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Gathering: Thursday, April 9, 2015
beginning at 7:30 PM with Evening Prayer

This Month:

WE WILL CONTINUE OUR STUDY OF THE CONSTITUTIONS:

PLEASE READ ARTICLE 16 / LEAN, POR FAVOR, EL ARTÍCULO 16, PÁGINA 73.
Tony Buda, Migdania Polanco and Natale Tumminia will speak about how the Blessed Mother has influenced their lives as Secular Franciscans.

Closing Prayer: Eileen Ferrara

Sweet Reminder: Mimma LoMuscio & Adelina Marino

PLEASE SEE TONY BUDA TO MAKE A DONATION TOWARD FAIR SHARE.***
(FULL OR PARTIAL; FOR YOURSELF OR TO HELP SOMEONE ELSE)

Baby Shower for Birthright and Several Sources begins this month!

HEALTH AND WELFARE: Karen Ferrari and Fam.; Mary Berrillo; Ramona Torres; Marie Sortino; Maria Terranova; Virginia Franco; Alice LeForest; Josephine Gebbia; Adelina Marino; Polanco Family; Eileen Ferrara; Pat Moclair; Anna Licamelli; Lucy Stamilla

Special intentions F. Cavallo. M. Sortino, Tumminia Family, J. Coralluzzo & T. Gassenheimer; K. Ferrari; Pat Moclair

Family Members: Marguerite Philips; Eddie Nash; Liz Cox; Joseph Stamilla; Michael Ferrari; David Ferrari; Ed McManus; Fr. Sylvester; Chelsea Rose Ferrara; Licamelli Family; Mimmi Parente; Patricia Davis; Fr. Damian Colicchio; Vincenzo Quasarano; Rosangela Tumminia; Fr. Pius; LoBue Family; Kathleen McGee; Carmela Schymanski; Monica & José Roman; Benedita Tineo; José Tineo; Joe Annarumma; Baby Ryan LoMuscio; Stefani Pedone; Joe Savoia; Sara Tripodi; Karen (Lucy's niece); Mariano Ortiz (Migdania's brother); Gaetana Licamelli; Frank DeLorenzo.

Repose of the souls of:

Treasurer's Report

<p>Common Fund \$ 1310.69 Balance + 258.00 * Income \$ 1568.69 -85.62 **Expenses \$ 1483.07</p> <p>*Fair Share contributions & C. Fund **reimbursements</p>	<p>Good and Welfare \$55.50 + 30 = \$85.50</p>	<p>***Fair Share: \$565.75 paid \$565.75 still owed</p> <p>Collected so far: \$339.50 + \$219 = \$558.50 <u>In order to break even, we need another \$573 in donations toward Fair Share</u></p>
<p>Spiritual Life Fund Bal: \$100</p>		

STATUE OF OUR LADY: Apr. Mimma, **May** Teresa; **Jun.** Adelina; **Jul.** Karen; **Aug.** Polancos; **Sept.** Frank; **Oct.** Budas; **Nov.** Cono; **Dec.** Joe

BIRTHDAYS: April 8: Jean Kohler; **20:** Fr. Anthony; **May 8:** Ramona Torres; **10:** Teresa Iozzia; **10:** Fr. Sylvester; **23:** Mimma LoMuscio; **26:** Pius Franco

Correspondence: Thank you received for our donation to the St. Joseph Table

Apostolate of Prayer: Please pray for those on the **PRAYER LIST** and for their intentions.

Mark Your Calendar:

April 25: Convivenza—Holy Name Parish W. 96th St. Manhattan. Theme: The Joy of the Gospel North Jersey Cluster: May 30th in Hackensack. We have been asked to host!

July 31-August 2: Region Retreat at Mt. Alvernia in Wappingers Falls. \$175.00 per person. Application available at this month's gathering and on Region website!

Council Members: **Next Council Meeting: April 27, 2015**

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- Onesies
 - Undershirts
 - Towel sets
 - Bibs
 - Bottles with nipples
 - Diapers-- (all sizes)
 - Socks, Sweater sets
 - Shampoo
 - Baby Wipes, Powder,
 - A & D ointment
 - Toddler outfits

Small Toiletries are still needed for the shelter in Hackensack.



