

ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO FRATERNITY
2018 Theme for the Year "Living Our Charism Within Our Culture"
Picnic – September 16, 2018

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Fraternity Picnic at the Shrine of St. Anthony

Our annual picnic is coming up on September 16, 2018. We are looking forward to having a good time and enjoying good food and fellowship. I am sure that, weather permitting, we shall enjoy all of the above. Ed Burgee, OFS

Below is a message from our Food Coordinator, Mary Karth, OFS:

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity will have it's annual picnic on Sunday, September 16th from 1pm to 4pm.

This year we will celebrate on the grounds under the pine trees behind the chapel entrance.

This picnic will be our September Gathering.

Please sign up using the Sign-Up Genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4eaea72fa4fe3-annual2>

or

contact Mary Karth at rosariesbymar@comcast.net

301 514-5717

no later than September 4th.

We are asking attendees to bring one of the following items:

Main Dishes

(NO electrical source will be available for heating)

Side & Salad Dishes

(cold dishes: e.g., macaroni, potato, bean or veggie salad)

Desserts - all sorts (YUM!)

Chips - yes, oh yes chips!

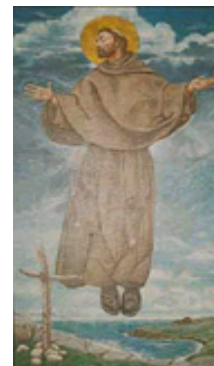
Drinks – soda, ice tea, lemonade, Gatorade, both regular and diet

We are also looking for volunteers to help set up, starting at 9 am on the day of the picnic and for volunteers to clean up, which takes about an hour if several people volunteer.

Please mark all bowls and utensils with your name and make sure you take the containers and utensils home with you, as well as whatever that is not eaten must go back home with you. The fraternity is not responsible for items left behind after clean-up.

Thank you for participating in this wonderful fraternity event.

The Flyer



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2016 - 2019**

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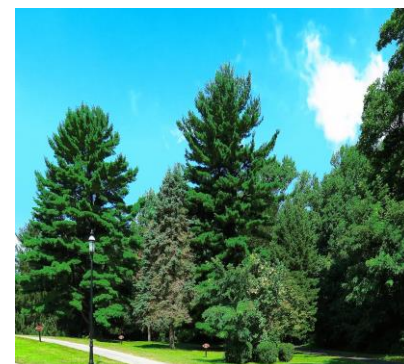
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Picnic Area





ACTING MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone. May the Peace of Christ be with you.

Due to the recent escalation of the sex scandal within the Church, I feel that subject needs to be addressed and what we as Franciscans can do about it.

Recently two messages from our Regional Minister, Bob Longo, were received and forwarded to our fraternity membership that contain excellent ways in which we can respond to this crisis. One is from our National Minister, Jan Parker, and the other is a short video from Bishop Robert Barron, "Why Remain Catholic" (<http://saintmargaretof cortona.org/videos/>). I encourage you to save and frequently review these messages.

Jan tells us that we should face the truth of the matter and not make excuses for those who are guilty. We need to listen to those who feel abandoned and betrayed by the Church hierarchy; not just the victims but all who are hurting. Listen to them without judging or trying to immediately heal. We need to accept them all as a gift of the Lord and an image of Christ as Article 13 of our Rule tells us. We need to support the vast number of our brothers and sisters who are faithfully serving the Church but have become "guilty by association" due to this tragedy.

We as Franciscans have an excellent opportunity to follow in the footsteps of our founder and rebuild the Church as he did. Bishop Barron's video "Why Remain Catholic" gives us several ways to do that.

Many people have left the Church over the years for any number of reasons and more are now because of this scandal. Instead of running away, Bishop Barron exhorts us to fight for the Church we believe in and set things right. We need to speak out, write letters, organize our fellow Catholics, make people accountable, and attend Mass, not stay away!

Remember, we are to be out in the world, standing out from the crowd, and doing what we can to make a difference. We are told to preach the Gospel at all times and use words when necessary. Now, words as well as actions are necessary.

