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NEW
Hats, gloves,
scarves and
socks.
Travel-size
toiletries

For the Shelter
in Hackensack

"When I was
naked you
clothed me."
Matt 25:36



The Cord

St. Francis Fraternity
Hackensack, NJ



Fraternity Gathering: MASS In Church Hall at 6:30 PM
Fr. Prem will celebrate Mass for us to start off the New Year

Ongoing Formation: New Year's Resolutions

Current Apostolate: Winter Project for the Homeless
Thank you to everyone who brought gifts for the Women and Children's shelter!

Sweet Reminder: Karen Ferrari and Laura & Tony Buda

Closing Prayer: Rosellina Iacono

Health and Welfare: Karen Ferrari and fam; Alice LeForest; Polanco fam.; Jim & Eileen Ferrara; Pat Franz; Harry Henky; Rosemary LoCascio; Toni LoSquadro; Angie Mariniello; Fr. John Salvas, OFM Cap., Anthony Vasile; Cono Spinelli & Family

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

Family Members: M. Ferrari, D. Ferrari, Chelsea Rose Ferrara, Fr. Damian, Vincenzo Quasarano, Fr. Pius, Stefani Pedone, Joe Savoia, Sara Tripodi, Charlie Zoccoli, Rosemarie Henky, Franz family, Kathleen McGee (Harry's daughter), Cheyenne Travers; Silvio Buda; Baby Ryan, Douglas Henky; Margherita Iacono (Rosellina's mom); Fr. Damian.

Apostolate of Prayer: Please pray for those on the [PRAYER LIST](#) and for their intentions.

Statue of Our Lady Jan: Tony & Laura; Feb: Alessandra



BIRTHDAYS: **January 7:** Lucy Stamilla; **20:** Ron Romano; 27: Ed Atwood; **February 10:** Eileen Ferrara; **24:** Karen Ferrari

Correspondence: Thank you from Bergen County Shelter for our many donations; Thank you for our gift, our donations and for the wonderful dinner from Bro. Bruce; Thank you from Fr. Martin for our gift to the parish. Christmas greetings received from: Bro. Doug; Fr. Francisco and Fr. Pius. (This is the first year that we did not receive greetings from Fr. Sylvester, please keep him in your prayers—may he rest in peace.) Thank you to Eileen and Jim Ferrara and to all those who have sent donations to the fraternity.

Mark your calendar:

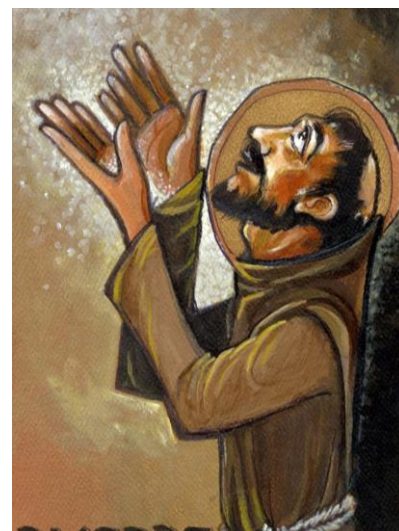
- **April 16, 2020** Our Fraternity gathering on the **third Thursday** due to Holy Thursday on April 9th
- **April 18, 2020** Convivenza
- **October 10, 2020** celebration of the 25th Anniversary of our region
- **November 14, 2020** Regional Chapter of Elections We are hosting!

It's a great idea to pick an article from the Rule and see how we can live it in our every-day lives. How about Article 10 this month?

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The words below come from our Rule. Think about how they apply to your life. See page 3 for a meditation on our Rule and some questions to help us get a good start in the New Year.

Relationship
Reconciliation Church Conversion
Service Life Justice
Mary Creation
Purity-of-heart Detachment Self-giving
Rule Prayer Peace
Witness Gospel Contemplation
Scripture
Mission



Please keep our Inquirers and our Candidate in your prayers

Common Fund

Balance forward: \$1,806.44
Income: 326.00*
Expenses \$ 498.19
Ending Balance \$1,634.25

*Includes Common Fund, donations, 50/50; Christmas raffle.

**Includes Expenses for Christmas dinner; gifts to Bro. Bruce and St. Francis Parish; Secretarial Supplies and postage; fraternity debit card.

Good & Welfare

Balance forward: \$ 70.50
Expense: \$ 00.00
Contributions: \$ 8.00
Current balance: \$ 78.50

Southwest Missions balance forward \$201.50

Fair Share 2019-2020

Balance forward: \$1190.00
Com. Fund Allocation: 0
Fraternity contributions: \$25.00

Current Balance: \$1,215.00

We will owe the region 27 X \$45 = \$1215 for candidates and professed members. We are getting closer!

Everyone is responsible for contributing *something* toward Fair Share! (See Constitutions Art. 30.3)

Pray the Rule: Resolutions for the New Year

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 fulfil 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 (19).

Read and think about each sentence in the selection.

- Which items from the Rule are hardest for you to live?
- Of those items, choose three that will help you make the biggest change in your Franciscan life this year.

