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Hackensack, NJ

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**Fraternity Gathering: Thursday, December 8, 2016
in the Church Hall at 6:30 PM**

This Month:

Fraternity Christmas Dinner

If you volunteered to bring water, soda, wine or dessert, please remember!

Please bring new or gently used items for our raffle.

Remember to sign up for Sweet Reminder, Blessed Mother and Closing Prayer

WE WOULD LIKE TO SEND IN A PARTIAL PAYMENT FOR OUR FAIR SHARE IN JANUARY.
PLEASE SEE TONY BUDA TO MAKE YOUR DONATION—THE FULL FAIR SHARE IS STILL \$40.00.
CANDIDATES SHOULD ALSO CONTRIBUTE. (SEE TONY)

PLEASE BE SURE TO SUBMIT YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION! (SEE LAURA)

WINTER PROJECT FOR THE HOMELESS

Sweet Reminder: Sweets from the members! **(EVEN IF YOU FORGOT TO SIGN UP)**

Closing Prayer: Jackie Taveras **(PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR 2017)**

HEALTH AND WELFARE: Karen Ferrari and Fam.; Marguerite Cox; Marie Sortino; Maria Terranova; Virginia Franco; Alice LeForest; Polanco Family; Eileen Ferrara; Anna Licameli; Pat Franz; Joanne Tumminia; Harry Henky

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

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; Liz Cox; Charlie Zoccoli; Rosemarie Henky; Franz Family; Kara Travers

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WINTER
PROJECT FOR
THE HOMELESS

DONATE NEW
HATS, GLOVES,
WHITE SOCKS,
SCARVES,
EARMUFFS
& SMALL
TOILETRIES

for
MEN, WOMEN,
& CHILDREN

FOR THE
SHELTER IN
HACKENSACK

Treasurer's Report

Common Fund \$ 1291.93 Balance + 214.00* Income \$ 1505.93 - 23.51 Expenses** \$ 1,482.42 * Common Fund & donation **Frat. Debit card	Good & Welfare \$310.50 + 25.00= \$ 335.50	***Fair Share 2016-\$40.00 Please begin making donations for Fair Share 2016. <u>Candidates also contribute toward Fair Share.</u>
Spiritual Life Fund Bal: \$102		

STATUE OF OUR LADY: Dec. Joe C. (PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR 2017)

BIRTHDAYS: December 6: Adelina Marino; **23:** Gene Ciaralli; Migdania Polanco; **29:** Joann Tumminia **January 7:** Lucy Stamilla; **20:** Ron Romano; **27:** Ed Atwood

Correspondence:

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

Mark Your Calendar:

January gathering: Bring your rosary for a special evening of prayer.

February gathering: Discussion on Joy of the Gospel. Take one of the books home to read!

Council Members: **No Council meeting in December **

No formation class this month due to our fraternity dinner!

When you invite friends for Christmas, please ask them to bring items for the homeless instead of a "hostess" gift.



