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Gathering: Thursday, January 8, 2015
beginning at 7:30 PM with Evening Prayer

This Month:
Talk on Lectio Divina
by Harry Henky

WINTER PROJECT FOR THE HOMELESS

Closing Prayer: Patricia Franz

Sweet Reminder: Lucy Stamilla and Stefani Pedone

WE WOULD LIKE TO SEND IN A PARTIAL PAYMENT FOR OUR FAIR SHARE IN JANUARY. SEE TONY BUDA TO MAKE A DONATION (FULL OR PARTIAL; FOR YOURSELF OR SOMEONE ELSE)

HEALTH AND WELFARE: Karen Ferrari and Fam.; Mary Berrillo; Ramona Torres; Marie Sortino; Maria Terranova; Virginia Franco; Alice LeForest; Josephine Gebbia; Adelina Marino; Polanco Family; Eileen Ferrara; Pat Moclairé; Anna Licamelli

Special intentions F. Cavallo. M. Sortino, Tumminia Family, J. Coralluzzo & T. Gassenheimer; K. Ferrari; Pat Moclairé

Family Members: Marguerite Philips; Eddie Nash; Liz Cox; Joseph Stamilla; Michael Ferrari; David Ferrari; Ed McManus; Fr. Sylvester; Chelsea Rose Ferrara; Licamelli Family; Mimmi Parente; Patricia Davis; Fr. Damian Colicchio; Vincenzo Quasarano; Rosangela Tumminia; Fr. Pius; LoBue Family; Kathleen McGee; Carmela Schymanski; Monica & José Roman; Antoinette Casteluccio; Benedita Tineo; José Tineo; Joe Annarumma; Baby Ryan LoMuscio; Stefani Pedone; Joe Savoia; Sara Tripodi; Bill LoCascio; Karen (Lucy's niece); Mariano Ortiz (Migdania's brother); Gaetana Licamelli.

Repose of the souls of: Bill LoCascio (Rosemary's son)

Treasurer's Report

<p>Common Fund \$ 1936.03 Balance + 401.40 * Income \$ 2337.43 -514.92** \$ 1822.51</p> <p><small>*Donations, raffle, debit card reimb. from region & fair share donations. **Mass cards, donation to the parish, Christmas dinner expenses, gift and debit card expenses.</small></p>	<p>Good and Welfare \$37.50+8.00=\$45.50</p>	<p>Fair Share for 2014 \$1131.50 owed to the Region \$50.00 + 173.00= \$223.00</p> <p>Spiritual Life Fund Bal: \$100</p>
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STATUE OF OUR LADY Dec. Karen Jan. Lucy; Feb. Jackie T.; Mar. Eileen & Jim; Apr. Mimma, May Teresa; Jun. Adelina; Jul. Karen; Aug. Polancos; Sept. Frank; Oct. Budas; Nov. Cono; Dec. Joe

BIRTHDAYS: Jan. 7: Lucy Stamilla; 20: Ron Romano; 27: Ed Atwood; Feb. 10: Eileen Ferrara; 24: Karen Ferrari

Correspondence: We received Christmas greetings and prayers from **Toni Losquadro, Fr. Brian, Fr. Damian and Bro. Bruce.**

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

Mark Your Calendar:

January 24: North Jersey Cluster Meeting 10 AM at St. Bonaventure, Paterson. Please let us know if you would like to attend.

April 25: Tentative—Convivenza—Holy Name Parish W. 96th St. Manhattan

Council Members: **Next Council Meeting: January 26, 2015**

WINTER PROJECT FOR THE HOMELESS

DONATE NEW HATS, GLOVES, WHITE SOCKS, SCARVES, EARMUFFS & TOILETRIES for MEN, WOMEN, & CHILDREN

FOR THE SHELTER IN HACKENSACK.

