers). If you are professed and miss a gathering, please send your check for the Common Fund to:

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	<i>Calendar</i>
Fall Festival at the Shrine of St. Anthony November 29th 1:00pm - 5:00pm	
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Greccio December 6, 2014 December 7, 2014 7:30pm - 9:00pm	



Rule 3 of the Secular Franciscan Order

The present rule, succeeding "Memoriale Propositi" (1221) and the rules approved by the Supreme Pontiffs Nicholas IV and Leo XIII, adapts the Secular Franciscan Order to the needs and expectations of the Holy Church in the conditions of changing times. Its interpretation belongs to the Holy See and its application will be made by the General Constitutions and particular statutes.

Food for Thought: "If faith is to be strong and healthy, it must be constantly nourished by the Word of God." – **Pope Francis**