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Hackensack, NJ

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Fraternity Gathering: Thursday, March 9, 2017

in the Church Hall for Prayer at 7:30 PM

(Please make every effort to arrive on time)

This Month: Fr. John offers a Lenten evening of reflection

Perfect Joy: The Franciscan Approach to Penance

PARTIAL PAYMENT OF FAIR SHARE WAS SENT. PLEASE CONTRIBUTE THIS MONTH.
WE WILL HAVE A SMALL RAFFLE THIS MONTH TO GO TOWARD FAIR SHARE—SOMETHING NICE!

WE ARE STILL MISSING A FEW EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS—SEE LAURA

WINTER PROJECT FOR THE HOMELESS CONTINUES

Sweet Reminder: Natale Tumminia and Tony & Laura Buda

Closing Prayer: Cono Spinelli

HEALTH AND WELFARE: Karen Ferrari and Fam.; Marguerite Cox; Marie Sortino; Maria Terranova; Virginia Franco; Alice LeForest; Polanco Family; Eileen Ferrara; Anna Licameli; Pat Franz; Harry Henky; Rosemary LoCasco

Special intentions F. Cavallo. M. Sortino, Tumminia Family, J. Coralluzzo; T. Gassenheimer; K. Ferrari; Pat Moclair; Diane Menditto

Family Members: Eddie Nash; Michael Ferrari; David Ferrari; Ed McManus; Fr. Sylvester; Chelsea Rose Ferrara; Licamelli Family; Patricia Davis; Fr. Damian Colicchio; Vincenzo Quasarano; Rosangela Tumminia; Fr. Pius; LoBue Family; Baby Ryan LoMuscio; Stefani Pedone; Joe Savoia; Sara Tripodi; Karen (Lucy's niece); Mariano Ortiz; Liz Cox; Charlie Zocchi; Rosemarie Henky; Franz Family; Kathleen McGee [Harry's daughter]

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**WINTER
PROJECT FOR
THE HOMELESS**

**DONATE NEW
HATS, GLOVES,
WHITE SOCKS,
SCARVES,
EARMUFFS
& SMALL
TOILETRIES**

**for
MEN, WOMEN,
& CHILDREN**

**FOR THE
SHELTER IN
HACKENSACK**

Treasurer's Report

<u>Common Fund</u> \$ 1432.04 Balance + 485.00* Income \$ 1917.04 - 680.00 Expenses** \$ 1,237.04 * Trans. from Fair Share acct. ** 1/2 Fair Share sent to Region	<u>Good & Welfare</u> \$198.50	<u>***Fair Share 2016-\$40.00</u> Fair Share donations so far: \$40 toward remaining amount of \$680.00 <u>We have sent a half payment of \$680. Please contribute this month.</u>
<u>Spiritual Life Fund Bal:</u> \$102		

STATUE OF OUR LADY: Mar: Natale; Apr: Joe C.; May: Polancos; June: Lucy; Jul: Domenica P.; Aug: Ferrara's; Sept: Jackie; Oct: Cono; Nov: Angie; Dec: Karen.

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

Correspondence: We heard from **Jean Kohler**—we thank her for her donation. The **Licameli Family** thanks us for remembering their sister Regina at Mass on February 26th.

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

Mark Your Calendar:

April 13: Holy Thursday—no fraternity gathering. This year the Council and Fr. John have decided that we will **spend our Holy Hour time on Holy Thursday in silent prayer**. Please come and "watch one hour" before the Blessed Sacrament.

April 22: CONVIVENZA—St. Francis Church West 31st Street NYC.

May 11th Gathering: Discussion on Joy of the Gospel. (Postponed from February)

June 8th: Visitation by a member of the Regional Executive Council

August 4-6: Region Retreat Mt. Alvernia. Registration available soon!

Please start thinking about those whom you would like **to nominate to hold Regional Offices.**

Council Members: ** Council meeting (Rector) March 27th at 6:30 PM **

Formation Class MONDAY March 20th AT 6:30 PM in the Rector

Apostolate of Prayer list March, 2017

Holy Father's Intentions for March

Support for Persecuted Christians: That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church

