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Clothing for the
homeless:

Socks
Jackets
Scarfs
Toiletries
Toothpaste
Toothbrush
Travel size items



The Cord

St. Francis Fraternity OFS
Hackensack NJ



Fraternity Gathering in Church Hall Thursday December 13

at 6:00

Ongoing Formation Topic: Election discussion

Current Apostolate: Homeless Shelter

Sweet reminder: Holiday Party

Closing Prayer: Domenica Panuccio

Health and Welfare: Karen Ferrari and fam; Alice LeForest; Polanco fam; Jim & Eileen Ferrara; Pat Franz; Harry Henky; Rosemary LoCascio; Ron Romano; Toni LoSquadro; Angie Mariniello; JoAnn Rean.

Special Intentions: F. Cavallo; Tumminia family; J. Coralluzzo; 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, Stafani Pedone, Joe Savoia, Sara Tripodi, Karen (Lucy's niece), Charlie Zoccoli, Rosemarie, Henky, Franz family, Kathleen McGee (Harry's daughter), Mike Mariniello, Cheyenne Travers.

Statue of our Lady

December Tony & Laura Buda
(Please sign up this month for 2019)



Birthdays:

December 23: M Polanco
December 29: J Tumminia
January 7: L. Stamilla

Mark your calendar:

The fraternity election will be held on January 11.



Reminders to bring with you to the December meeting: New, unwrapped gifts for children (according to your tag)

Items (food or drink) that you signed up to bring for the Christmas Party.

Items/gifts new or gently used for our fraternity raffle Items for our apostolate: the homeless shelter

Apostolate of Prayer list December 2018

Holy Father's Intentions for December : Evangelization: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith may find in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the

Dianne Ambrose	Edwin Fehrs.	Iraqi and Coptic Christians	Serafina Pedone	St. John Vianney intents.
Angie's special intentions	Ethan Fehrs.	Rosemary Jackson	Stefani Pedone	Stigmata Friars
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	FB friends	Jil	Maria Pedreiro (family)	Stigmata Provincial Council
Bittner Family	David Ferrari	Jill	Josephine Pedulla.	Sts. Francis & Clare Fraternity
Zoila Blacio	Dante Ferrari	John (sp. int.)	Tammy Pellerin	Bob Stronach
Pete Blake.	Karen Ferrari (sp. int.)	Patty Kalis (all ints.)	Howie Pfeiffer	Tara Suplicki
BLESSING BOARD INTS.	FERRARI FAM. INTENTIONS	Kerala, India	Ron Pihokker	Fr. Sylvester
Hal & Rita Bloom (family)	Michael Ferrari	Violetta Kos	Joe Polifrone	Syrian Christians and churches
BOYCE FAMILY INTS.	Maria Ficken	Alice LeForest	POOR CLARE prayer list	Tau Cross Region (all ints.)
Jim and Sunny Brennan	Fire victims	Paula Leichtman	PRIESTS, FRIARS & SISTERS	Tom
BROS. & SISTS. OF PRAYER	Bob & Patty Fitzsimmons	Licamelli Family intentions	PUBLIC FIGURES	Tommy
California Fire victims	Flora's intentions	Rosemary LoCascio	Puerto Rico	Cheyenne Travers
Carmela Barbieri Buda.	Robert Fox..	Toni LoSquadro	Q committee	Elvis Taveras (family)
Silvio Buda Family.	Pope Francis	Carl Magnifico	Linda R.	Silvio & Rachel Travia Family.
Pat Cantelmo	Franz Family	Kathy Magnifico	Regina Pacis (all ints.)	William Turner Family.
Delvon Carolan	FRAZZA FAMILY INTS.	Angie Mariniello	JoAnn Rean	Victims of abuse
Rosalie Cauceqlia	Fr. Dan G.	Mike Mariniello (family)	Region sp. Int.	Victims of floods and hurricanes
+Melissa Cerbo	Gabriel	Jackie Marlow.	Ada Rivera's intentions	Victims of terrorism
Fr. Chris	Trudy Gassenheimer (sp. int.)	Mary Therese and daughter	Roman Catholic Church	Victims of violence
Rose Cincotta..	Genaro and Alicia	John McHugh	Lois and Alyssa Roszko	Lois Viola
Lucille Clapps	Carol Gentile	Ed McManus (family)	Madeline Rousseau (Jerry)	Diane Vitale
Deacon Clemenceau	GEORGE FAMILY INTS.	Fr. Meena (Sp. Int)	Fr. John Salvas, OFM Cap.	Bill & Carmel Watson Fam.
Fr. Damian Colicchio	Anna and Joe Geraci	Middle Eastern Christians	Baby Sam.	Barbara Robb Whalen..
Colleen.	Vincent & Maria Giambona, Sr.	+Lillian Miello (family)	San Damiano Frat. Ints.	Anna Z.'s sp. intentions
+Glenna Connolly (John)	Fr. Giles Gilbert, OFM Conv.	MILITARY: LIVING & DECEASED	Colette Scarpeachi	Charlie Zoccoli
Joe Coralluzzo's ints.	Linda Gomez-Solis	Misty's ints.	Pino Scordo.	
+Beverly Curtis (family)	Nance Gorni	Pat Moclair (Sp. Int.)	Andrew Shontz.	
Lee D'Arminio	Linda & Tim Griffith	MOG lapsed and excused	Fran Siro	
May D'Arminio	Carlos & Rosa Guerrero	Mother Seton grp. Ints.	Joe Slachetka (Myke & fam.)	
P. Davis.	Elaine Hedtke	MS intentions	Monica Smith..	
Dave (Helen)	Harry Henry	Louise Nash	John & Mary Smythe.	
Deacon Joe's group int.	Rosemarie Henry	NEC	Dan Sollecito	
Demas Family.	Ralph & Frances Henry.	NFC	Frank Spina	
Diane (Sp. int.)	The Homeless & the Lonely	James & Lola Norton Fam.	SPIRITUAL FIGURES/LEADERS	
Divine Mercy Fraternity Ints.	Hospital Intentions	OLTA Region & REC	St. Anne's Frat. Ints.	
Dolores's Intentions	all hurricane ints.	Brian & Lynn Ortale Fam..	St. Francis Youth	
Dorcas	Immigrant & refugee children	PAGE FAMILY INTENTIONS	St. Anthony of Padua Frat Ints	
Marie Draqan	Rose Ingoqlia	Padre Pio Pr. Grps. Int.	St. Jos. Maint. Dept.	
Carol Ann Dzienis	Inquirers, Aspirants & Candidates	Marie Palazzone	St. Thomas More Frat. ints.	
Gene F.	IPRAY INTENTIONS	Patsy and family	Jen Stepanek.	

"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 January**, so please think about **who will serve our 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](http://nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa/articles/spring13/Issue%20Num%2075%20spr%2013.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.”

- Humble Service in the Body of Christ

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your[a] faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.
~~ Romans 12:6-13

If you are asked to serve on our Council, remember—your job and family must come first, **BUT: If you are putting other activities (even church-related) ahead of serving your brothers and sisters in fraternity, you need to give your priorities as a Secual Franciscan some serious thought and prayer!**

Please think about the following:

- † What gifts and talents has God given you?
- † What contributions have you already made to help our fraternity and contribute to our apostolates?
- † Are you willing to use your talents to help our fraternity grow and become stronger?