



# The Cord



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St. Francis Fraternity  
Hackensack, NJ

**Fraternity Gathering in Church Hall Thursday, August 8, at 6:30**

**Initial formation** classes Wednesday, August 14: 1:30 and 5 PM Rectory.

**Ongoing Formation: St. Clare of Assisi: Clare's way of Gazing**

**\*\*Please remember to bring a crucifix to the gathering\*\***

**Current Apostolate: SMALL SCHOOL SUPPLIES and CASH for gift cards  
(No notebooks please!)**

**Sweet reminder: JoAnn Rean and Domenica Panuccio**

**Closing Prayer: Frank Cavallo**

**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., Anthony Vasile**

**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, Fr. Pius, 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; Silvio Buda; Baby Ryan**

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

**Statue of our Lady July: Alessandra Panuccio; Aug: Rosellina Iacono; Sept: Domenica Panuccio; Oct.: Angie Mariniello; Nov: JoAnn Rean; Dec. Frank Cavallo**

**BIRTHDAYS: August 20: Pat Franz; 26: Fr. John Salvas; Sept. 4: Bro Miguel; 12: Domenica Panuccio; 18: Angie Mariniello; 21: Harry Henky**

**Correspondence: Bro. Lombardo sends his regards to the fraternity. Bro. Bruce thanks us for our efforts on behalf of the missions. If anyone wants to follow his work with the Asian missions see his newsletter here: <http://www.olgofm.com> Fr. Sylvester is doing well and thanks us for our prayers.**

**Mark your calendar:**

- The next **council meeting** is **August 26th** at 6:30 in the Church Hall
- **September 8:** Brunch (Tickets \$20 available at August gathering)
- **September gathering:** Packing school supplies and writing notes
- **September 21:** Formation workshop (Formation directors, teams and all interested)—**We are the host fraternity**
- **October gathering:** Video—**Bishop Barron talks about St. Francis.** We will also celebrate milestone anniversaries of profession. **Everyone—invite one guest!**
- **November gathering: St. Elizabeth of Hungary**—Patron of the OFS

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**PLEASE BEGIN TO BRING IN SMALL SCHOOL SUPPLIES (NO NOTEBOOKS) AND CASH DONATIONS TO BUY GIFT CARDS AND COVER POSTAGE.**

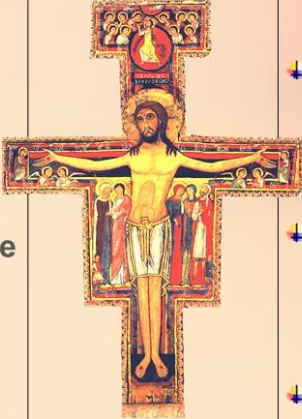
*Travel-size toiletries are always needed at the shelter all year-round.*

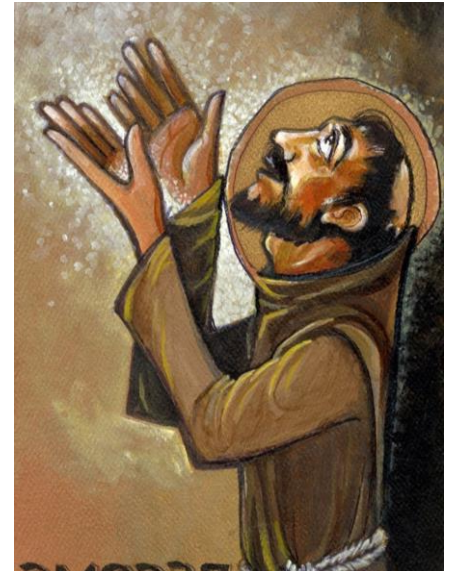


**Did you Know that...?**

...it's a great idea to pick an article from the Rule and see how we can live it in our every-day lives. How about Article 5 this month?

For our Gazing prayer this month:

	<i>Quiet your mind</i>	
<b>Gaze</b>		✚ Take some time to gaze at Jesus on the cross.
<b>Consider</b>		✚ Put yourself there with Jesus. What was he thinking, feeling? What did he see? Hear?
<b>Contemplate</b>		✚ How are you transformed, made different, by this experience?
<b>Imitate</b>		✚ What do you resolve to do in response to this transformation?



**Did you know that** St. Francis was canonized just two years after his death, on July 16, 1228, by Pope Gregory IX?

**Please keep our Inquirers and our Candidate in your prayers**

<b><u>Common Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Good &amp; Welfare</u></b>	<b><u>Fair Share 2019-2020</u></b>
Balance forward: \$700.09 Income: \$00.00* Expenses \$100.00 (Includes \$100 Fair Share allocation)  Ending Balance \$600.99  *July meeting cancelled due to weather	Balance forward: \$83.50 Contributions: \$00.00* Current balance: \$83.50	Balance forward: \$490.00 Com. Fund Allocation: \$100 Fraternity contributions: \$00.00 Current Balance: \$590.00  We will owe the region 27 X \$45 = \$1215 for candidates and professed members

**Everyone is responsible for contributing *something* toward Fair Share! (See Constitutions Art. 30.3)**

## Apostolate of Prayer list August 2019

**Holy Father's Intentions for August: Families, Schools of Human Growth** That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

Steve A.	Diane (Sp. int.)	Rose Ingoglia	Fr. Nick (sp. Int.)	Baby Sam.
Tommy Aletta (family)	Divine Mercy Fraternity Ints.	Inquirers, Aspirants & Candidates	Nina	San Damiano Frat. Ints.
Dianne Ambrose	Dolores's Intentions	IPRAY INTENTIONS	NFC	Pino Scordo.
Teresa B.	Dorcas and Woody	Iraqi and Coptic Christians	+Doug Noble (Joan)	Andrew Shontz.
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	Marie Dragan	JR	James & Lola Norton Fam.	Joe Slachetka (Myke & fam.)
Mary Bittner	Edwin Fehrs.	Rosemary Jackson	OLTA Region & REC	Monica Smith..
Bittner Family	Ethan Fehrs.	Jil	Laura O'Grady	John & Mary Smythe.
Zoila Blacio	Sue and Charlie Fehskens	Jill	Brian & Lynn Ortale Fam..	Frank Spina
Pete Blake.	FB friends	John (sp. int.)	PAGE FAMILY INTENTIONS	Spinelli Family
+Gert Blauvelt, OFS	Ferraras	Josef	Padre Pio Pr. Grps. Int.	St. Anne's Frat. Ints.
BLESSING BOARD INTS.	Karen Ferrari (sp. int.)	Br. Juniper	Marie Palazzone	St. Francis Youth
Rita Bloom	FERRARI FAM. INTENTIONS	Kate (sp. int.)	Jan Parker	St. Anthony of Padua Frat Ints
BOYCE FAMILY INTS.	Michael Ferrari	Kelly	Patsy and family	St. Jos. Maint. Dept.
Jim and Sunny Brennan	Maria Ficken	Fr. John E. Koelle, OFM Cap	Serafina Pedone	St. Thomas More Frat. ints.
BROS. & SISTS. OF PRAYER	Bob & Patty Fitzsimmons	Baby Ryan L.	Stefani Pedone	Jan Stepanek.
Carmela Barbieri Buda.	Flora's intentions	Susan Ledger	Maria Pedreiro (family)	St. John Vianney intents.
Silvio Buda & Family.	Fr. Francis	Alice LeForest	Josephine Pedulla.	Stigmata Council & Friars
Elaine Buscemi	Pope Francis	Paula Leichtman	Ron Pihokker	Sts. Francis & Clare Fraternity
Bro. Juniper C., OFM Cap.	Franz Family	Mary Anne Lenzi	Mark Pines	Tara Suplicki
California Fire & earthquake vic	FRAZZA FAMILY INTS.	Licamelli Family intentions	Debbie Pfranger	Fr. Sylvester
Pat Cantelmo	Fr. Dan G.	Rosemary LoCascio	John Platti (Linda)	Syrian Christians and churches
Deacon Ed Case	Gabriel	Bro. Lombardo (sp. Int.)	Joe Polifrone	Tau Cross Region (all ints.)
Sean Case	Jean Garofalo	Toni LoSquadro	POOR CLARE prayer list	Cheyenne Travers
Rosalie Cauceglia	Trudy Gassenheimer (sp. int.)	Carl Magnifico (Kathy and fam.)	PRIESTS, FRIARS & SISTERS	Silvio & Rachel Travia Family.
Rose Cincotta..	Genaro and Alicia	Angie Mariniello	PUBLIC FIGURES	William Turner Family.
Lucille Clapps	Carol Gentile	Jackie Marlow.	Puerto Rico	Susan Upshur
Fr. Damian Colicchio	GEORGE FAMILY INTS.	Mary Therese and daughter	Q committee	Anthony Vasile
Colleen.	Anna and Joe Geraci	Fr. Frank McHugh (sp. int.)	RT (sp. int.)	Marie Vasta (All intentions)
Joe Coralluzzo's ints.	Vincent & Maria Giambona, Sr.	John McHugh	Joanne Rean	Victims of abuse
Bro. Ed Coughlin	Nance Gorni	Ed McManus (family)	Regina Pacis (all ints.)	Victims of terrorism
Mark D.	Linda & Tim Griffith	Fr. Meena (Sp. Int)	Region sp. Int.	Victims of violence & hatred
Mary Damiano	Willie Guadalupe	Middle Eastern Christians	Ada Rivera's intentions	Diane Vigilante
Lee D'Arminio	Carlos & Rosa Guerrero	MILITARY: LIVING & DECEASED	Leah Cuiuli Roger.	Lois Viola
May D'Arminio	Elaine Hedtke	Misty's ints.	Roman Catholic Church	Diane Vitale
P. Davis.	Harry Henry	Pat Moclair ( Sp. Int.)	Ron (Sp. int)	Danuta W.
Dawn	Rosemarie Henry	MOG lapsed and excused	Lois and Alyssa Roszko	Bill & Carmel Watson Fam.
Dave (Helen)	Ralph & Frances Henry.	Mother Seton Grp. Ints.	Madeline Rousseau (Jerry)	Kathleen White
Deacon Joe's group int.	The Homeless & the Lonely	MS intentions	Bro. John Russo	Danuta Wyszynski
+Charles DeLorenzo	Hospital Intentions	Bill Mulqueen (Anne)	Annette Salvadeo	Anna Z.'s sp. intentions
Demas Family.	Immigrant & refugee children	NEC	Fr. John Salvvas, OFM Cap.	Charlie Zoccoli

### "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

**PLEASE BRING THIS PAGE AND YOUR CRUCIFIX TO THE GATHERING**

**Gaze Upon the Lord**

*Gaze upon the Lord;  
Gaze upon his face;  
Gaze upon the one  
Who holds you in his embrace.  
Gaze upon his love  
Gaze upon his coming poor from heav'n above.  
Look upon your Lord;  
Look upon his way.  
Look upon his heart,  
Which opens to each day.  
Though he was despised,  
The lowest of all men,*

*Look upon his sacred cross which brings life again.  
If you open to life's pain,  
Then with him you shall reign  
And allow your heart to weep,  
Then with him you'll rejoice.  
Open to his cross,  
The wounds of each day's love,  
Then you'll know the splendor of his kingdom above.  
Gaze upon his life;  
Gaze upon his love;  
Gaze upon his coming poor from heav'n above.  
Amen. (Irish Franciscans)*



“Gaze upon [Him], Consider [Him], Contemplate [Him], As you desire to imitate [Him]. If you suffer with Him, you shall reign with Him, [if you] weep [with Him], you shall rejoice with Him, [if you] die [with Him] on the cross of tribulation, you shall possess heavenly mansions in the splendor of the saints and, in the Book of Life, your name shall be called glorious among people.”

*St. Clare of Assisi, Second letter to St. Agnes of Prague*

Clare's words prompt the following questions for meditation and reflection:

1. Who is the God to whom you pray? What is your image of God?
2. How do you envision the journey to God? Does a ladder, a spiral or another image capture your relationship to God?
3. Where do you find God? In silence? In other people? Only in liturgical prayer? Is God “up above” you, transcendent and distant to you? Or do you experience God's intimate presence in your life?