

ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO FRATERNITY
2018 Theme for the Year "Living Our Charism Within Our Culture"
Mass for our Deceased Sisters and Brothers – November 18, 2018

Be solicitous to make your elections permanent

ACTING MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone,

This month we will remember our deceased brothers and sisters with a Mass at 3 PM in the chapel. We will also remember one of our fraternity founders, Jim Manning, who recently passed.

The year is rapidly coming to a close and next month will be our annual Christmas party. More details to follow at a later date.

Pax et Bonum,
Ed Burgee, OFS

A Message from our Vice Minister

Our Christmas Party will be held On Dec 16th from 1PM-3PM.

We ask for pot luck contributions for appetizers, salads, main entrees and desserts.

Please call Geri Flynn at 410-707-1060 before December 1st with the dish you intend to bring.

Your contribution will be most appreciated!

Many thanks
Geri Flynn, OFS

FRANCISCAN CENTER GIVING

Don't forget to bring your donated items to this month's gathering, please pick from below:

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

Your donations are tax deductible.

The Flyer



**Our Fraternity Council
2016 - 2019**

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November 18, 2018
Mass in
Remembrance of our
Deceased Sisters and
Brothers



December 16 – Christmas Party
January 20 – Extraction of Saints

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
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 Marilyn Gilson, SFO
 Richard Hall, SFO
 Joy Kubricky, OFS
 Frances Langbehn, SFO
 Bob Lewis, SFO
 Jean Manning, OFS
 Jim Manning, OFS
 Yvonne Proch, SFO
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 Don Sweitzer, OFS
 Betty Taylor, SFO
 Bud Tenley, SFO
 Regina Yeager, SFO
 Dorothy Zalewski, SFO

Book Sharing

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 if space at the Shrine is available. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy good conversation!

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 51. "Inequity affects not only individuals but entire countries; it compels us to consider an ethics of international relations. A true "ecological debt" exists, particularly between the global north and south, connected to commercial imbalances with effects on the environment, and the disproportionate use of natural resources by certain countries over long periods of time. The export of raw materials to satisfy markets in the industrialized north has caused harm locally, as for example in mercury pollution in gold mining or sulphur dioxide pollution in copper mining. There is a pressing need to calculate the use of environmental space throughout the world for depositing gas residues which have been accumulating for two centuries and have created a situation which currently affects all the countries of the world. The warming caused by huge consumption on the part of some rich countries has repercussions on the poorest areas of the world, especially Africa, where a rise in temperature, together with drought, has proved devastating for farming. There is also the damage caused by the export of solid waste and toxic liquids to developing countries, and by the pollution produced by companies which operate in less developed countries in ways they could never do at home, in the countries in which they raise their capital: "We note that often the businesses which operate this way are multinationals. They do here what they would never do in developed countries or the so-called first world. Generally, after ceasing their activity and withdrawing, they leave behind great human and environmental liabilities such as unemployment, abandoned towns, the depletion of natural reserves, deforestation, the impoverishment of agriculture and local stock breeding, open pits, riven hills, polluted rivers and a handful of social works which are no longer sustainable."

~ Pope Francis



Treasurer's Report

October – 2018

Beginning Balance:	\$ 1,666.91
Common Fund	<u>758.00</u>

Total	\$ 2,424.91
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Expenses:

Brother Lawrence	100.00
Franciscan Friars	100.00
Picnic Expenses	191.35
Profession Celebration	411.44
Web & Office	<u>28.39</u>
Total	\$ 831.18

Ending Balance:	<u>\$ 1,593.73</u>
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Thank you for your monthly contributions

Contributions are tax deductible

November Birthdays



Lorie Chase, OFS	11/05
Sherry Lewis, OFS	11/15
Barbara Levasseur, OFS	11/17
Alice Umugiraneza, OFS	11/20



Remembering Your Profession

Richard Scott, OFS	11/07/82
Claudette Lucas, OFS	11/10/11
Maisel Lita, OFS	11/16/97
Michael Radcliffe, OFS	11/16/97

Why We Should Give Thanks

Following is a list of reasons why our heart should be abounding in thanksgiving. It is our duty, but also our privilege to thank God! This list will limit itself to spiritual gifts from the “Giver of all good Gifts”.

