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Hackensack, NJ

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Fraternity Gathering: Thursday, February 9, 2017
in the Church Hall for Evening Prayer at 7:30 PM

This Month:

Panel and group discussion on:

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

PARTIAL PAYMENT OF FAIR SHARE WAS SENT. PLEASE CONTRIBUTE THIS MONTH.
WE WILL HAVE A SMALL RAFFLE THIS MONTH TO GO TOWARD FAIR SHARE—SOMETHING NICE!

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

WINTER PROJECT FOR THE HOMELESS CONTINUES

Sweet Reminder: Pat Franz and Domenica Panuccio

Closing Prayer: Stephani Pedone

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; Harry Henky; Rosemary LoCasio

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

Family Members: 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; Kathleen McGee [Harry's daughter]

Rest in Peace: Regina Licamelli (Anna's sister)

Treasurer's Report

<u>Common Fund</u> \$ 1445.63 Balance + 27.00* Income \$ 1472.63 - 40.59 Expenses** \$ 1,432.04 <small>* Common Fund</small> <small>**Frat. Debit card and supplies</small>	<u>Good & Welfare</u> \$ 185.50 + 13= \$198.50	***Fair Share 2016-\$40.00 Fair Share donations so far: \$485 toward total of \$1,360.00 <u>We have sent a half</u> <u>payment of \$680. Please</u> <u>contribute this month.</u>
<u>Spiritual Life Fund Bal:</u> \$102		

STATUE OF OUR LADY: Feb: Mimma L.; Mar: Natale; Apr: Joe C.; May: Polancos; June: Lucy; Jul: Domenica P.; Aug: Ferrara's; Sept: Jackie; Oct: Cono; Nov: Angie; Dec: Karen.

BIRTHDAYS: Jan. 7: L. Stamilla; 20: R. Romano; 27: E. Atwood; Feb. 10: E. Ferrara; 24: K. Ferrari

Correspondence: Christmas Greeting and blessings from **Rosemary Lo Cascio.**

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

Mark Your Calendar:

February gathering: Discussion on Joy of the Gospel.

March gathering: Fr. John will lead us in an evening of recollection for Lent

April 22: CONVIVENZA—St. Francis Church West 31st Street NYC.

August 4-6: Region Retreat Mt. Alvernia

Please start thinking about those whom you would like **to nominate to hold Regional Offices.**

Council Members: ** Council meeting (Rectory) February 27th at 6:30 PM **

Formation Class MONDAY FEBRUARY 13TH AT 7 PM in the Rectory

Anyone interested in having a "refresher course" may attend formation classes. Your input and example are part of the formation process!

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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

Apostolate of Prayer list February, 2017

Holy Father's Intentions for February

Comfort for the Afflicted: That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

