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Fraternity Gathering

February 8, 2018 at 6:30 PM*

***Due to the parking situation NOTE NEW ARRIVAL TIME**

****THIS MONTH****

We will discuss "Commitment: Time, Talent and Treasure"

What did we promise?

WE WOULD LIKE TO SEND IN OUR FAIR SHARE PAYMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
THE FULL FAIR SHARE IS NOW \$45 [PLEASE CONTRIBUTE A FULL OR PARTIAL SHARE.]
EXCUSED MEMBERS (IF ABLE) AND CANDIDATES SHOULD ALSO CONTRIBUTE. (SEE TONY)

WINTER PROJECT FOR THE HOMELESS

Sweet Reminder: Ed Atwood and Cono Spinelli
Closing Prayer: Stefani Pedone

HEALTH AND WELFARE: Karen Ferrari and Fam.; Marguerite Cox; Virginia Franco; Alice LeForest; Polanco Family; Jim & Eileen Ferrara; Anna Licameli; Pat Franz; Harry Henky; Rosemary LoCascio; Ron Romano; Toni LoSquadro; Angie Mariniello

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

Family Members: Eddie Nash; M. Ferrari; D. Ferrari; Ed McManus; Fr. Sylvester; Chelsea Rose Ferrara; Licamelli Family; Fr. Damian; Vincenzo Quasarano; Rosangela Tumminia; Fr. Pius; LoBue Family; Baby Ryan LoMuscio; Stefani Pedone; Joe Savoia; Sara Tripodi; Karen (Lucy's niece); Mariano Ortiz; Charlie Zoccoli; Rosemarie Henky; Franz Family; Kathleen McGee [Harry's daughter]; Henry Cox; Mike Mariniello; Fr. Brian

Treasurer's Report

<p><u>Common Fund</u> \$2,586.62 Balance + 306.00*Income \$2,892.62 - 10.49 Expenses** \$ 2,882.13</p> <p>* Fair Share and Common Fund **Debit card;</p>	<p><u>Good & Welfare</u> \$217.50+ \$6.00= \$223.50</p> <hr/> <p><u>Spiritual Life Fund Bal:</u> \$102</p>	<p>***Fair Share 2017-18***</p> <p>\$601 Total 10 contributions so far toward our goal of \$1440</p> <p><u>Please make a full (\$45)</u> <u>or partial contribution this</u> <u>month!!</u></p>
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STATUE OF OUR LADY: Feb: D. Panuccio; Mar: J. Taveras; Apr. Mimma LoMuscio; May: A. Mariniello; June: Cono Spinelli; Jul: Teresa Iozzia; Aug: open; Sept: open; Oct: J. Coralluzzo; Nov: JoAnn Rean; Dec: Tony & Laura Buda
BIRTHDAYS: Feb. 10: E. Ferrara; 24: K. Ferrari March 3: A. Polanco; 9: N. Tumminia; 12: I. Campillo;

Correspondence:

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

Mark Your Calendar:

March 8th gathering: Fr. John will lead us in an evening of recollection for Lent

April 21: CONVIVENZA—St. Francis Church West 31st Street NYC.

July 27-29, 2018: Region Retreat Mt. Alvernia

Initial Formation: Diane will contact the Candidates regarding this month's class.
JoAnn & Cono separate schedule.

Council Meeting **February 26, 2018 at 6:30 PM**

Please keep our Aspirant and our Candidates in your prayers

**WINTER
PROJECT FOR
THE HOMELESS**

**DONATE NEW
HATS, GLOVES,
WHITE SOCKS,**

**SCARVES,
EARMUFFS**

**& SMALL
TOILETRIES**

for

**MEN, WOMEN,
& CHILDREN**

**FOR THE
SHELTER IN
HACKENSACK**

****Resources for Lent:** <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/>

Excellent resources—I use these prayers and meditations on our Region Facebook page. Worth a look!

Questions that Jesus asked: Please think about these. How would you answer? How do our answers help us to **transform** our lives? (*Each month we will have two questions to think about.*)

1. And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the unbelievers do the same? (**Matt 5:47**) (**Read vs. 43-48**)
2. Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your lifespan? **Matt 6:27** (**Read vs.25-34**)

This month's presentation:

"Commitment: Time, Talent and Treasure in our Rule and Constitutions"

Please read and think about the following articles from our Rule and Constitutions.

Article 15.3 OFS GC: "Secular Franciscans should pledge themselves to reduce their own personal needs so as to be better able to share spiritual and material goods with their brothers and sisters, especially those most in need. They should give thanks to God for the goods they have received, using them as good stewards and not as owners."

Rule 11.Trusting in the Father, Christ chose for himself and his mother a poor and humble life, even though he valued created things attentively and lovingly. Let the Secular Franciscans seek a proper spirit of detachment from temporal goods by simplifying their own material needs. Let them be mindful that according to the gospel they are stewards of the goods received for the benefit of God's children.

Thus, in the spirit of "the Beatitudes", and as pilgrims and strangers on their way to the home of the Father, they should strive to purify their hearts from every tendency and yearning for possession and power.

Rule 25.Regarding expenses necessary for the life of the fraternity and the needs of worship, of the apostolate, and of charity, all the brothers and sisters should offer a contribution according to their means. Local fraternities should contribute toward the expenses of the higher fraternity councils.

