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Gathering: Thursday, March 12, 2015
beginning at 7:30 PM with Evening Prayer

This Month:

WE WILL CONTINUE OUR STUDY OF THE CONSTITUTIONS
PLEASE READ ARTICLE 15, PP. 9-10
LEAN, POR FAVOR, EL ARTÍCULO 15, PÁGINAS 72-73.

WINTER PROJECT FOR THE HOMELESS: There is a real need for small toiletries!
Thank you to the **FOCUS Youth Ministry** for their help with our Winter Project for the Homeless!

Closing Prayer: Jim Ferrara
Sweet Reminder: Ed Atwood and Natividad Martinez

WE HAVE SENT IN A PARTIAL PAYMENT FOR OUR FAIR SHARE THIS MONTH.
SEE TONY BUDA TO MAKE A DONATION TO HELP US FINISH OUR PAYMENT!
(FULL OR PARTIAL; FOR YOURSELF OR TO HELP 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 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.

Repose of the souls of:

Treasurer's Report

<p>Common Fund \$ 1862.51 Balance + 88.50 * Income \$ 1951.01 640.32 **Expenses \$1310.69</p> <p>*Fair Share contribution & C Fund **1/2Fair Share & reimbursements</p>	<p>Good and Welfare \$45.50 + \$10.00 = \$55.50</p> <p>Spiritual Life Fund Bal: \$100</p>	<p>Fair Share: \$565.75 paid- \$565.75 still owed</p> <p>Collected so far: \$263.00 + 76.50= \$339.50 Please make your contribution this month.</p>
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STATUE OF OUR LADY: Mar. Eileen & Jim; **Apr.** Mimma, **May** Teresa; **Jun.** Adelina; **Jul.** Karen; **Aug.** Polancos; **Sept.** Frank; **Oct.** Budas; **Nov.** Cono ; **Dec.** Joe

BIRTHDAYS: March 3: Alejandro Polanco; **9:** Natale Tumminia; **12:** Iris Campillo; **19:** Marie Sortino; **31:** Josephine Gebbia; **April 8:** Jean Kohler; **20:** Fr. Anthony Giudice

Correspondence: Thank yous for prayers and masses were received from the **Abrahamsen Family** (Rosa Morales); **LoCascio Family**; and the **Stamilla Family**. Thank you received for our donations to the **Hackensack Homeless Shelter. (Letter at meeting)** Thank you for prayers and greetings **from Fr. Sylvester.**

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

Mark Your Calendar:

North Jersey Cluster: We are invited to a Lenten Day of Recollection- Saturday, March 14th. St. Anne, Fair Lawn, NJ—see enclosed flyer.

April 25: Convivenza—Holy Name Parish W. 96th St. Manhattan. Theme: The Joy of the Gospel

July 31-August 2: Region Retreat at Mt. Alvernia in Wappingers Falls. \$175.00 per person.

Application on Region website!

Council Members: **Next Council Meeting: March 23, 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 March, 2015

All persecuted Christians	Dorcas	Deacon Joe's Intentions	OLA Region & REC	St. Francis Youth
Rose Ascolese	Doris and Bill	Joan Koch	Brian O'Regan.	St. Anthony of Padua Frat. Ints.
Aubrey	Marie Dragan	Mildred Krapels.	Brian & Lynn Ortale Fam..	St. Jos. Maint. Dept.
+Donald Banno	Ebola victims & Workers	Shawn Leddy	Ted O'Shaughnessey.	St. Thomas More Frat. ints.
BARBIERI, Buda, Scordo FAMILY Ints.	John Faccone	+Margaret Ledger (Peggy)	Matt P.	Jen Stepanek.
Buddy Bauer	Edwin Fehrs.	Alice LeForest	Ralph Padovano	St. John Vianney intents.
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	FB friends	Mary Ann Lenzi	PAGE FAMILY INTENTIONS	Tara Suplicki
Anne Bernardi.	Karen Ferrari (sp. int.)	Anna Licamelli	Padre Pio Pr. Grps. Int.	Donald Sutton.
Zoila Blacio	FERRARI FAM. INTENTIONS	Gaetana Licamelli	Stefani Pedone	Fr. Sylvester
Pete Blake.	Bob Fitzsimmons	Licamelli Family Intentions	Maria Pedreiro	Syrian Christians
BLESSING BOARD INTS.	Flora's intentions	Liz	Josephine Pedulla..	Cheryl T..
Dallas Boushey..	Robert Fox..	Mark & Ondine Llewytin.	Sarah Perneti	Tau Cross Region (all ints.)
BOYCE FAMILY INTS.	Jeff & Katherine Fracke Fam.	LoBue family	Marguerite Phillips	Maria Terranova
BROS. & SISTS. OF PRAYER	Pope Francis	Rosemary LoCascio	Virginia Pichon.	Colin Then..
Dolores Bruno..	Virginia Franco	Baby Ryan LoMuscio	Ron Pihokker	Greg Thweatt..
Carmela Barbieri Buda.	FRAZZA FAMILY INTS.	Dolly M.	POOR CLARE prayer list	Benedita Tineo
Silvio Buda Family.	Bro. Freddy and Formation class	Madden & Tillson	PRIESTS, FRIARS & SISTERS	Ramona Torres
Mike Burke	Anne Gadoury	Carl and Kathy Magnifico	PUBLIC FIGURES	Silvio & Rachel Travia Family.
Joan Carbonneau.	Frank Gallitano	Julio Magnifico	Vincenzo Quasarano	Sara Tripodi
Josephine Cavallo	Trudy Gassenheimer (sp. int.)	MARIE'S PRAYER INTS.	Rafael	William Turner Family.
+Sal Cerami	Tom Gentile	Jackie Marlow.	Regina Pacis (all ints.)	Gerard & Ruth Villemaire.
Cathy Chamon	GEORGE FAMILY INTS.	McManus Family	Ada Rivera's intentions	Lois Viola
Angelo & Rose Cincotta..	Vincent & Maria Giambona, Sr. Fam..	Shirley Meacham.	Lil & Ted Roehrs and Family	Mac Wagner
Armand Cittarella.	+Jenny Giurleo	Charlie Mechanic.	Monica, José & Baby Roman	Bill & Carmel Watson Fam..
Paul & Lucille Clapps	Aiden Grant	Joe Mellone	Keith Roy.	Barbara Robb Whalen..
Colleen.	Linda Griffith	Br Bruce Michalek, OFM	Sabrina's Sp. ints.	Katherine Wobby.
Joe Coralluzzo's ints.	Carlos and Rosa Guerrero	MILITARY: LIVING & DECEASED	Baby Sam.	Anna Z.'s sp. intentions
Liz Cox	Sally Haddad	Misty's ints.	Ilene & Neil Samuels..	
Marguerite Cox	John Haley	Arthur "Chip" Mitiguy. \	San Damiano Frat. Ints.	
Rachele Cuiuli.	Nancy Haskell..	Pat Moclair (Sp. Int.)	Ramon Sesin.	
Lee D'Arminio	Helen's Father	Leonora Mosca	Andrew Shontz.	
May D'Arminio	Ralph & Frances Henry..	Mother Seton grp. Ints.	James & Andrea Smullens Fam..	
Dave (Helen)	Hospital Intentions	MS intentions	John & Mary Smythe.	
Deacon Joe's group int.	Bill & Rose Ingoglia	Rose & Ed Mulder	Marie Sortino	
Frank DeLorenzo	IPRAY INTENTIONS	Bill Mulqueen	Maya, Cono and baby Spinelli	
Development Office Intentions	Iraqi and Coptic Christians	+Sr. Rosemary Napolitano, OSF	SPIRITUAL FIGURES/LEADERS	
Diane (Sp. int.)	+Dr. John lucalano	NFC	+Joe Stamilia	
Dolores's Intentions	Jillian	Doug Noble	Lucy Stamilia	
Michael Doohan	Joan & Nick	James and Lola Norton Fam.	St. Anne's Frat. Ints.	

Holy Father's Intentions for March 2015

Universal: *Scientists*: That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

Evangelization: *Contribution of women*: That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

"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

This Lenten meditation by Pope Francis underscores what we will discuss in our Constitutions this month.

POPE FRANCIS

MORNING MEDITATION: *Abstaining from Injustice*

Friday, 20 February 2015 (by L'Osservatore Romano, Weekly ed. in English, n. 9, 27 February 2015)

“Using God to cover up injustice is an extremely grave sin”. Pope Francis issued this stern warning against social injustice, most of all the sort caused by those who exploit workers, during Mass on Friday morning in the chapel at Casa Santa Marta.

The starting point for the Pontiff's reflection was the prayer recited at the opening of the Mass, which asked the Lord “to accompany us on this Lenten journey, so that our external observance may correspond to a profound renewal of the Spirit”. That is, he clarified, so that “what we do outwardly has a correspondence, bears fruit in the Spirit”. In other words, “in order that the outward observance is not a formality”.

To render his reflection more concrete, Francis gave the example of one who practices the Lenten fast, thinking: “Today is Friday, I can't eat meat. I'll make myself a nice plate of seafood, a nice banquet.... I'm observing it, I'm not eating meat”. But this way, he added immediately, amounts to “sins of gluttony”. This example is “the distinction between formal and real” that is spoken of in the First Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (58:1-9a). In this passage, the “people lamented because the Lord did not hear their fasts”. From his part the Lord reproaches the people, and Pope Francis summarized His words like this: “On the day of your fast, you conduct your business, you torment all your workers. You fast between arguments and quarrels, and hit with wicked fists”. Thus, “this is not fasting, not eating meat but then doing all these things: arguing, exploiting the workers”, and so on.

