



# The Cord

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**April 14, 2016**

**GATHER IN SCHOOL CAFETERIA AT 7:30 PM**

**Enter Bingo Hall on Holt Street and walk through to the Cafeteria**

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This Month:

*Meditation on Sacred Scripture for the Year of Mercy*  
Sweet Reminder: Eileen and Jim Ferrara  
Closing Prayer: Harry Henky

Please remember **Convivenza this year will be a Pilgrimage for the Year of Mercy**  
The Region will gather at Sacred Heart Church in Wallington at 9:00 AM on Saturday, April 23  
127 Paterson Avenue, Wallington (Directions included with the Cord)

**Baby Shower for Birthright and Several Sources begins this month!**

\*\*\* PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO FAIR SHARE SO THAT WE CAN SEND OUR FINAL PAYMENT!

**HEALTH AND WELFARE:** Karen Ferrari and Fam.; Marguerite Cox; Marie Sortino; Maria Terranova; Virginia Francò; Alice LeForest; Polanco Family; Eileen Ferrara; Anna Licameli

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

**Family Members:** Marguerite Philips; Eddie Nash; Michael Ferrari; David Ferrari; Ed McManus; Fr. Sylvester; Chelsea Rose Ferrara; Licamelli Family; Patricia Davis; Fr. Damian Colicchio; Vincenzo Quasarano; Rosangela Tumminia; Fr. Pius; LoBue Family; Baby Ryan LoMuscio; Stefani Pedone; Joe Savoia; Sara Tripodi; Karen (Lucy's niece); Mariano Ortiz;

**Repose of the Soul of:** Gaetana Licameli—Anna's sister; Tom Bello, OFS (Former National Minister)

### Treasurer's Report

<p><b>Common Fund</b> \$ 1266.09 Balance + 40.00 * Income \$ 1306.09 - 0 Expenses \$ 1306.09 * Fair Share contrib.</p>	<p><b>Good &amp; Welfare</b> \$362.50</p>	<p>***Fair Share 2016-\$40.00 Please make a full or partial contribution to our Fair Share for 2016. Please understand that Fair Share is not "dues." Your contribution helps with the running of the Region and the National Fraternity. It pays for the Troubadour and the TAU and all regional activities! <b>See Rule #25 and Constitutions #30</b></p>
<p><b>Spiritual Life Fund</b> Bal: \$102</p>		

**STATUE OF OUR LADY:** Apr. Mimma L.; May Migdania; June Frank C.; Jul. Tony & Laura; Aug. Domenica P.; Sept. Angie M.; Oct. Cono; Nov. Frank C.; Dec. Joe C.

**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:** Bro. Bruce sends regards and thanks from Vietnam for our prayers. Gene Ciaralli's sister thanks us for our prayers.

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

**Mark Your Calendar:**

April 23rd: **Convivenza—Pilgrimage to the Holy Door in Wallington; We need to know if you will attend.** We **also need your help for hosting duties!**

June 4th—Servant Leadership Workshop;

June 30th to July 4th—Quinquennial in St. Louis;

July 29th to 31st—Regional Retreat

**Council Members: \*\*Council Meeting Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> \*\***

**Formation class will begin at 5:00 PM on April 14th LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED.**

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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, 2016