Apostolate of Prayer list January, 2015

Betty A.	Edwin Fehrs.	Licamelli Family Intentions	PAGE FAMILY INTENTIONS	Jen Stepanek.
Alicia	FB friends	Mark & Ondine Llewytin.	Padre Pio Pr. Grps. Int.	St. John Vianney intents.
All persecuted Christians	Karen Ferrari (sp. int.)	LoBue family	Stefani Pedone	Donald Sutton.
BARBIERI, Buda, Scordo FAMILY Ints.	FERRARI FAM. INTENTIONS	+Bill LoCascio	Maria Pedreiro	Fr. Sylvester
Buddy Bauer	Bob Fitzsimmons	Rosemary LoCascio	Josephine Pedulla..	Syrian Christians
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	Flora's intentions	Baby Ryan LoMuscio	Marguerite Phillips	Cheryl T..
Anne Bernardi.	Robert Fox..	+Chris M.	Virginia Pichon.	Tau Cross Region (all ints.)
Zoila Blacio	Jeff & Katherine Fracke Fam.	Dolly M.	Ron Pihokker	Maria Terranova
Pete Blake.	Pope Francis	Philip M.	POOR CLARE prayer list	Colin Then..
BLESSING BOARD INTS.	Virginia Franco	Madden & Tillson	PRIESTS, FRIARS & SISTERS	Greg Thweatt..
Dallas Boushey..	FRAZZA FAMILY INTS.	Carl and Kathy Magnifico	PUBLIC FIGURES	Benedita Tineo
BOYCE FAMILY INTS.	Bro. Freddy and Formation class	Julio Magnifico	Vincenzo Quasarano	Ramona Torres
BROS. & SISTS. OF PRAYER	Anne Gadoury	+James Mancinelli	REC	Silvio & Rachel Travia Family.
Dolores Bruno..	Daisy Gallardo	Deacon Joe Mantineo	Regina Pacis (all ints.)	Sara Tripodi
Carmela Barbieri Buda.	Frank Gallitano	MARIE'S PRAYER INTS.	Ada Rivera's intentions	William Turner Family.
Silvio Buda Family.	Trudy Gassenheimer (sp. int.)	Jackie Marlow.	+Rob	Anthony V.
Linda Cacpal	Genaro	Shirley Meacham.	Lil & Ted Roehrs and Family	Gerard & Ruth Villemaire.
Joan Carbonneau.	Carol Gentile	Charlie Mechanic.	Maddi Romaine	Lois Viola
Anne Castelluccio	GEORGE FAMILY INTS.	Joe Mellone	Monica and José Roman	Bill & Carmel Watson Fam..
Cathy Champon	Joe Geraci	Robert Menditto	Rosa and Carlos	Barbara Robb Whalen..
Angelo & Rose Cincotta..	Vincent & Maria Giambona, Sr. Fam	MILITARY: LIVING & DECEASED	Keith Roy.	Katherine Wobby.
Armand Cittarella.	Linda Griffith	Misty's ints.	Lucy S.	Anna Z.'s sp. intentions
Paul & Lucille Clapps	Nancy Haskell...	Arthur "Chip" Mitiguy. \	Sabrina's Sp. ints.	
Colleen.	Ralph & Frances Henry..	Pat Moclair (Sp. Int.)	Baby Sam.	
Joe Coralluzzo's ints.	Henry and Mary Elen	Morgado family	Fr. Sam	
Liz Cox	Hospital Intentions	Leonora Mosca	Ilene & Neil Samuels..	
Marguerite Cox	Bill & Rose Ingoglia	Mother Seton grp. Ints.	San Damiano Frat. Ints.	
Rachele Cuiuli.	IPRAY INTENTIONS	MS intentions	Mary Cathy Scott	
Lee D'Arminio	Joan & Nick	Rose & Ed Mulder	Ramon Sesin.	
May D'Arminio	Deacon Joe's Intentions	Bill Mulqueen	Andrew Shontz.	
Deacon Joe's group int.	JSS	NFC	James & Andrea Smullens Fam..	
Development Office Intentions	Violetta Kos	Nilda	John & Mary Smythe.	
Diane (Sp. int.)	Mildred Krapels.	Doug Noble	Marie Sortino	
Dolores's Intentions	Kristen	James and Lola Norton Fam.	SPIRITUAL FIGURES/LEADERS	
Dorcas	Shawn Leddy	OLA Region	St. Anne's Frat. Ints.	
Doris and Bill	Alice LeForest	Brian O'Regan.	St. Francis Youth	
Marie Dragan	Mary Ann Lenzi	Brian & Lynn Ortale Fam..	St. Anthony Frat.	
Ebola victims & Workers	Anna Licamelli	Ted O'Shaughnessey.	St. Jos. Maint. Dept.	
John Faccone	Gaetana Licamelli	Ralph Padovano	St. Thomas More Frat. ints.	

