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NEW items for the
homeless:
Socks
Hats
Gloves
Scarves
Toiletries (travel
size)
Toothpaste (travel)
Toothbrush



The Cord

St. Francis Fraternity
Hackensack, NJ



Fraternity Gathering in Church Hall **Thursday February 14 at 6:30**

Initial formation class will be held at promptly at **5:00 PM** in the Church Hall

This Month: Rite of Admission for Jo Ann Rean

Current Apostolate: Items for Homeless (This will continue through our March meeting.)

Sweet reminder: Diane Menditto and Jo Ann Rean

Closing Prayer: Tony Buda

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.

Special Intentions: F. Cavallo; Tumminia family; T. Gassenheimer; K. Ferrari; Pat Moclaire; Diane Menditto

Family Members: M. Ferrari, D. Ferrari, Fr. Sylvester, Chelsea Rose Ferrara, Fr. Damian, Vincenzo Quasarano, Rosangela Tumminia, Fr. Pius, Baby Ryan Lomuscio, 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

Rest of the Soul of: Mike Mariniello

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



Statue of our Lady Feb: Tony & Laura Buda; Mar: Rosellina Iacono; Apr: Jo Ann Rean; May: Teresa Iozzia; June: Mimma LoMuscio; July: Alessandra Panuccio; Aug: Nicole Saldarriaga; Sept: Domenica Panuccio; **Oct.: Open**; Nov: JoAnn Rean; **Dec. Open**

BIRTHDAYS: **Feb. 10:** E. Ferrara; **24:** K. Ferrari **March 3:** A. Polanco; **9:** N. Tumminia; **12:** I. Campillo; **28:** V. Isaac

Correspondence: Thank you and blessings from **Bro. Bruce**; Thank you from **Greater Bergen Community Action** for our donation to the family shelter; Thank you from **Bergen County Housing, Health and Human Services Center** for our donations to the shelter; We received New Year greeting from **Fr. Sylvester**.

Mark your calendar:

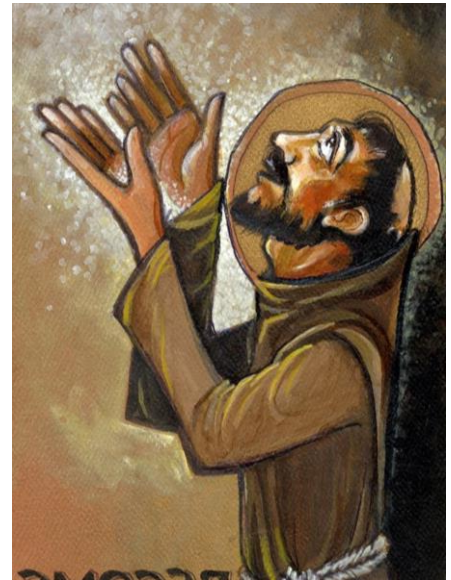
- The next **council meeting** is February 25th at 6:30 in the Church Hall
- **Convivenza** will be March 23 in Paterson.
- **Regional Retreat August 2-4 Reserve early!**

Thank you to **Cono Spinelli** who produced the Cord for the past year. We will miss having his help!

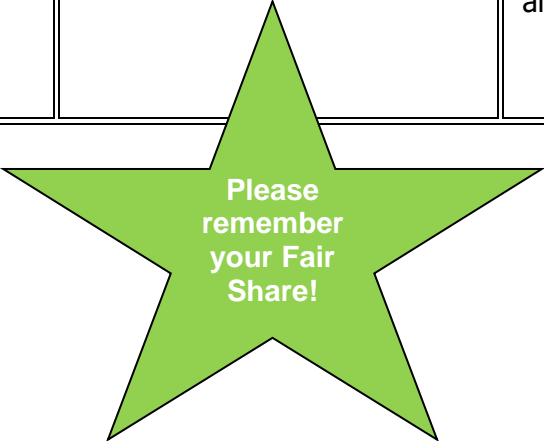
Farewell to our brother **Joe Coralluzzo** who will be transferring to St. Mary of the Assumption Fraternity in Pompton Lakes. Joe knows that he is welcome to visit us any time!

Farewell to Bro. Lombardo who has moved to Florida to begin his new assignment.

Welcome to our new Aspirants who began their first Orientation session last month. **Rosellina, Vivian, Alessandra and Nicole**, we are happy to have you with us! We will keep you (and our Candidate **JoAnn**) in our prayers.



<u>Common Fund</u>	<u>Good & Welfare</u>	<u>Fair Share 2018-2019</u>
Balance forward: \$1,470.11 Income: 18.00 Expenses 125.00 Ending Balance \$1, 363.11	Balance forward: \$179.50 Contributions: 12.00 Current balance: \$191.50	Balance forward: \$835.00 Com. Fund Allocation: \$100 Fraternity contributions: \$140.00 Current Balance: \$1,075.00 Amount owed to Region: 30 active and excused members X \$45.00= \$1350.00



Apostolate of Prayer list February 2019

Holy Father's Intentions for February: Human Trafficking

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

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

"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

Ongoing Formation: **The Rite of Admission**
*We will celebrate the Rite of Admission at our February meeting
as **JoAnn Rean** becomes a Candidate*



The Road to Candidacy

Aspirants and Inquirers discern their vocations throughout initial formation. As they near the time for the Rite of Admission, discernment becomes more focused.

- The Inquirer considers these basic questions in order to decide if he/she wants to enter Candidacy:
 - What is a **vocation** and how am I called?
 - What is the **Gospel Life** and how am I called to live it?
 - What is a **vocation** to the Secular Franciscan Order and am I called to live this **way of life**?
- The Inquirer should understand that requesting Candidacy means:
 - **having the will** to experience the Gospel life
 - keeping in mind that the request is related to a **possible future commitment** to live this way of life with the help of a fraternity, in communion and harmony with the whole Franciscan family.
- An **application to Candidacy** is made by the Inquirer to the Minister of the local fraternity by a formal act, in writing if possible.
- Along with a **personal written reflection**, the Candidate signs an official request with the following information:
 - I have come to see in the Secular Franciscan Order a way of life that appeals to me.
 - I would like to continue studying this way and learn more about it.
 - Therefore, I request to be received as a Candidate, to experience this way of life more intensely, and prepare for a future life commitment in the OFS.
 - I understand that my request for admission is subject to the approval of the Fraternity Council.
 - I realize that I may withdraw at any time prior to Profession.
- The Council, having come to know the Inquirer, has a serious responsibility to prayerfully and thoroughly consider whether the applicant is called to become a member of the Secular Franciscan Order. **This is for the benefit of the Candidate and the fraternity.**
- After prayer and discussion the Fraternity Council decides collegially on the request, gives a formal answer to the Inquirer, and communicates this to the fraternity.



- Immediately after the Rite of Admission the act is to be **registered and preserved in the records of the fraternity and Candidacy begins.**

The Candidate begins wearing the **TAU** and may write **OFS** after his/her name.