Jesus too, Francis added, “condemned this suggestion of piety in the Pharisees, in the doctors of the law: outwardly performing many observances but without truth of heart”. The Lord says in fact: “Do not fast any more as you did today, change your heart. And what is the fast that I choose? Dissolve the chains of wickedness, cut the thongs of the yoke, let the oppressed go free and break every yoke, share your bread with the hungry, bring the poor and the homeless into your house, clothe those you see naked, without neglecting your kin”. This is “doing justice”, the Pope said, this “is true fasting, which is not only external, and outward observance, but a fast that comes from the heart”.

The Pontiff then pointed out that in the Tablets there are “the laws regarding God and the laws regarding one's neighbor”, and how they both go together. “I cannot say: I fulfil the first three Commandments... and more or less the others. No, they are joined: love for God and love for one's neighbor are joined and if you want to do real, not formal, penance, you must do it before God and also with your brother, with your neighbor”. It's enough to consider what the Apostle James said: “You can have so much faith, but faith which does no works dies; of what use is it?”

The same is true for “my Christian life”, Francis commented. And those who seek to ease their conscience by attesting: ‘I'm a serious Catholic, Father, it's really gratifying.... I always go to Mass, every Sunday, I take Communion...’. The Pope responded: “Okay. But how is your relationship with your employees? Do you pay them under the table? Do you pay them a fair wage? Do you make contributions for their pension? For their health and social security?”. Unfortunately, he continued, so many “men and women have faith, but split the Tablets of the Law: ‘Yes, I do this’. — ‘But do you give alms?’. — ‘Yes, I always send a check to the Church’. — ‘Okay. But at your Church, at your home, with those who depend on you, whether they are your children, your grandparents, your employees, are you generous, are you fair?’. Indeed, he stated, you cannot “make offerings to the Church on the shoulders of injustice” perpetrated against your employees. And that is exactly what the Prophet Isaiah sets forth: “One who does not do justice with the people who are dependent on him is not a good Christian”. Neither is “one who does not deprive himself of something necessary in order to give it to another who is in need”.

Thus “the journey of Lent is twofold: to God and to neighbour”. And it must be “real, not merely formal”. Francis emphasized that Lent is not only about “not eating meat on Fridays”, meaning “doing some little things” while one’s “selfishness, exploitation of others, ignorance of the poor” continue to grow. We need to make a quantum leap, considering especially those who have less. The Pontiff explained this by asking each faithful: “‘How is your health, you who are a good Christian?’ — ‘Good, thank God; but also, when I need to, I immediately go to the hospital and, since I belong to the public health system, they see me right away and give me the necessary medicines’. — ‘It’s a good thing, thank the Lord. But tell me, have you thought about those who don’t have this relationship with the hospital and when they arrive, they have to wait six, seven, eight hours?’”. This is not an exaggeration, Francis confided, having heard of a similar experience from a woman who recently waited eight hours for an urgent medical visit.

The Pope’s thoughts then went to all the “people who live this way here in Rome: children and the elderly who do not have the possibility to be seen by a doctor”. And Lent is the season to think about them and how we can help these people: “But Father, there are hospitals”. — “Yes, but you have to wait eight hours and then they have you return a week later”. Instead, he indicated, we should be concerned about people in difficulty and ask ourselves: “What are you doing for those people? What will your Lent be like?”. — “Thank God I have a family who follows the Commandments, we don’t have problems...”. — “But during Lent is there room in your heart for those who haven’t fulfilled the Commandments? Who have made mistakes and are in prison?”. — “Not with those people, no...”. — “But if you are not in prison it is because the Lord has helped you not to fall. Is there room in your heart for inmates? Do you pray for them, that the Lord may help them change their life?”

To conclude, Francis asked the Lord to accompany “our Lenten journey” in order that “our external observance may correspond to a profound renewal of the Spirit”.

We are invited! To a Day of Recollection on

***Saturday, March 14, 2015,
at St. Anne's Church
sponsored by St. Anne Fraternity, Fair Lawn NJ.***

Deacon William Joyce, OFS, will speak "On Becoming a Saint"

Schedule:

8:45 - Mass in the Church
9:30 - Breakfast- downstairs in the Church Hall
9:45 - Morning talk.
Noon - Brown bag lunch
1:00 - Afternoon talk
2:00 - closing

This event is free. You are asked to bring a bible if possible.

Please contact Diane if you plan to attend so that we can call in a number from our fraternity.

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