All persecuted Christians	+Maria Farina	J & M baby	MS intentions	James & Andrea Smullens Fam..
+Mother Angelica	Edwin Fehrs.	+Jimmy Jannucci	Bill Mulqueen (Anne)	John & Mary Smythe.
Anna	Ethan Fehrs.	+Norma Jannucci	NEC	Linda Solis
Anne and Allen Arrabito	FB friends	Joan & Nick	NFC	Marie Sortino
+Concetta Bagnato	SUSAN FELDER, OFS	Jill	Doug Noble	Rick Spana
Buddy Bauer	David Ferrari	Jill	James and Lola Norton Fam.	SPIRITUAL FIGURES/LEADERS
+Deacon Tom Bello, OFS (Judy)	Karen Ferrari (sp. int.)	Deacon Joe's Intentions	OLTA Region & REC	St. Anne's Frat. Ints.
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	FERRARI FAM. INTENTIONS	Sandy Kaiser	Brian O'Regan.	St. Francis Youth
+Ray Berger, OFS	Bob Fitzsimmons	Andy Klutkowski	Brian & Lynn Ortale Fam..	St. Anthony of Padua Frat Ints
Zoila Blacio	Flora's intentions	Shawn Leddy & Family	Ralph Padovano	St. Jos. Maint. Dept.
Pete Blake.	Robert Fox..	Alice LeForest	PAGE FAMILY INTENTIONS	St. Thomas More Frat. ints.
BLESSING BOARD INTS.	Pope Francis	Anna Licamelli	Padre Pio Pr. Grps. Int.	Jen Stepanek.
Bob and Angela	Fr. Francisco, OFM Cap.	Licamelli Family Intentions	Stefani Pedone	St. John Vianney intents.
Dallas Boushey..	Virginia Franco	LoBue family	Maria Pedreiro (family)	Michael Sutton
BOYCE FAMILY INTS.	Franz Family	Rosemary LoCascio	Josephine Pedulla..	Tara Suplicki
BROS. & SISTS. OF PRAYER	Pat Franz	Baby Ryan LoMuscio	Ray Perry	Donald Sutton.
Dolores Bruno..	FRAZZA FAMILY INTS.	Toni LoSquadro	Marguerite Phillips	Fr. Sylvester (& all refugees)
Carmela Barbieri Buda.	Bro. Freddy and Formation class	Dolly M.	Ron Pihokker	Gary T.
Brussels victims	Anne Gadoury	Ron M.	Luis Pomales	Tau Cross Region (all ints.)
Silvio Buda Family.	Frank Gallitano	Madden & Tillson	POOR CLARE prayer list	Maria Terranova
Angelo & Rose Cincotta..	Trudy Gassenheimer (sp. int.)	Carl and Kathy Magnifico	PRIESTS, FRIARS & SISTERS	Greg Thweatt..
Paul & Lucille Clapps	Genaro and Alicia	Julio Magnifico	PUBLIC FIGURES	Ramona Torres
Fr. Damian Colicchio	Carol Gentile	Ed Malin	Q committee	Travers Family
Colleen.	Tom Gentile	Dennis Mankin (John)	+Bro. John Quinn, OFM	Silvio & Rachel Travia Family.
Joe Coralluzzo's ints.	GEORGE FAMILY INTS.	Deacon Joe Mantineo	Enzo Ragucci	Sara Tripodi
Marguerite Cox	Vincent & Maria Giambona, Sr. Fam..	MARIE'S PRAYER INTS.	Regina Pacis (all ints.)	William Turner Family.
Helen D.	Greg and Lois	Jackie Marlow.	Region sp. Int.	Willie Velez
Lee D'Arminio	Linda Griffith	Steven McManus	Ada Rivera's intentions	Victims of terrorism
May D'Arminio	Carlos and Rosa Guerrero	Shirley Meacham.	Tom Rotundi (Geraldine)	Gerard & Ruth Villemaire.
Dave (Helen)	Sally Haddad	Charlie Mechanic.	Keith Roy.	Lois Viola
Deacon Joe's group int.	Nancy Haskell..	Jeff Melillo	Pat Ruggiero	Diane Vitale
Debbie's Mom	Helen D. (Family)	Joe Mellone	Baby Sam.	Bill & Carmel Watson Fam.
Development Office Intentions	Rosemarie Henky	Theresa Mellone	Ilene & Neil Samuels..	Barbara Robb Whalen..
Diane (Sp. int.)	Ralph & Frances Henry..	Robert Menditto	San Damiano Frat. Ints.	Katherine Wobby.
Divine Mercy Fraternity Ints.	the Homeless & the Lonely	Middle eastern Christians	Lyn Scheuring	Anna Z.'s sp. intentions
Dolores's Intentions	Hospital Intentions	MILITARY: LIVING & DECEASED	Pino Scordo.	Charlie Zoccoli
Dorcas	Rose Ingoglia	Misty's ints.	Ramon Sesin.	
Doris and Bill	IPRAY INTENTIONS	Pat Moclair ( Sp. Int.)	Andrew Shontz.	
Marie Dragan	Iraqi and Coptic Christians	Mother Seton grp. Ints.	+Amed Simeon	

### Holy Father's Intentions for April, 2016

**Universal: Small Farmers:** That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor.

**Evangelization: African Christians:** That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.

### "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

## **Sacred Scripture and Secular Franciscans**

### **Rule Article 4**

The rule and life of the Secular Franciscans is this: to observe the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by following the example of Saint Francis of Assisi, who made Christ the inspiration and the center of his life with God and people. Christ, the gift of the Father's love, is the way to him, the truth into which the Holy Spirit leads us, and the life which he has come to give abundantly.

*Secular Franciscans should devote themselves especially to careful reading of the gospel, going from gospel to life and life to the gospel.*

### **Constitutions: Article 9.2**

The secular Franciscan, committed to following the example and the teachings of Christ, must personally and assiduously study the Gospel and Sacred Scripture. *The fraternity and its leaders should foster love for the word of the Gospel and help the brothers and sisters to know and understand it* as it is proclaimed by the Church with the assistance of the Spirit.

### **Constitutions: Article 7.2**

The preparation of the brothers and sisters for spreading the Gospel message "in the ordinary circumstances of the world" and for collaborating in the catechesis within the ecclesial communities should be promoted in the fraternities.

### **Constitutions: Article 44.3**

**Ongoing formation** – accomplished by means of courses, gatherings, and the sharing of experience – aims to assist the brothers and sisters: —in listening to and meditating on the Word of God, "going from Gospel to life and from life to Gospel";

Gospel means the Lord Jesus himself. (Lk 2:10; Gal 1:16)

Gospel means the doctrine or teaching of good news. (Mt 24:14)

Gospel means the written book. (Rom 16:25)

Gospel means a program of life. ("Going from gospel to life and life to the gospel.")

**This month we will read together two gospel passages having to do with mercy: The Parable of the Persistent Widow (Luke 18: 1-8) and the Parable of the Rich Official (Luke 12: 13-21).**

**As we read we will follow Lectio Divina (below).**

### **Lectio Divina**

- **Read [*Lectio*] (Read the scripture passage)—We will read the passage aloud.**
- **Reflect [*Meditatio*] (Think about the passage—what words stand out—what is God telling us? We will say the words that strike us out loud—no discussion.)**
- **Respond [*Oratio*] (Allow our hearts to respond to God. This is inspired by our response to the Word of God. We will pray over the Scripture passages in silence.)**
- **Rest [*Contemplatio*] (We put aside our own thoughts and listen with our hearts to the message of the scripture passage. We are gradually transformed by the message. What is our response to God. We will sit quietly for a few moments to reflect on this.)**

**What are your favorite Gospel passages? Please write the references on a slip of paper to hand in at the meeting. As the year goes on, we will use these passages for reading and meditation.**

**Directions to Convivenza**  
**Sacred Heart Church**  
**127 Paterson Avenue, Wallington, NJ**

Take **Route 17 South** to Hoboken Rd. Turn Right onto Hoboken Rd. which becomes Paterson Ave. Church is on Right about 1 mi-- just past Dankoff Ave.

OR (No Highway)

From Lodi Street, make a left onto Polifly Road.

Continue on Polifly which will become Terrace Avenue in Hasbrouck Heights and then Hackensack Avenue in Wood-Ridge.

Continue on Hackensack Avenue. When you enter Carlstadt, look for St. Joseph's Church on your left. At that corner, make a right onto Hoboken Road.

Continue straight on Hoboken Road—about two miles. Hoboken Road becomes Paterson Avenue. You will see Sacred Heart Church just after passing Dankoff Avenue on the right.