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Gathering: Thursday, July 9, 2015
beginning at 7:30 PM with *Evening Prayer in the Church Hall*

This Month: Discussion on Scripture readings

WE NEED YOUR HELP! PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING SCHOOL SUPPLIES, GIFT CARDS TO TARGET OR STAPLES AND MONETARY DONATIONS FOR THE SOUTHWEST MISSION SCHOOLS ASK YOUR FRIENDS TO CONTRIBUTE! (THE YOUTH GROUP WILL ALSO HELP US AGAIN.)

Closing Prayer: Ed Atwood
Sweet Reminder: Iris Campillo and Cono Spinelli

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 MoClaire; Anna Licamelli; Lucy Stamilla

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

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; Benedita Tineo; José Tineo; Joe Annarumma; Baby Ryan LoMuscio; Stefani Pedone; Joe Savoia; Sara Tripodi; Karen (Lucy's niece); Mariano Ortiz (Migdania's brother); Gaetana Licamelli; Frank DeLorenzo.

Treasurer's Report

<p>Common Fund \$ 986.29 Balance + 310.00 * Income \$ 1296.29 -193.00 **Expenses \$ 1103.29</p> <p>*Fair Share, Birthright, Cluster & Common Fund **reimbursement and donation to Birthright.</p>	<p>Good and Welfare \$129.50+23.00= \$152.50</p>	<p>***Fair Share \$1131.50 was paid to our Region for our Fair Share</p> <p>Donations are still being accepted. Thank you for helping us reach our goal!!</p>
<p>Spiritual Life Fund Bal: \$102</p>		

STATUE OF OUR LADY: Jul. OPEN; Aug. Polancos; Sept. Frank; Oct. Budas; Nov. Cono ; Dec. Joe
BIRTHDAYS: July 6: Jim Ferrara; August 2: Virginia Franco; 7: Anna Licamelli; 20: Pat Franz; 26: Bro. John

Correspondence: Fr. Brian is doing well after a pacemaker implant; Fr. Sylvester needs our prayers; Fr. Damian thanks us for the card we sent him.

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

Mark Your Calendar:

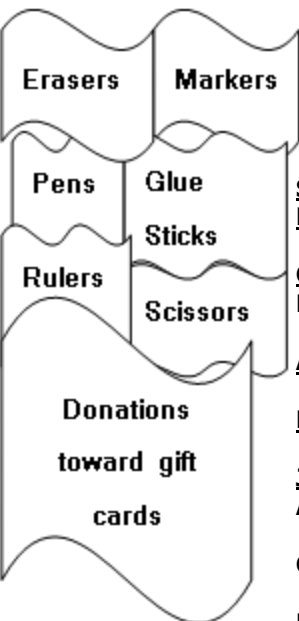
July 31-August 2: Region Retreat at Mt. Alvernia in Wappingers Falls. \$175.00 per person. Application available at this month's gathering and on Region website! (Don't wait too long!)

October 13-18th National Chapter hosted by our Region in Clinton, NJ—will you help out?