Apostolate of Prayer list April, 2015

All persecuted Christians	Ebola victims & Workers	Mary Ann Lenzi	Padre Pio Pr. Grps. Int.	Fr. Sylvester
Rose Ascolese	John Faccione	Anna Licamelli	Stefani Pedone	Syrian Christians
Aubrey	Edwin Fehrs.	Gaetana Licamelli	Maria Pedreiro	Tau Cross Region (all ints.)
BARBIERI, Buda, Scordo FAMILY INTS.	FB friends	Licamelli Family Intentions	Josephine Pedulla..	Maria Terranova
Buddy Bauer	Karen Ferrari (sp. int.)	Mark & Ondine Llewytin.	Marguerite Phillips	Colin Then..
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	FERRARI FAM. INTENTIONS	LoBue family	Virginia Pichon.	Greg Thweatt..
Anne Bernardi.	Bob Fitzsimmons	Rosemary LoCascio	Ron Pihokker	Benedita Tineo
Zoila Blacio	Flora's intentions	Baby Ryan LoMuscio	POOR CLARE prayer list	Toni
Pete Blake.	Robert Fox..	Dolly M.	PRIESTS, FRIARS & SISTERS	Ramona Torres
BLESSING BOARD INTS.	Jeff & Katherine Fracke Fam.	Madden & Tillson	PUBLIC FIGURES	Silvio & Rachel Travia Family.
Dallas Boushey..	Pope Francis	Carl and Kathy Magnifico	Vincenzo Quasarano	Sara Tripodi
BOYCE FAMILY INTS.	Virginia Franco	Julio Magnifico	Regina Pacis (all ints.)	William Turner Family.
BROS. & SISTS. OF PRAYER	FRAZZA FAMILY INTS.	Mary Mantineo	Ada Rivera's intentions	Uganda
Bruiser	Bro. Freddy and Formation class	MARIE'S PRAYER INTS.	Monica, José & Baby Roman	Gerard & Ruth Villemaire.
Dolores Bruno..	Fr. Peter Funesti	Jackie Marlow.	Keith Roy.	Lois Viola
Carmela Barbieri Buda.	Anne Gadoury	McManus Family	+Morris Russo	Bill & Carmel Watson Fam..
Silvio Buda Family.	Frank Gallitano	+Anne McQuade	Sabrina's Sp. ints.	Barbara Robb Whalen..
+Mike Burke	Trudy Gassenheimer (sp. int.)	Shirley Meacham.	Baby Sam.	Katherine Wobby.
Joan Carbonneau.	Tom Gentile	Charlie Mechanic.	Ilene & Neil Samuels..	Anna Z.'s sp. intentions
Cathy Champon	GEORGE FAMILY INTS.	Joe Mellone	San Damiano Frat. Ints.	
Angelo & Rose Cincotta..	Vincent & Maria Giambona, Sr. Fam	Br Bruce Michalek, OFM	Ramon Sesin.	
Armand Cittarella.	Linda Griffith	MILITARY: LIVING & DECEASED	Andrew Shontz.	
Paul & Lucille Clapps	Carlos and Rosa Guerrero	Misty's ints.	James & Andrea Smullens Fam..	
Colleen.	Sally Haddad	Arthur "Chip" Mitiguy. \	John & Mary Smythe.	
Joe Coralluzzo's ints.	Nancy Haskell...	Pat Moclair (Sp. Int.)	Bro. Doug Soik	
Liz Cox	Helen's Father	Leonora Mosca	Marie Sortino	
Marguerite Cox	Ralph & Frances Henry..	Mother Seton grp. Ints.	Maya, Cono and baby Spinelli	
Rachele Cuiuli.	Hospital Intentions	MS intentions	SPIRITUAL FIGURES/LEADERS	
Lee D'Arminio	Bill & Rose Ingoglia	Rose & Ed Mulder	Lucy Stamilla	
May D'Arminio	IPRAY INTENTIONS	Bill Mulqueen	St. Anne's Frat. Ints.	
Dave (Helen)	Iraqi and Coptic Christians	NFC	St. Francis Youth	
Deacon Joe's group int.	Joan & Nick	Doug Noble	St. Anthony of Padua Frat Ints	
Deceased OFS members	Deacon Joe's Intentions	James and Lola Norton Fam.	St. Jos. Maint. Dept.	
Development Office Intentions	Kathryn	OLA Region & REC	St. Thomas More Frat. ints.	
Diane (Sp. int.)	Andy Klutkowski	Brian O'Regan.	Leslie Steele	
Dolores's Intentions	Joan Koch	Brian & Lynn Ortale Fam..	Jen Stepanek.	
Dorcas	Mildred Krapels.	Ted O'Shaughnessey.	St. John Vianney intents.	
Doris and Bill	Shawn Leddy	Ralph Padovano	Tara Suplicki	
Marie Dragan	Alice LeForest	PAGE FAMILY INTENTIONS	Donald Sutton.	