Holy Father's Intentions for January 2015

Universal: Peace: That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

Evangelization: Consecrated life: That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

"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.

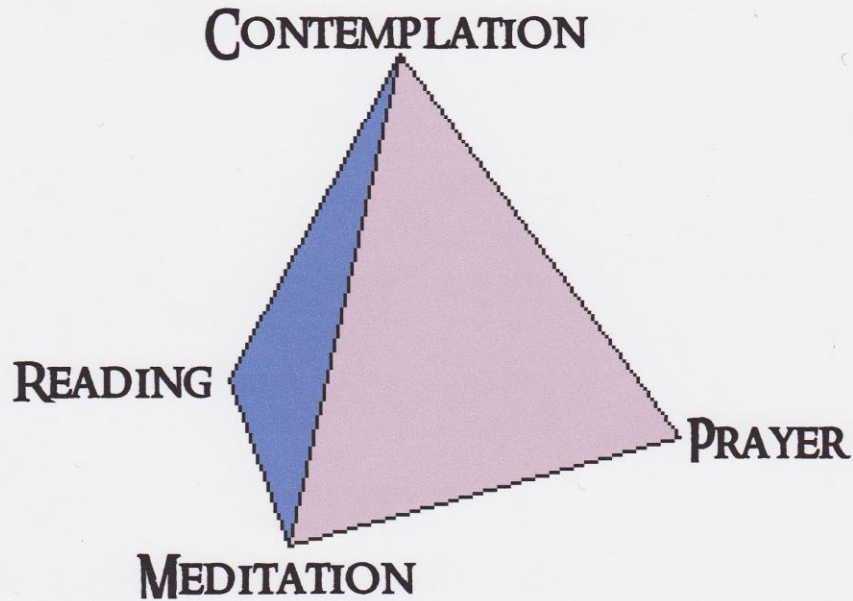
We pray for Our Holy Father, the clergy, religious and lay people.
Inspire and strengthen all of us so that through our prayers, love and sacrifices,
we may be able to reach out to our brothers and sisters and bring them back to the fold.

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

LECTIO DIVINA

A WAY OF LIVING



We often read scripture or other texts like the newspaper—scan for the important points, skim the parts that may not make immediate sense, and then move on. Rather than reading for quick facts and information, *lectio divina*, or “divine reading,” is a spacious, prayerful process inviting us to savor the text. The reader enters into a prayerful dialogue with text, chews on it, ponders it in her or his heart, and looks beyond the obvious to make connections with life and prayer. *Lectio divina* is not a method with steps that must be done in order. Rather it is a way of living the text.

- **Reading.** Choose a passage and read it slowly many times. Read it silently, read it aloud. Without focusing too much on perfection, try memorizing the passage.
- **Meditating.** As words or phrases stand out, focus on them. Dialogue with them—why do they “stand out” or “shimmer” to you. What do they remind you of? Other verses? Memories? Do they inspire you to prayer?
- **Praying.** As you read and meditate, do you find yourself asking God questions? Do people come to mind or life situations which could be brought to God? Allow the connections you make become a natural conversation with God.
- **Contemplating.** This is a gift from God. It may not happen and it is not the “reward” for a well-done *lectio divina*! It is the delightful “aha-moment,” a sense of timelessness, an inner awe at the beauty or love or wisdom or (fill in the blank) of God, revealed through the text.

At any point, praying may lead back into reading, contemplating back into meditating. Reading could lead directly into contemplation. Over time, this way of reading scripture can become second nature and spill over into other areas of life. One can “read” a situation, a world event, a personal crisis, or a relationship in this manner.