Apostolate of Prayer list December, 2016

Holy Father's Intentions for December

Universal: *End to Child-Soldiers*--That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Evangelization: Europe--That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	FERRARI FAM. INTENTIONS	Joan & Nick	Doug Noble	St. Anthony of Padua Frat Ints
Zoila Blacio	Bob & Patty Fitzsimmons	Deacon Joe's Intentions	James & Lola Norton Fam.	St. Jos. Maint. Dept.
Pete Blake.	Flood and fire victims	Dan & Sandy Kaiser	OLTA Region & REC	St. Thomas More Frat. ints.
BLESSING BOARD INTS.	Flora's intentions	Kate's sister	Brian O'Regan.	Jen Stepanek.
Hal Bloom	Robert Fox..	Violetta Kos	Brian & Lynn Ortale Fam..	St. John Vianney intents.
BOYCE FAMILY INTS.	Pope Francis	Lamar	PAGE FAMILY INTENTIONS	Stigmata Friars
Fr. Brian	Fr. Francisco, OFM Cap.	Shawn Leddy & Family	Padre Pio Pr. Grps. Int.	Tara Suplicki
BROS. & SISTS. OF PRAYER	Pius Franco	Alice LeForest	Marie Palazzone	Donald Sutton.
Dolores Bruno..	Virginia Franco	Mary Anne Lenzi	Pasquale	Fr. Sylvester
Carmela Barbieri Buda.	Franz Family	Anna Licamelli	Stefani Pedone	Tau Cross Region (all ints.)
Silvio Buda Family.	Pat Franz	Licamelli Family Intentions	Maria Pedreiro (family)	Maria Terranova
Bus crash victims and families	+Marie Fratello	Rosemary LoCascio	Josephine Pedulla..	Greg Thweatt..
+Dcn David Campbell (family)	FRAZZA FAMILY INTS.	Baby Ryan LoMuscio	Marguerite Phillips	Ramona Torres
Emily Carlin	Bro Freddy & Formation class	Norma Long	Ron Pihokker	Kara Travers
Cori Carroll	Anne Gadoury	Toni LoSquadro	POOR CLARE prayer list	Silvio & Rachel Travia Family.
Cathy Champon	Frank Gallitano	Diane M.	PRIESTS, FRIARS & SISTERS	William Turner Family.
Angelo & Rose Cincotta..	Trudy Gassenheimer (sp. int.)	Dolly M.	PUBLIC FIGURES	Tyler
Paul & Lucille Clapps	Genaro and Alicia	Madden & Tillsen	Regina Pacis (all ints.)	Vickie (Kate)
Fr. Damian Colicchio	Carol Gentile	Carl & Kathy Magnifico	Region sp. Int.	Victims of terrorism
Colleen.	Tom Gentile	Ed Malin	Jaime Ribauda	Victims of violence and families
Joe Coralluzzo's ints.	GEORGE FAMILY INTS.	MARIE'S PRAYER INTS.	+Rocco Riotto	Gerard & Ruth Villemaire.
Marguerite Cox	Vincent & Maria Giambona, Sr.	Jackie Marlow.	Ada Rivera's intentions	+Grace Viola
Helen D. (family)	Nance Gorni (ints.)	Mary Therese and daughter	Alan Roland	Lois Viola
Tery D.	Greg and Lois	+Kathy McGowan	Maddi Romaine	Diane Vitale
Lee D'Arminio	Linda & Tim Griffith	Shirley Meacham.	Keith Roy.	Bill & Carmel Watson Fam.
May D'Arminio	Carlos & Rosa Guerrero	Charlie Mechanic.	Bill Salandi	Barbara Robb Whalen..
Dave (Helen)	Kathy H.	Joe Mellone	Salvatore Francisco	David White, OFS
Deacon Joe's group int.	Sally Haddad	Theresa Mellone	Baby Sam.	Katherine Wobby.
Development Office Intentions	Nancy Haskell.	Robert Menditto	Ilene & Neil Samuels..	Anna Z.'s sp. intentions
Diane (Sp. int.)	Elaine Hedtke	Mia (family)	San Damiano Frat. Ints.	Rachel Zagaria
Divine Mercy Fraternity Ints.	Rosemarie Henky (Harry)	Middle Eastern Christians	Lyn Scheuring	Charlie Zoccoli
Dolores's Intentions	Ralph & Frances Henry..	Patti Millar	Pino Scordo.	
Dorcas	The Homeless & the Lonely	MILITARY: LIVING & DECEASED	Andrew Shontz.	
Marie Dragan	Hospital Intentions	Misty's ints.	John & Mary Smythe.	
Efrain	Rose Ingoglia	Pat Moclair (Sp. Int.)	Linda Solis	
Edwin Fehrs.	Inquirers and Candidates	MOG lapsed and excused	Marie Sortino	
Ehan Fehrs.	IPRAY INTENTIONS	Mother Seton grp. Ints.	Peggy Southwell	
FB friends	Iraqi and Coptic Christians	MS intentions	SPIRITUAL FIGURES/LEADERS	
David Ferrari	Jill	NEC	St. Anne's Frat. Ints.	
Karen Ferrari (sp. int.)	Jill	NFC	St. Francis Youth	

"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

"Go from gospel to life and life to the gospel."

Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel) #127

"There is a kind of preaching which falls to each of us as a daily responsibility. It has to do with bringing the Gospel to the people we meet, whether they be our neighbors or complete strangers. This is the informal preaching which takes place in the middle of a conversation, something along the lines of what a missionary does when visiting a home. Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey."

Rule #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."



Scripture for this Month *(Don't forget to pass along your favorite passages!)*

Some of the passages offered below for reflection come from our members. Use them for your meditation on Scripture this month. When you look for those passages in the Bible, ***try to read the verses or paragraphs that come before or after for a fuller meditation.***



Rule: Articles 4 and 5 (**Essential Documents book**)

Scripture: Matthew 5: 13-16; John 17: 16-18

Lectio Divina *(A little review)*

- Read [*Lectio*] (Read the scripture passage TWICE)
- Reflect [*Meditatio*] (Think about the passage—Which words stand out?—What is God telling us?)
- Respond [*Oratio*] (Allow our hearts to respond to God. We 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?)