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Gathering: Thursday, August 13, 2015
beginning at 7:30 PM with Evening Prayer in the Church Hall

This Month: Discussion on Service to the fraternity (See article on page 2)

WE NEED YOUR HELP! PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING SCHOOL SUPPLIES, GIFT CARDS TO TARGET OR STAPLES AND MONETARY DONATIONS FOR THE SOUTHWEST MISSION SCHOOLS.

WE WILL ALSO COLLECT SCHOOL SUPPLIES AT THE BRUNCH
WHEN YOU SELL A TICKET, PLEASE REMIND FRIENDS TO BRING SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

BRUNCH TICKETS AVAILABLE THIS MONTH!

Closing Prayer: Mimma LoMuscio
Sweet Reminder: Tony and Laura Buda

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.

Treasurer's Report

<u>Common Fund</u> \$ 1103.29 Balance + 0.00 * Income \$ 1103.29 - 15.00 **Expenses \$ 1088.29	<u>Good and Welfare</u> \$152.50-75.00*= Bal. \$77.00 *donation to Amazon Boat relief	***Fair Share \$1131.50 was paid to our Region for our Fair Share You may still make a donation if you have not done so!
*Meeting cancelled due to weather **reimbursement	<u>Spiritual Life Fund</u> Bal: \$102	

STATUE OF OUR LADY: Aug. Polancos; Sept. Frank; Oct. Budas; Nov. Cono; Dec. Joe

BIRTHDAYS: August 2: Virginia Franco; 7: Anna Licamelli; 20: Pat Franz; 26: Bro. John. Sept. 21: Harry Henry

Correspondence: Fr. Brian thanks us for the birthday greetings; Fr. Damian thanks us for our prayers.

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

Mark Your Calendar:

September 27th: St. Francis Brunch. Guest speaker: Fr. Francisco Arredondo, OFM Cap.

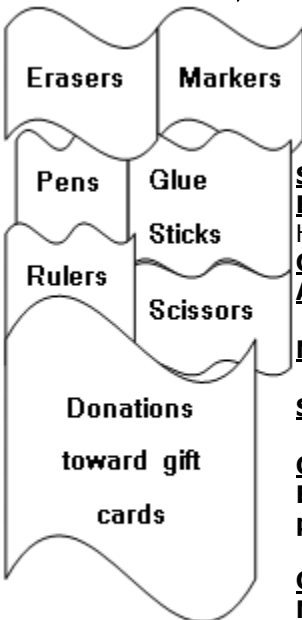
October 3 & 4: St. Francis Feast Days—Transitus at 8 PM on Saturday, October 3rd; October 4th: Blessing of the animals at 9 AM; Feast day Mass at 10:30 AM—trilingual liturgy followed by procession through the streets and outdoor feast.

October 13-18th National Chapter hosted by our Region in Clinton, NJ. Please plan to attend the Mass at the Cathedral on October 15th. Details to follow. Please pray now for the host committee (our region) and for the success of the Chapter and National Elections in October.

November 7th: Chapter of Ministers—Location TBA

November 12th: St. Francis Fraternity elections – WILL YOU CHOOSE TO SERVE??

Council Members: **Next Council Meeting: August 24, 2015**



Apostolate of Prayer list August, 2015

All persecuted Christians	Development Office Intentions	Joan & Nick	James and Lola Norton Fam.	Lane Stinchcomb
Annie Arrabito	Diane (Sp. int.)	Jack	Parente Family	St. Anne's Frat. Ints.
Aubrey	Divine Mercy Fraternity Ints.	Deacon Joe's Intentions	OLA Region & REC	St. Francis Youth
Buddy Bauer	Dolores's Intentions	Sandy Kaiser	Brian O'Regan.	St. Anthony of Padua Frat Ints
Deacon Tom Bello, OFS (Judy)	Dorcas	Andy Klutkowski	Brian & Lynn Ortale Fam..	St. Jos. Maint. Dept.
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	Doris and Bill	Shawn Leddy & Family	Ralph Padovano	St. Thomas More Frat. ints.
Anne Bernardi.	Marie Dragan	Alice LeForest	PAGE FAMILY INTENTIONS	Jen Stepanek.
Bishop Donato	Josephine Elliot	Mary Ann Lenzi	Padre Pio Pr. Grps. Int.	St. John Vianney intents.
Zoila Blacio	Edwin Fehrs.	Anna Licamelli	Tom Pappas	Tara Suplicki
Pete Blake.	Ethan Fehrs.	Gaetana Licamelli	Stefani Pedone	Donald Sutton.
BLESSING BOARD INTS.	Jerry Felices	Licamelli Family Intentions	Maria Pedreiro	Fr. Sylvester
Dallas Boushey..	FB friends	+Lina	Josephine Pedulla..	Syrian Christians
BOYCE FAMILY INTS.	Karen Ferrari (sp. int.)	LoBue family	Marguerite Phillips	Maria T.
BROS. & SISTS. OF PRAYER	FERRARI FAM. INTENTIONS	Rosemary LoCascio	Ron Pihokker	Susanna T.
Susan B.	Bob Fitzsimmons	Baby Ryan LoMuscio	POOR CLARE prayer list	Tau Cross Region (all ints.)
Dolores Bruno..	Flora's intentions	Toni LoSquadro	+Donald Porcaro	Maria Terranova
Carmela Barbieri Buda.	Robert Fox..	Dolly M.	PRIESTS, FRIARS & SISTERS	Greg Thweatt..
Silvio Buda Family.	Pope Francis	Madden & Tillson	PUBLIC FIGURES	Benedita Tineo
Pat C.	Virginia Franco	Carl and Kathy Magnifico	Vincenzo Quasarano	+Christopher Toomey
+Fritz Calaicone (family)	FRAZZA FAMILY INTS.	Julio Magnifico	Sarah R.	SANDY TORO & FAMILY
Elsie Cavallo	Bro. Freddy and Formation class	Madeline Mania	Regina Pacis (all ints.)	Ramona Torres
Frank Cavallo	+Theresa G.	Joe Mantineo, Jr.	Jimmy Riehl	Silvio & Rachel Travia Family.
Cathy Champion	Anne Gadoury	MARIE'S PRAYER INTS.	Ada Rivera's intentions	Sara Tripodi
Baby Charlie	Frank Gallitano	Jackie Marlow.	Angela Rodin	William Turner Family.
Angelo & Rose Cincotta..	Trudy Gassenheimer (sp. int.)	Shirley Meacham.	Keith Roy.	Gerard & Ruth Villemaire.
Paul & Lucille Clapps	Tom Gentile	Charlie Mechanic.	Ruth	Lois Viola
Ed Clayton	GEORGE FAMILY INTS.	Joe Mellone	Angie S.	Bill & Carmel Watson Fam..
Fr. Damian Colicchio	Vincent & Maria Giambona, Sr. Fam..	Br Bruce Michalek, OFM	Baby Sam.	Barbara Robb Whalen..
Colleen.	Linda Griffith	MILITARY: LIVING & DECEASED	Ilene & Neil Samuels..	Katherine Wobby.
Joe Coralluzzo's ints.	Carlos and Rosa Guerrero	Barbara Miller	San Damiano Frat. Ints.	Anna Z.'s sp. intentions
Marguerite Cox	Sally Haddad	Misty's ints.	Pino Scordo.	
Gerard Crockett	Barbara Hagan, OFS	Pat Moclaire (Sp. Int.)	Ramon Sesin.	
Rachele Cuiuli.	Nancy Haskell...	+Leonora Mosca	Andrew Shontz.	
Helen D.	Ralph & Frances Henry..	Mother Seton grp. Ints.	James & Andrea Smullens Fam..	
Lee D'Arminio	Hospital Intentions	MS intentions	John & Mary Smythe.	
May D'Arminio	Bill & Rose Ingoglia	Bill Mulqueen	Linda Solis	
Dave (Helen)	IPRAY INTENTIONS	NEC	Marie Sortino	
Deacon Joe's group int.	Iraqi and Coptic Christians	NFC	SPIRITUAL FIGURES/LEADERS	
Deceased OFS members	+Sr. Irma Odete Francisca	Doug Noble	Lucy Stamilla	

Holy Father's Intentions for August 2015

Universal: Volunteers: That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.

Evangelization: Outreach to the marginalized: That setting aside our very selves we may learn to be neighbors to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.

"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

What is a Servant Leader?

Our fraternity elections are coming up in November, so now is the time to start thinking about who will serve the fraternity for the next three years. We need to ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in making good choices for ourselves and for others. Please meditate on the following and look deep into your heart to see if God is calling you to service as a fraternity council member.

Franciscan leadership is based on Matthew 20:26-28, in which Jesus tells us we are called ... not to be served by others, but to serve, to give one's life for the ransom of many.

Anne Mulqueen, OFS, who is the Spiritual Assistant to the National Formation Commission, describes a servant leader very well in her article in the Spring 2013 issue of the TAU

(http://nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa/articles/spring13/Issue_Num_75_spr_13.pdf):

"A servant leader is a Secular Franciscan who:

- demonstrates spiritual and psychological maturity
- shows respect for every member of the fraternity
- demonstrates the Franciscan charism by their actions
- is compassionate and just – both ends of the spectrum
- is humble and open to the wisdom of others
- is willing to collaborate with and empower others
- possesses good communication skills and a willingness to share information—except that of a confidential nature—with the entire fraternity"



She goes on to say that servant leaders are:

- "Those who know themselves and are able to take charge when conditions call for decision-making.
- Their judgments are just because they are able to separate their personal hopes and desires from the situation at hand.
- They do not feel threatened by new ideas and opinions.
- When tensions arise, they are able to maintain perspective—neither overreacting nor retreating.
- A good sense of humor, the ability to laugh at oneself, and the capacity to reduce tensions make the humble leader easy to follow.
- These leaders are salt, light and leaven in their fraternities."

"The good news," she says, "is that you don't have to have all of these gifts. But you do have to use the gifts you were given for the good of your sisters and brothers."

How do you fit in to this picture? Servant leadership is a labor of love and sacrifice. Are you willing to sacrifice by giving of your time and talent to serve our fraternity? How do the other members of the fraternity fit the description? By praying over these descriptions with an open heart, we trust that you will be inspired. Please start now!