Amanda (family)	Efraín	Jill	MOG lapsed and excused	+Deirdre Scarpullo
Ana	Edwin Fehrs.	Jill	Mother Seton grp. Ints.	Lyn Scheuring
Barbara	Ethan Fehrs.	Joan & Nick	MS intentions	Pino Scordo.
Bella	FB friends	Deacon Joe's Intentions	NEC	+Albert Serafino
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	David Ferrari	Dan & Sandy Kaiser	NFC	Aubrey Sher
Zoila Blacio	Karen Ferrari (sp. int.)	Kate's sister	Doug Noble	Andrew Shontz.
Pete Blake.	FERRARI FAM. INTENTIONS	+Eucice Kesper	James & Lola Norton Fam.	John & Mary Smythe.
BLESSING BOARD INTS.	Bob & Patty Fitzsimmons	Violetta Kos	Pedro Olivero Jr.	Linda Solis
Hal Bloom	Flood, earthquake & fire victims	Lamar	OLTA Region & REC	Marie Sortino
BOYCE FAMILY INTS.	Flora's intentions	Shawn Leddy & Family	Brian O'Regan.	Peggy Southwell
Miriam Bracketty	Robert Fox..	Alice LeForest	Brian & Lynn Ortale Fam..	SPIRITUAL FIGURES/LEADERS
Fr. Brian	Pope Francis	Mary Anne Lenzi	Barbara Osborn, OFS	St. Anne's Frat. Ints.
BROS. & SISTS. OF PRAYER	Fr. Francisco, OFM Cap.	Anna Licamelli	PAGE FAMILY INTENTIONS	St. Francis Youth
Dolores Bruno..	Virginia Franco	+Regina Licamelli	Padre Pio Pr. Grps. Int.	St. Anthony of Padua Frat Ints
Carmela Barbieri Buda.	Franz Family	Licamelli Family Intentions	Marie Palazzone	St. Jos. Maint. Dept.
Silvio Buda Family.	Pat Franz	Rosemary LoCascio	Harry & Katherine Parker	St. Thomas More Frat. ints.
Joey Bulger	FRAZZA FAMILY INTS.	Baby Ryan LoMuscio	Stefani Pedone	Jen Stepanek.
President and Barbara Bush	Anne Gadoury	Norma Long	Maria Pedreiro (family)	St. John Vianney intents.
Emily and James Carlin	Frank Gallitano	Toni LoSquadro	Josephine Pedulla..	Stigmata Friars
Cathy Champon	Trudy Gassenheimer (sp. int.)	Diane M.	PF	Tom Stulich
Christianne Champon	Genaro and Alicia	Dolly M.	Phyllis	Tara Suplicki
Charlie (Polly and family)	Carol Gentile	Madden & Tillson	+Mary Piazza	Donald Sutton.
Angelo & Rose Cincotta..	Tom Gentile	Carl & Kathy Magnifico	+Michael Piccialo	Fr. Sylvester
Paul & Lucille Clapps	GEORGE FAMILY INTS.	Marianne Maisano	Ron Pihokker	Sr. Linda Tan
Fr. Damian Colicchio	Vincent & Maria Giambona, Sr.	Ed Malin	Linda Pinto (sp. int.)	Tau Cross Region (all ints.)
Colleen.	Nance Gorni (ints.)	Deacon Joe Mantineo	POOR CLARE prayer list	Maria Terranova
Joe Coralluzzo's ints.	Greg and Lois	MARIE'S PRAYER INTS.	PRIESTS, FRIARS & SISTERS	Ramona Torres
Donna Courneyer	Linda & Tim Griffith	Jackie Marlow.	PUBLIC FIGURES	Silvio & Rachel Travia Family.
Marguerite Cox	Carlos & Rosa Guerrero	Mary Therese and daughter	Regina Pacis (all ints.)	William Turner Family.
Lee D'Arminio	Sally Haddad	Kathleen McGee	Region sp. Int.	Victims of terrorism
May D'Arminio	Elaine Hedtke	Shirley Meacham.	Ada Rivera's intentions	Victims of violence and families
Dave (Helen)	Rosemarie Henky (Harry)	Charlie Mechanic.	+Jim Rocco	Gerard & Ruth Villemaire.
Deacon Joe's group int.	Ralph & Frances Henry..	+Catherine Mellone	Maddi Romaine	Lois Viola
Development Office Intentions	The Homeless & the Lonely	Joe Mellone	Madeline Rousseau	Diane Vitale
Diane (Sp. int.)	Hospital Intentions	Theresa Mellone	Bill Salandi	Bill & Carmel Watson Fam.
Divine Mercy Fraternity Ints.	Rose Ingoglia	Robert Menditto	Baby Sam.	Barbara Robb Whalen..
Dolores's Intentions	Inquirers and Candidates	Middle Eastern Christians	Ilene & Neil Samuels..	Anna Z.'s sp. intentions
Dorcas	IPRAY INTENTIONS	MILITARY: LIVING & DECEASED	San Damiano Frat. Ints.	Rachel Zagaria
Doreen	Iraqi and Coptic Christians	Misty's ints.	+Fr. Michael Scanlon, TOR	Charlie Zoccoli
Marie Dragan	Janet, John & Kathy	Pat Moclair (Sp. Int.)	+Veronica Scaravento	

"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

PRAY THE RULE

Liam McCarthy, OFM

O Lord, our God, we intend to make present the charism of our Seraphic Father Francis in the life and mission of the Church, in various ways and forms but in life-giving union with one another. By our profession, we pledge ourselves to live the Gospel in the manner of St Francis by means of our Rule approved by the Church (Arts. 1-3). Help us, we pray, so that daily we may:

- **observe the gospel** of our Lord Jesus Christ by following the example of St Francis, going from **gospel to life and from life to the gospel** (Art. 4);
- seek to encounter the **living and active person of Jesus Christ** in our **brothers and sisters**, in **sacred scripture**, in the **Church** and in the **Eucharist** (Art. 5);
- **go forth as witnesses and instruments** of the Church's mission among people, proclaiming Christ by our life and words (Art. 6);
- **conform our thoughts and deeds** to those of Christ by the **radical interior change** which the Gospel calls "**conversion**", making use of the **sacrament of reconciliation** on the way to renewal (Art. 7);
- let **prayer and contemplation** be the soul of all we are and do (Art. 8);
- **imitate the Virgin Mary's complete self-giving** in her openness to your every word and call (Art. 9);
- faithfully **fulfill the duties proper** to our various circumstances in life (Art. 10);
- seek the **proper spirit of detachment** and purify our hearts from every tendency and yearning for possession and power (Art. 11);
- **acquire the purity** of heart needed to set ourselves free to love God and our brothers and sisters (Art. 12);
- **accept all people as your gift**, Lord, and an image of Christ (Art. 13);
- **exercise our responsibilities** competently in the Christian spirit of service (Art. 14);
- be in the forefront of **promoting justice** by the testimony of our human lives and by courageous initiatives (Art. 15);
- **esteem work** both as a gift and as a sharing in the creation, redemption and service of the human community (Art. 16);
- **cultivate the Franciscan spirit of peace, fidelity and respect for life** in our families, striving to make it a sign of a world already renewed in Christ (Art. 17);
- **respect all creatures**, animate and inanimate "as **bearing the imprint of the Most High**" (Art. 18);
- be **bearers of peace and messengers of perfect joy** in every circumstance, as immersed in the resurrection of Christ, we serenely tend towards Sister Death and our ultimate encounter with you, our Father (Art 19).

All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Brother. Amen.

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.***



Scripture: Colossians 1:3-6; John 14:5-7, 10-11

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?)