November 7th: Chapter of Ministers

November 12th: St. Francis Fraternity elections – **WILL YOU CHOOSE TO SERVE??**

Council Members: **Next Council Meeting: July 27, 2015**



Apostolate of Prayer list July, 2015

Aldo & Emilee	Development Office Intentions	Joan & Nick	Brian O'Regan.	St. Jos. Maint. Dept.
All persecuted Christians	Diane (Sp. int.)	Deacon Joe's Intentions	Brian & Lynn Ortale Fam..	St. Thomas More Frat. ints.
Rose Ascolese	Dolores's Intentions	+Josephine Kempf	Ralph Padovano	Jen Stepanek.
Julia Attaway	Dorcas	Andy Klutkowski	PAGE FAMILY INTENTIONS	St. John Vianney intents.
Aubrey	Doris and Bill	Shawn Leddy & Family	Padre Pio Pr. Grps. Int.	Tara Suplicki
Buddy Bauer	Marie Dragan	Alice LeForest	Stefani Pedone	Donald Sutton.
Deacon Tom Bello, OFS (Judy)	Edwin Fehrs.	Mary Ann Lenzi	Maria Pedreiro	Fr. Sylvester
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	Ethan Fehrs.	Anna Licamelli	Josephine Pedulla..	Syrian Christians
Anne Bernardi.	FB friends	Gaetana Licamelli	Marguerite Phillips	Maria T.
Zoila Blacio	Karen Ferrari (sp. int.)	Licamelli Family Intentions	Ron Pihokker	Susanna T.
Pete Blake.	FERRARI FAM. INTENTIONS	LoBue family	POOR CLARE prayer list	Tau Cross Region (all ints.)
BLESSING BOARD INTS.	Bob Fitzsimmons	Rosemary LoCascio	Donald Porcaro	Maria Terranova
Dallas Boushey..	Flora's intentions	Baby Ryan LoMuscio	PRIESTS, FRIARS & SISTERS	Greg Thweatt..
BOYCE FAMILY INTS.	Robert Fox..	Dolly M.	PUBLIC FIGURES	Benedita Tineo
BROS. & SISTS. OF PRAYER	Pope Francis	Madden & Tillson	Vincenzo Quasarano	Toni
Fr. Brian	Virginia Franco	Carl and Kathy Magnifico	Regina Pacis (all ints.)	Ramona Torres
Dolores Bruno..	FRAZZA FAMILY INTS.	Julio Magnifico	Ada Rivera's intentions	Silvio & Rachel Travia Family.
Carmela Barbieri Buda.	Bro. Freddy and Formation class	Joe Mantineo, Jr.	Angela Rodin	Sara Tripodi
Silvio Buda Family.	Anne Gadoury	MARIE'S PRAYER INTS.	Keith Roy.	William Turner Family.
Caffo Family	Frank Gallitano	Jackie Marlow .	+Ruby	Gerard & Ruth Villemaire.
+Richard Carucci	Trudy Gassenheimer (sp. int.)	Shirley Meacham.	Baby Sam .	Lois Viola
Elsie Cavallo	Tom Gentile	Charlie Mechanic.	Ilene & Neil Samuels..	Jillian Wagner
Frank Cavallo	GEORGE FAMILY INTS.	Joe Mellone	San Damiano Frat. Ints.	Bill & Carmel Watson Fam..
Cathy Champon	Vincent & Maria Giambona, Sr. Fam..	Br Bruce Michalek, OFM	Baby Sarah	Barbara Robb Whalen..
Angelo & Rose Cincotta..	+David Gibbs (family)	MILITARY: LIVING & DECEASED	Sarah	Katherine Wobby.
Paul & Lucille Clapps	+ Fr. Leonard Gilman	Missy's mother	Pino Scordo.	Anna Z.'s sp. intentions
Ed Clayton	Jennifer Grant	Misty's ints.	Ramon Sesin.	Maria Zoch
Fr. Damian Colicchio	Linda Griffith	Pat Moclair (Sp. Int.)	Andrew Shontz.	
Colleen.	Carlos and Rosa Guerrero	Leonora Mosca	Tommy Slattery	
Joe Coralluzzo's ints.	Sally Haddad	Mother Seton grp. Ints.	James & Andrea Smullens Fam..	
Marguerite Cox	Barbara Hagan, OFS	MS intentions	John & Mary Smythe.	
Rachele Cuiuli.	Mary Jane Haines	Bill Mulqueen	Linda Solis	
Helen D.	Nancy Haskell...	Nepal victims & Workers	Marie Sortino	
Lee D'Arminio	Harry Henry	NEC	SPIRITUAL FIGURES/LEADERS	
May D'Arminio	Ralph & Frances Henry..	NFC	Kathy Spreen	
Dave (Helen)	Hospital Intentions	Doug Noble	Lucy Stamilla	
Pat Davis	Bill & Rose Ingoglia	James and Lola Norton Fam.	St. Anne's Frat. Ints.	
Deacon Joe's group int.	IPRAY INTENTIONS	Parente Family	St. Francis Youth	
Deceased OFS members	Iraqi and Coptic Christians	OLA Region & REC	St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity Intentions	

Holy Father's Intentions for July 2015

Universal: Politics: That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.

Evangelization: The poor in Latin America: That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.

"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

Scripture in our Lives as Secular Franciscans

Some quotes from our Rule and Constitutions

Rule-4: The rule and life of the Secular Franciscans is this: **to observe the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ** by following the example of Saint Francis of Assisi, who made Christ the inspiration and the center of his life with God and people¹.

Christ, the gift of the Father's love, is the way to him, the truth into which the Holy Spirit leads us, and the life which he has come to give abundantly².

Secular Franciscans should devote themselves especially to **careful reading of the gospel, going from gospel to life and life to the gospel**³.

Rule-5: Secular Franciscans, therefore, should seek to encounter the living and active person of Christ in their brothers and sisters, **in Sacred Scripture**, in the Church, and in liturgical activity.

Constitutions-Article 3.3: The vocation to the SFO is a **vocation to live the Gospel in fraternal communion**. For this purpose, the members of the SFO gather in ecclesial communities which are called fraternities.

Constitutions-Article 9.2: The secular Franciscan, committed to following the example and the teachings of Christ, **must personally and assiduously study the Gospel and Sacred Scripture**. The fraternity and its leaders should foster love for the word of the Gospel and help the brothers and sisters to know and understand it as it is proclaimed by the Church with the assistance of the Spirit.



¹ *1 Celano* 18,115

² *Jn.* 3,16; 14,6

³ Vatican II, Decree on Lay Apostolate, 30