Holy Father's Intentions for April 2015

Universal: *Creation*: That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

Evangelization: *Persecuted Christians*: That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.

"Rebuild My Church"



We have heard the message of our Lord and Savior just as St. Francis did while praying in front of the San Damiano Cross.

And so, we Pray:

IN THE NAME OF
THE FATHER, Our Creator,
THE SON, Our Savior,
THE HOLY SPIRIT, Our Sanctifier...

ABBA, FATHER! Thank You for the gift of our life and the wonders of Your creation.

We ask You to inflame the hearts of our brothers and sisters,
especially the young, to "Seek Your Face."

LORD JESUS, You are our Shepherd. We thank You for showing us the way,
for taking up the cross and conquering death.
May we have the grace necessary to take up Your cross

in order to bring back the members of our Catholic family who have strayed from the church.

O HOLY SPIRIT, may we be strengthened by the knowledge that
You will always be with us.

We pray for Our Holy Father, the clergy, religious and lay people.

Inspire and strengthen all of us so that through our prayers, love and sacrifices,
we may be able to reach out to our brothers and sisters and bring them back to the fold.

Only with Your help can we Rebuild Your Church so that, united, we may praise You forever.

We ask all this through the Intercession of our Blessed Mother, St. Francis, St. Clare and all Your Saints. Amen

The Blessed Virgin Mary and the Secular Franciscans

Constitutions: "Mary is the model of fruitful and faithful love for the entire ecclesial community. Secular Franciscans and their fraternities should seek to live the experience of Francis, who made the Virgin the guide of his activity. With her, like the disciples at Pentecost, they should welcome the Spirit to create a community of love." OFS Constitutions: Article 16.1, .2



The Rule: "The Virgin Mary, humble servant of the Lord, was open to his every word and call. She was embraced by Francis with indescribable love and declared the protectress and advocate of his family. The Secular Franciscans should express their ardent love for her by imitating her complete self-giving and by praying earnestly and confidently" Rule, Rule Article 9.

Some quotes from a presentation of the National Formation Commission

- ***"Francis embraced the Mother of our Lord Jesus with indescribable love because, as he said, it was she who made the Lord Jesus our brother, and through her we found mercy. After Christ, he put all his trust in her and took her as his patroness for himself and his friars. In her honor he fasted every year from the feast of Saints Peter and Paul until the Assumption." (Major Life IX, 3. Omnibus, p.699)***
- ***"Toward the Mother of Jesus he was filled with an inexpressible love, because it was she who made the Lord of Majesty our brother. He sang special praises to her, poured out prayers to her, offered her his affections, so many and so great that the tongue of man cannot recount them. But what delights us most, he made her the advocate of the order and placed under her wings the sons he was about to leave that she might cherish them and protect them to the end." (Il Celano 198, Omnibus, p.521), also Writings of Saint Francis 4 Salutation of the Blessed Virgin (p.135); Celano, First Life 24 (248); Legend of the Three companions Ch. V 15 (905); Mirror of Perfection 55 (1177).***
- **Our Rule identifies the qualities we want to emulate that Mary possessed and by which she lived:**
 - Humble servant
 - Openness
 - Complete self-giving
 - Earnest and confident prayer
 - Purity
 - Poverty/Simplicity
 - Obedience