Even though many of our leaders have failed and betrayed us, the Church still stands. The late Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen spoke of four periods within the history of the Church when things looked bleak. The first was at the fall of the Roman Empire when Barbarians overran Europe. The second was in 1054 when the Eastern and Western Churches split. The third began in 1517 with the Protestant Reformation, and the fourth in recent decades.

Following the first three periods, the Church rebounded and flourished. Matthew 16 tells us that the "Gates of Hell shall not prevail against it". So, with faith, I have no doubt that in time, the Church will rebound and once again become the Light of the World.

Take heart and let's get to work!

Pax et Bonum,
Ed Burgee, OFS

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
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Dorothy Zalewski, SFO



Treasurer's Report

August – 2018

Beginning Balance:	\$ 2,455.99
Common Fund	477.18
Total	\$ 2,933.17

Expenses:	
Brother Lawrence	100.00
Franciscan Friars	100.00
Fair Share – 2nd half	870.00
Web fee	15.00
Total	\$ 1,085.00

Ending balance: **\$ 1,848.17**

Thank you for your monthly contributions

Contributions are tax deductible

September Birthdays



Bill Siefken, OFS	09/06
Pat Frederick, OFS	09/22
Mike King, OFS	09/22
Melissa	
Reed-Konigsdorffer, OFS	09/24
Jean Singleton, OFS	09/28



Remembering Your Profession

Gerry Pinkas, OFS 39 yrs.	09/16/79
Mary Karth, OFS 6 yrs.	09/23/12

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 49 “It needs to be said that, generally speaking, there is little in the way of clear awareness of problems which especially affect the excluded. Yet they are the majority of the planet’s population, billions of people. These days, they are mentioned in international political and economic discussions, but one often has the impression that their problems are brought up as an afterthought, a question which gets added almost out of duty or in a tangential way, if not treated merely as collateral damage. Indeed, when all is said and done, they frequently remain at the bottom of the pile. This is due partly to the fact that many professionals, opinion makers, communications media and centers of power, being located in affluent urban areas, are far removed from the poor, with little direct contact with their problems. They live and reason from the comfortable position of a high level of development and a quality of life well beyond the reach of the majority of the world’s population. This lack of physical contact and encounter, encouraged at times by the disintegration of our cities, can lead to a numbing of conscience and to tendentious analyses which neglect parts of reality. At times this attitude exists side by side with a “green” rhetoric. Today, however, we have to realize that a true ecological approach *always* becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear *both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.*”

~ 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.

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!



OCTOBER 3RD – TRANSITUS CELEBRATION 7:15 PM
AT THE SHRINE OF ST. ANTHONY

October 21 - Profession

November 18 – Mass for our deceased Sister and Brothers

December 16 – Christmas Party

January 20 – Extraction of Saints

The Pope: "Each of us has a responsibility for the future of our planet"

"We follow Saint Francis as an example par excellence of care for what is weak and of an integral ecology, lived with joy and authenticity. For Francis, every contact with people and concrete things became an encounter with the Creator. From his faith in God derived his mission for justice, for peace and respect for creation." Pope Francis told the entrepreneurs participating in a meeting on the occasion of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Pope received them at the Vatican.

Pope Francis, after spreading his message for the World Day for Creation established by him, still emphasizes: "Each of us has a responsibility for others and for the future of our planet. Similarly, the economy must serve man, not exploit it and rob it of its resources. Today we are called to make use of the possibilities that technology makes available to us, with a good use of resources, helping in particular the countries most affected by poverty and degradation to take the path of renewal and sustainable and integral development".

"My hope is that the men and women of our time, recognizing all sons and daughters of the Father and Creator who is in heaven, contribute ever more and more concretely so that everyone can share the precious resources of land". (Aci Stampa).

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/

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 **Calendar**

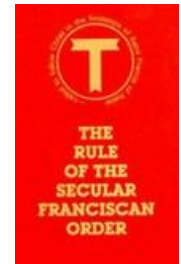
At the Friary

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**

2. Rule 8. The Eucharist is the center of the life of the Church. Christ unites us to himself and to one another as a single body in it. Therefore, the Eucharist should be the center of the life of the fraternity. The brothers and sisters should participate in the Eucharist as frequently as possible, being mindful of the respect and love shown by Francis, who, in the Eucharist, lived all the mysteries of the life of Christ.