General Constitutions Article 30

1. The brothers and sisters are co-responsible for the life of the fraternity to which they belong and for the SFO as the organic union of all fraternities throughout the world.
2. The sense of co-responsibility of the members requires personal presence, witness, prayer, and active collaboration, in accordance with each one's situation and possible obligations for the animation of the fraternity.
3. Refers to **Rule 25-** In a family spirit, each brother and sister should make a contribution to the fraternity fund, according to each one's means, to provide the financial means needed for the life of the fraternity and for its religious, apostolic, and charitable works. The brothers and sisters ought to provide the means necessary for supporting the activities and the operations of the fraternities at higher levels, both by their financial assistance and by their contributions in other areas as well.

Apostolate of Prayer list February 2018

Holy Father's Intentions for February: Universal: Say "No" to Corruption

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

OFS Intention: For the national fraternities of RD Congo (VP), and Cyprus (VFP).

Angie's special intentions	Ethan Fehrs.	Katty	Howie Pfeiffer (Mary Ann)	Elvis Tavares (family)
Barca Family	FB friends	Kate Kleinert, OFS	Debbie Phranger	Jackie Taveras
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	Karen Ferrari (sp. int.)	Korea	Ron Pihokker	Silvio & Rachel Travia Family.
Zoila Blacio	FERRARI FAM. INTENTIONS	Violetta Kos	Joe Polifrone	William Turner Family.
Pete Blake.	Maria Ficken	Alice LeForest	POOR CLARE prayer list	Sue Upshur
BLESSING BOARD INTS.	Bob & Patty Fitzsimmons	Joseph Leichtnam	PRIESTS, FRIARS & SISTERS	Victims of floods and hurricanes
Hal Bloom	All flood/hurricane victims	Mary Anne Lenzi	PUBLIC FIGURES	Victims of terrorism
BOYCE FAMILY INTS.	Flora's intentions	Anna Licameli	Puerto Rico	Victims of violence
Miriam Bracetty	Robert Fox..	Licameli Family Intentions	Q committee	Lois Viola
Jim and Sunny Brennan	Pope Francis	Rosemary LoCascio	Fr. Kevin Queally	Diane Vitale
Fr. Brian	Virginia Franco	Baby Ryan LoMuscio	Regina Pacis (all ints.)	Bill & Carmel Watson Fam.
BROS. & SISTS. OF PRAYER	Franz Family	Toni LoSquadro	Region sp. Int.	Barbara Robb Whalen..
Carmela Barbieri Buda.	FRAZZA FAMILY INTS.	Carl & Kathy Magnifico	Ada Rivera's intentions	Debbie Wickham
Silvio Buda Family.	Gabriel	Bill Mandara & family	Maddi Romaine	Anna Z.'s sp. intentions
Rosalie Cauceglia	Anne Gadoury	Marianne and Tony Maisano	Ron Romano	Charlie Zoccoli
Fr. Chris	Frank Gallitano	Angie Mariniello	Lois and Alyssa Roszko	
Angelo & Rose Cincotta..	Trudy Gassenheimer (sp. int.)	Mike Mariniello (family)	Madeline Rousseau (Jerry)	
Lucille Clapps	Genaro and Alicia	Jackie Marlow.	Joe Ruggiero	
Fr. Damian Colicchio	Carol Gentile	Mary Therese and daughter	Baby Sam.	
Colleen.	GEORGE FAMILY INTS.	Fr. Meena (Sp. Int)	Ilene & Neil Samuels..	
Joe Coralluzzo's ints.	Anna and Joe Geraci	Middle Eastern Christians	San Damiano Frat. Ints.	
Marguerite Cox	Vincent & Maria Giambona, Sr.	MILITARY: LIVING & DECEASED	Lyn Scheuring	
Lee D'Arminio	Nance Gorni (ints.)	Misty's ints.	Pino Scordo.	
May D'Arminio	Linda & Tim Griffith	Pat Moclair (Sp. Int.)	Andrew Shontz.	
Lombardo V. D'Auria	Carlos & Rosa Guerrero	MOG lapsed and excused	John & Mary Smythe.	
P. Davis.	Elaine Hedtke	Mother Seton grp. Ints.	Bro. Doug Soik, OFM Cap.	
Dave (Helen)	Rosemarie Henky (Harry)	MS intentions	SPIRITUAL FIGURES/LEADERS	
Deacon Joe's group int.	Joalle Henriques	NEC	St. Anne's Frat. Ints.	
Development Office Intentions	Ralph & Frances Henry..	NFC	St. Francis Youth	
Diane (Sp. int.)	The Homeless & the Lonely	James & Lola Norton Fam.	St. Anthony of Padua Frat Ints	
Divine Mercy Fraternity Ints.	Hospital Intentions	OLTA Region & REC	St. Jos. Maint. Dept.	
Dolores's Intentions	Rose Ingoglia	Brian & Lynn Ortale Fam..	St. Thomas More Frat. ints.	
Dorcas	Inquirers, Aspirants & Candidates	Rebecca P.	Jen Stepanek.	
Doreen	IPRAY INTENTIONS	PAGE FAMILY INTENTIONS	St. John Vianney intents.	
Marie Dragan	Iraqi and Coptic Christians	Padre Pio Pr. Grps. Int.	Stigmata Friars	
Carol Ann Dzienis	Jil	Marie Palazzone	Stigmata Provincial Council	
Earl	Jill	Patsy and family	Tara Suplicki	
Esther	Jim	Stefani Pedone	Fr. Sylvester	
Edwin Fehrs.	Joan & Nick	Maria Pedreiro (family)	Syrian Christians and churches	
Fr. Emerson	Deacon Joe's Intentions	Josephine Pedulla.	Tau Cross Region (all ints.)	

"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