Apostolate of Prayer list January 2020

Holy Father's Intention for January: Prayer Intention for Evangelization- Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Elizabeth Allen	FERRARI FAM. INTENTIONS	Jill	Patsy and family	Deacon Milt Smilek
Joan Amato (family)	Karen Ferrari	John (sp. int.)	Paul and Sean (sp. int.)	Monica Smith..
Bahamas	Michael Ferrari	Clara K. and family	Serafina Pedone	John & Mary Smythe.
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	Maria Ficken	Kate (sp. int.)	Stefani Pedone	Frank Spina
Zoila Blacio	Bob & Patty Fitzsimmons	Baby Ryan L.	Maria Pedreiro (family)	Cono Spinelli and Family
Pete Blake.	Flora's intentions	Muriel Lechenbusch	Josephine Pedulla.	SPIRITUAL FIGURES/LEADERS
BLESSING BOARD INTS.	Florida friends	Alice LeForest	Michael Perry, OFM	St. Anne's Frat. Ints.
Rita Bloom	Fr. Francis	Paula Leichtman	Maty Ann Pfeiffer (family)	St. Francis Youth
BOYCE FAMILY INTS.	Pope Francis	Mary Anne Lenzi	Ron Pihokker	St. Anthony of Padua Frat Ints
Jim and Sunny Brennan	Franz Family	Licamelli Family intentions	John Platti (Linda)	St. Jos. Maint. Dept.
BROS. & SISTS. OF PRAYER	FRAZZA FAMILY INTS.	Rosemary LoCascio	Joe Polifrone	St. Thomas More Frat. ints.
Joe Brown	Colette G.	Bro. Lombardo (sp. Int.)	POOR CLARE prayer list	Jen Stepanek.
Carmela Barbieri Buda.	Fr. Dan G.	Toni LoSquadro	PRIESTS, FRIARS & SISTERS	St. John Vianney intents.
Silvio Buda & Family.	Gabriel	Joan Luinetti	PUBLIC FIGURES	Stigmata Friars
Elaine Buscemi	Jean Garofalo	Charles M. (Danielle)	Q committee	Stigmata Provincial Council
Pat Cantelmo	Trudy Gassenheimer (sp. int.)	Carl Magnifico (Kathy and fam.)	RT (sp. int.)	Tara Suplicki
Deacon Ed Case	Genaro and Alicia	Margaret (Carolyn)	Joanne Rean	Syrian Christians and churches
Sean Case	Carol Gentile	Angie Mariniello	Charlie Redstone	Tau Cross Region (all ints.)
Rosalie Cauceglia	GEORGE FAMILY INTS.	Jackie Marlow.	Regina Pacis (all ints.)	Cheyenne Travers
Rose Cincotta..	Anna and Joe Geraci	Mary Therese and daughter	Region sp. Int.	Silvio & Rachel Travia Family.
Lucille Clapps	Vincent & Maria Giambona, Sr.	Chuck and Linda McAuliffe	Vincent Ribauda	Sheila Tuohy
Fr. Damian Colicchio	Fr. Giles	Fr. Frank McHugh (sp. int.)	Jimmy Riehl	William Turner Family.
Colleen.	Nance Gorni	John McHugh	Maria Riehl	Susan Upshur
Joe Coralluzzo's ints.	Linda & Tim Griffith	Fr. Meena (Sp. Int)	Ada Rivera's intentions	Anthony Vasile
Lee D'Arminio	Carlos & Rosa Guerrero	Middle Eastern Christians	Angela Rodin	Marie Vasta (All intentions)
May D'Arminio	Myriam Hart	MILITARY: LIVING & DECEASED	Leah Cuiuli Roger.	Victims of abuse
P. Davis.	Elaine Hedtke	Misty's ints.	Roman Catholic Church	Victims of terrorism
Dave (Helen)	Douglas Henky	Pat Moclaire (Sp. Int.)	Ron (Sp. int)	Victims of violence & hatred
Deacon Joe's group int.	Harry Henky	MOG lapsed and excused	Lois and Alyssa Roszko	Diane Vigilante
Demas Family.	Rosemarie Henky	Mother Seton Grp. Ints.	Madeline Rousseau (Jerry)	Lois Viola
Carmen DeRiso	Ralph & Frances Henry.	MS intentions	Bro. John Russo	Diane Vitale
Diane (Sp. int.)	The Homeless & the Lonely	Bill Mulqueen (Anne)	Baby Ryan	Bill & Carmel Watson Fam.
Divine Mercy Fraternity Ints.	Hospital Intentions	NEC	James and Erin S.	Kathleen White
Dolores's Intentions	Hurricane, flood and storm victim	Fr. Nick (sp. Int.)	Annette Salvadeo	Anna Z.'s sp. intentions
Dorcas and Woody	Immigrant & refugee children	NFC	Fr. John Salvass, OFM Cap.	José Zetnick
Marie Dragan	Rose Ingoglia	James & Lola Norton Fam.	Baby Sam.	Charlie Zoccoli
Edwin Fehrs.	Inquirers, Aspirants & Candidates	OLA Region & REC	San Damiano Frat. Ints.	
Ethan Fehrs.	IPRAY INTENTIONS	Brian & Lynn Ortale Fam..	Pino Scordo.	
Sue and Charlie Fehskens	Iraqi and Coptic Christians	Nancy P.	Pat Serotkin	
FB friends	Jake	PAGE FAMILY INTENTIONS	Andrew Shontz.	
Ferraras	Jan and Josh	Padre Pio Pr. Grps. Int.	Shooting victims	
Karen Ferrari (sp. int.)	Jil	Marie Palazzone	Joe Slachetka (Myke & fam.)	

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