1. **FAITH IN GOD.** When it comes to your faith, do not take it for granted; rather, be thankful for it and cultivate it, as the seed planted and nourished.
2. **PRAYER.** If you pray, give thanks! This too is a gift coming from “The Gift of Gifts” the Holy Spirit who actually teaches us to pray. “We do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Holy Spirit, intercedes with ineffable groans so that we can say, Abba, Father.” (Romans 8). Many do not pray and consequently suffer sadness, confusion and aimlessness in life.
3. **GUARDIAN ANGEL.** A constant friend at your side. Give thanks to God for His gift of friendship, talk to him and thank him for having inspired you with holy thoughts and saved you from many dangerous spiritual pitfalls.
4. **DIVINE MERCY.** Despite your many failures, God has forgiven you as He forgave the Prodigal Son. God’s mercy, His greatest attribute— Lord I thank you and I praise you for such a wonderful gift.
5. **SAINTS.** There is a wonderful crowd of heavenly friends that are waiting for your prayers from heaven and longing to see you advance in friendship with God. Your prayer to them fills them with joy and results in your receiving added graces on earth to arrive safely home to heaven.
6. **PATRON SAINT!** In a very special manner, due to your parent’s choice, you have a very special friend—he is your patron saint. Look them up. Read on their life!. Underline the three virtues he or she practiced. Ask for his intercession to overcome in you that which is most displeasing to God. The intercession of your patron saint is powerful before the throne of God!
7. **BIBLE: GOD’S WORD OF TRUTH.** What songs of gratitude should explode from our hearts knowing that we have the “Word of Truth”, the Bible, and can read, meditate, assimilate and live it all the days of our lives.
8. **BLESSED SACRAMENT.** “Really Present” in even the most humble church in the world is the Blessed Sacrament. The Blessed Sacrament is truly Jesus, the “King of Kings and the Lord of Lords” and He is waiting for His friend— you— to visit Him and thank Him for all that He has so generously given to you. Just go to your closest church and there He is waiting!
9. **HOLY MASS.** Every day of the year and every hour throughout the world the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is being offered by the priest to God the Father for the forgiveness of sins, conversion of sinners and for the salvation of the entire world. Your gratitude should manifest itself by your assistance in Mass, participation and reception of Holy Communion. Remember that Mass “Eucharist” means “Thanksgiving”. No greater gift in the world than God Himself, descending from heaven to earth to abide in the human heart. All this becomes a reality in Holy Mass and in the reception of Holy Communion!

10. MARY: MOTHER OF GOD, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH, MY MOTHER.

In the prayer “The Hail Holy Queen” we invoke Mary the Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope...” In the midst of the stormy, dark, uncertain sea that we live in, we can always look up and see Mary, the Star of the Sea pointing the way to the eternal shore of salvation.

In sum, let us cultivate an attitude of gratitude. Let us give thanks to God at all times, in all occasions, and with all people. God rejoices in the heart that constantly is beating: “Thank you Lord DEO GRATIAS!!! - By Fr. Ed Broom, OMV



OFS-USA NATIONAL CHAPTER 2018 STATEMENT

We, the members of the National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order - USA, gathered for our annual Chapter at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel in Missouri, October 9-14, 2018. Approximately 90 leaders and observers were present, representing over 12,000 members throughout the United States, including Guam.

The recent Grand Jury report in Pennsylvania is a cause of sorrow, pain and agonizing self-scrutiny for the Catholic Church in the United States. We recognize the tragic reality of sinful abuse perpetrated on the most vulnerable. It deeply saddens all of us. We stand firm and make no excuses. The brothers and sisters of the Secular Franciscan Order extend mercy and compassion to the victims of abuse and to their abusers. Trusting in God who allows the good seed and the weeds to grow together (Mt. 13: 24-30), we pray for healing, forgiveness, reconciliation and peace.

More than 800 years ago, our Lord asked St. Francis of Assisi to “rebuild my Church which is falling into ruin.” Francis accomplished this by living a life of penance and sacrifice according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As followers of St. Francis, we commit ourselves to do the same. We call the members of our Order and invite all people of faith to be vigilant for the sake of the vulnerable and to foster strong relationships throughout the Body of Christ. We support the clergy and religious who serve Christ Jesus and His Church. Let us go forth in the Light of Christ to rebuild our Church, that it may be renewed as a beacon of hope and safe refuge, grace and truth.

OUR GATHERINGS

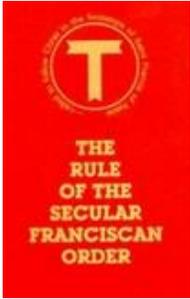
All should make every effort to attend our gathering every month. If you are unable to attend due to illness, work or family obligations, contact a council member (see page 1 for telephone numbers). If you are a candidate or are professed and miss a gathering, please send your check for the Common Fund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

Michael Radcliffe, OFS
8140 Madrillon Court
Vienna, Virginia 22182

Or by using PayPal on our fraternity website at http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/common_fund/

	<i>Calendar</i>
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**

4. The brothers and sisters as well as the fraternities should adhere to the indications of the Ritual with respect to the different forms of participating in the liturgical prayer of the Church, giving priority to the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours.