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**TRAVEL-SIZE
TOILETRIES
ARE ALWAYS
NEEDED AT THE
SHELTER! ALL
YEAR-ROUND.**



The Cord

St. Francis Fraternity
Hackensack, NJ



Fraternity Gathering in Church Hall Thursday, April 11, at 6:30

Initial formation class will be held at promptly at 5:00 PM in the Church Hall

This Month: Fr. Francisco will speak about Mercy and Reconciliation

Current Apostolate: *Travel size toiletries are always needed at the shelter.*
School supplies start in May

Sweet reminder: Teresa Iozzia and Nicole Saldarriaga
Closing Prayer: Harry Henky

Health and Welfare: Karen Ferrari and fam; Alice LeForest; Polanco fam.; Jim & Eileen Ferrara; Pat Franz; Harry Henky; Rosemary LoCascio; Toni LoSquadro; Angie Mariniello; JoAnn Rean; Fr. John Salvas, OFM Cap.; Ed Atwood

Special Intentions: F. Cavallo; Tumminia family; T. Gassenheimer; K. Ferrari; Pat Moclair; Diane Menditto

Family Members: M. Ferrari, D. Ferrari, Fr. Sylvester, Chelsea Rose Ferrara, Fr. Damian, Vincenzo Quasarano, Rosangela Tumminia, Fr. Pius, Baby Ryan Lomuscio, Stefani Pedone, Joe Savoia, Sara Tripodi, Karen (Lucy's niece), Charlie Zoccoli, Rosemarie Henky, Franz family, Kathleen McGee (Harry's daughter), Cheyenne Travers; Maureen Cox

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



Statue of our Lady Apr: Jo Ann Rean; May: Teresa Iozzia; June: Mimma LoMuscio; July: Alessandra Panuccio; Aug: Nicole Saldarriaga; Sept: Domenica Panuccio; Oct.: Angie Mariniello; Nov: JoAnn Rean; Dec. Frank Cavallo

BIRTHDAYS: **April 20:** Fr. Anthony; **May 10:** Teresa Iozzia; **10:** Fr. Sylvester; **23:** Mimma LoMuscio; (We missed the birthdays of **Rosellina Iacono** March 26 and **Vivian Isaac** March 28. Happy belated birthday to them!)

Correspondence: Thank you from the Mariniello family (See box on page 2); Thank you from the Bergen County Housing, Health and Human Services Center for our donations to the Bergen County Shelter.

Mark your calendar:

- The next **council meeting** is April 22nd at 6:30 in the Church Hall
- **June 1:** Cluster initial formation class in Paterson
- **September 21:** Formation workshop
- **Regional Retreat August 2-4** Reserve early! (Form on region website)

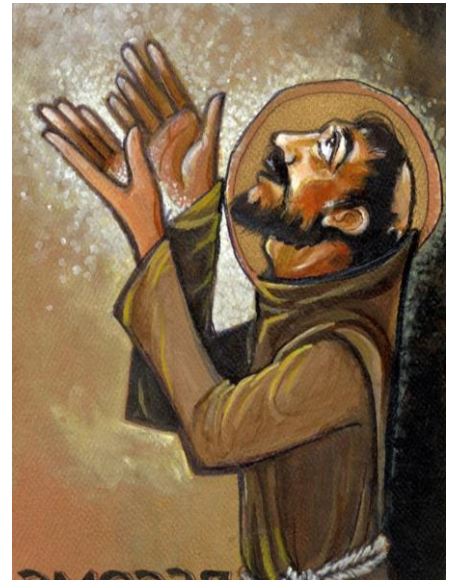
Please keep our aspirants and our candidate in your prayers.

Thank you!

Dear Friends in St. Francis,

**Thank you for your prayers during Mike's illness.
Your love and support continue to sustain me and
my entire family.**

**Love,
Angela Mariniello and family**



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<u>Common Fund</u>	<u>Good & Welfare</u>	<u>Fair Share 2019-2020</u>
Balance forward: \$1,031.47 Income: \$55.00 Expenses \$19.89 Ending Balance \$1,067.58	Balance forward: \$213.50 Contributions: 16.00 Current balance: \$229.50	Balance forward: 0 Com. Fund Allocation: Fraternity contributions: 0 Current Balance: 0 Still \$45.00 per candidate and professed member

**You may start
contributing
toward 2019 Fair
Share at any time**

Apostolate of Prayer list April 2019

Holy Father's Intentions for April: Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones:

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

Dianne Ambrose	David Ferrari	Jil	Marie Palazzone	St. Thomas More Frat. ints.
Ed Atwood	Dante Ferrari	Jill	Patsy and family	Jen Stepanek.
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	Karen Ferrari (sp. int.)	John (sp. int.)	Serafina Pedone	St. John Vianney intents.
Janice Bergen	FERRARI FAM. INTENTIONS	Kate (sp. int.)	Stefani Pedone	Stigmata Friars
Mary Bittner	Michael Ferrari	Violetta Kos	Maria Pedreiro (family)	Stigmata Provincial Council
Bittner Family	Maria Ficken	Kristy Ann	Josephine Pedulla.	Sts. Francis & Clare Fraternity
Zoila Blacio	Bob & Patty Fitzsimmons	Alice LeForest	Edward Pepe (wife)	Tara Suplicki
Pete Blake.	Flora's intentions	Paula Leichtman	Ron Pihokker	Fr. Sylvester
BLESSING BOARD INTS.	Robert Fox..	Licamelli Family intentions	Joe Polifrone	Syrian Christians and churches
Rita Bloom	Pope Francis	Richard Lally	POOR CLARE prayer list	Tau Cross Region (all ints.)
BOYCE FAMILY INTS.	Franz Family	Rosemary LoCascio	PRIESTS, FRIARS & SISTERS	Cheyenne Travers
Jim and Sunny Brennan	FRAZZA FAMILY INTS.	Lorraine	PUBLIC FIGURES	Silvio & Rachel Travia Family.
BROS. & SISTS. OF PRAYER	Fr. Dan G.	Toni LoSquadro	Puerto Rico	William Turner Family.
California Fire victims	Gabriel	Barbara Lyne	Q committee	Marie Vasta (All intentions)
Carmela Barbieri Buda.	Jean Garofalo	Mary M.	Raquel	Victims of abuse
Silvio Buda Family.	Trudy Gassenheimer (sp. int.)	Carl Magnifico	Regina Pacis (all ints.)	Victims of floods and hurricanes
Pat Cantelmo	Genaro and Alicia	Madden	Region sp. Int.	Victims of terrorism
Rosalie Cauceglia	Carol Gentile	Kathy Magnifico	Riley	Victims of violence
Marguerite Champon	GEORGE FAMILY INTS.	Maria Leigh	Ada Rivera's intentions	Lois Viola
Rose Cincotta..	Anna and Joe Geraci	Angie Mariniello	Roman Catholic Church	Diane Vitale
Lucille Clapps	Vincent & Maria Giambona, Sr.	Jackie Marlow.	Lois and Alyssa Roszko	Danuta W.
Fr. Damian Colicchio	Linda Gomez-Solis	Mary Therese and daughter	Madeline Rousseau (Jerry)	Bill & Carmel Watson Fam.
Colleen.	Paul Gonzalez (family)	John McHugh	Bro. John Russo	Barbara Robb Whalen..
Joe Coralluzzo's ints.	Nance Gorni	Ed McManus (family)	Annette Salvadeo	Kathleen White
Mark D.	Linda & Tim Griffith	Fr. Meena (Sp. Int)	Fr. John Salvas, OFM Cap.	Anna Z.'s sp. intentions
Mary Damiano	Terry Groeller	Middle Eastern Christians	Baby Sam.	Charlie Zoccoli
Lee D'Arminio	Carlos & Rosa Guerrero	MILITARY: LIVING & DECEASED	San Damiano Frat. Ints.	
May D'Arminio	Elaine Hedtke	Misty's ints.	Pino Scordo.	
P. Davis.	Harry Henry	Pat Moclair (Sp. Int.)	Andrew Shontz.	
Dave (Helen)	Rosemarie Henky	MOG lapsed and excused	Joe Slachetka (Myke & fam.)	
Deacon Joe's group int.	Ralph & Frances Henry.	Mother Seton Grp. Ints.	Pastor Greg Smith (Alayne)	
Demas Family.	The Homeless & the Lonely	MS intentions	Monica Smith..	
Diane (Sp. int.)	Jim Hopf	NEC	John & Mary Smythe.	
Divine Mercy Fraternity Ints.	Hospital Intentions	NFC	Frank Spina	
Dolores's Intentions	Immigrant & refugee children	James & Lola Norton Fam.	Maya Spinelli and family	
Dorcas	Rose Ingoglia	OLTA Region & REC	SPIRITUAL FIGURES/LEADERS	
Marie Dragan	Inquirers, Aspirants & Candidates	Laura O'Grady	St. Anne's Frat. Ints.	
Edwin Fehrs.	IPRAY INTENTIONS	Brian & Lynn Ortale Fam..	St. Francis Youth	
Ethan Fehrs.	Iraqi and Coptic Christians	PAGE FAMILY INTENTIONS	St. Anthony of Padua Frat Ints	
FB friends	Rosemary Jackson	Padre Pio Pr. Grps. Int.	St. Jos. Maint. Dept.	

"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

Ongoing Formation

Penance: The Hallmark of the Secular Franciscans

- **Article 7 of our Rule:** United by their vocation as brothers and sisters of penance,⁹ and motivated by the dynamic power of the gospel, let them conform their thoughts and deeds to those of Christ by means of that radical interior change which the gospel itself calls conversion. Human frailty makes it necessary that this conversion be carried out daily.

On this road to renewal the sacrament of reconciliation is the privileged sign of the Father's mercy and the source of grace.

General Constitutions-Article 13.1,2,3

1. *Rule 7* Secular Franciscans, called in earlier times "the brothers and sisters of penance," propose to live in the spirit of continual conversion. Some means to cultivate this characteristic of the Franciscan vocation, individually and in fraternity, are: listening to and celebrating the Word of God; review of life; spiritual retreats; the help of a spiritual adviser, and penitential celebrations. They should approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently and participate in the communal celebration of it, whether in the fraternity, or with the whole people of God.

2. In this spirit of conversion, they should live out their love for the renewal of the Church, which should be accompanied by personal and communal renewal. The fruits of conversion, which is a response to the love of God, are the works of charity in the interactions with the brothers and sisters.

3. Traditional among Franciscan penitents, penitential practices such as fasting and abstinence should be known, appreciated, and lived out according to the general guidelines of the Church.

Did You Know That...?

- **At Convivenza our speaker, Justin Carisio, OFS, spoke to us on the Prologue to our Rule. We learned that:**
- **The Franciscan Family hallmarks are:** Friars-minority; Poor Clares-poverty; OFS-penance
- **The Prologue of our Rule** "is an original document written by St. Francis and one of the earliest. It is called the *Earlier Exhortation to the Brothers and Sisters of Penance* and speaks of "Those Who Do Penance" and "Those Who Do Not Do Penance."
- **"Francis teaches us** that the embrace of penance brings about a **profound change in our relationship with God,...**" (Regis J. Armstrong, OFM Cap., *St. Francis of Assisi, Writings for a Gospel Life, Crossroad Publishing, 1994, p. 40*)
- **"The term 'penance' in Franciscanism** is equivalent to the biblical meaning of **metanoia**, understood as an **intimate conversion of the heart to God as a continuous state of being**. It is not a question of doing penance but of being penitent." (Lino Temperini, TOR, *Penitential Spirituality in the Franciscan Sources, 1983, p. 41*)
- **"Penance is not a state** but a journey that leads to God...It is spontaneous, the result of **our response to the love of God** and is enlivened by his spirit." (Raffaele Pazzelli, *St. Francis and the Third Order, the Franciscan and pre-Franciscan Penitential Movement, 1989, p125 and 127*)