Angie's special intentions	Doreen	Inquirers and Candidates	MOG lapsed and excused	Linda Solis
+Louis Argenio	Marie Dragan	IPRAY INTENTIONS	Mother Seton grp. Ints.	Marie Sortino
Barbara	+Carl Vincent Dzienis (Family)	Iraqi and Coptic Christians	MS intentions	Peggy Southwell
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	Dave E. And fam.	Jill	NEC	SPIRITUAL FIGURES/LEADERS
Zoila Blacio	+Josephine Elliott	Jill	NFC	St. Anne's Frat. Ints.
Pete Blake.	Edwin Fehrs.	Joan & Nick	Doug Noble	St. Francis Youth
BLESSING BOARD INTS.	Ethan Fehrs.	Deacon Joe's Intentions	James & Lola Norton Fam.	St. Anthony of Padua Frat Ints
Hal Bloom	FB friends	Dan & Sandy Kaiser	OLTA Region & REC	St. Jos. Maint. Dept.
BOYCE FAMILY INTS.	Karen Ferrari (sp. int.)	Kate's sister	Brian O'Regan.	St. Thomas More Frat. ints.
Miriam Bracetty	FERRARI FAM. INTENTIONS	Kate Kleinert	Brian & Lynn Ortale Fam..	Jen Stepanek.
+Brenda	Bob & Patty Fitzsimmons	Violetta Kos	PAGE FAMILY INTENTIONS	St. John Vianney intents.
Fr. Brian	Flood, earthquake and fire victims	Richard Kunzweiler	Padre Pio Pr. Grps. Int.	Stigmata Friars
BROS. & SISTS. OF PRAYER	Flora's intentions	Lamar	Marie Palazzone	Tara Suplicki
Dolores Bruno..	Robert Fox..	Shawn Leddy & Family	Pat	+Nettie Sutera
Anthony J. Buda	Pope Francis	Alice LeForest	Patsy and family	Donald Sutton.
Carmela Barbieri Buda.	Fr. Francisco, OFM Cap.	Mary Anne Lenzi	Stefani Pedone	Fr. Sylvester
Silvio Buda Family.	Virginia Franco	Anna Licameli	Maria Pedreiro (family)	Tau Cross Region (all ints.)
President and Barbara Bush	Franz Family	Licameli Family Intentions	Josephine Pedulla..	Maria Terranova
Pat C. (family)	Pat Franz	Rosemary LoCascio	Ron Pihokker	Ramona Torres
Deacon Ed Case, OFS	FRAZZA FAMILY INTS.	Baby Ryan LoMuscio	Linda Pinto (sp. int.)	Silvio & Rachel Travia Family.
Rosalie Cauceglia	Anne Gadoury	Toni LoSquadro	POOR CLARE prayer list	William Turner Family.
Cathy Champon	Frank Gallitano	Diane M.	PRIESTS, FRIARS & SISTERS	Kristine V.
Angelo & Rose Cincotta..	Trudy Gassenheimer (sp. int.)	Dolly M	PUBLIC FIGURES	+Willie Velez
Paul & Lucille Clapps	Genaro and Alicia	Madden & Tillson	Regina Pacis (all ints.)	Victims of terrorism
Fr. Damian Colicchio	Carol Gentile	Carl & Kathy Magnifico	Region sp. Int.	Victims of violence and families
Colleen.	Tom Gentile	Marianne Maisano	Rita Rodin	Gerard & Ruth Villemaire.
Joe Coralluzzo's ints.	GEORGE FAMILY INTS.	Ed Malin	Ada Rivera's intentions	Lois Viola
Donna Courneyer	Vincent & Maria Giambona, Sr.	Deacon Joe Mantineo	Maddi Romaine	Diane Vitale
Marguerite Cox	Nance Gorni (ints.)	MARIE'S PRAYER INTS.	Madeline Rousseau	Bill & Carmel Watson Fam.
Lee D'Arminio	Greg and Lois	Jackie Marlow.	Bill Salandi	Barbara Robb Whalen..
May D'Arminio	Linda & Tim Griffith	Mary Therese and daughter	Baby Sam.	Debbie Wickham
Dave (Helen)	Carlos & Rosa Guerrero	Charlie McGinley	Ilene & Neil Samuels..	Anna Z.'s sp. intentions
Dave E. And fam.	Fernando Guerrero	Shirley Meacham.	San Damiano Frat. Ints.	Rachel Zagaria
Deacon Joe's group int.	+Sally Haddad	+Joe Mellone	Lyn Scheuring	Charlie Zoccoli
Development Office Intentions	Elaine Hedtke	Theresa Mellone	Pino Scordo.	
Diane (Sp. int.)	Rosemarie Henky (Harry)	Robert Menditto	Sabrina Segatta	
Eileen Diverio	Ralph & Frances Henry..	Middle Eastern Christians	Andrew Shearer	
Divine Mercy Fraternity Ints.	The Homeless & the Lonely	MILITARY: LIVING & DECEASED	Aubrey Sher	
Dolores's Intentions	Hospital Intentions	Misty's ints.	Andrew Shontz.	
Dorcas	Rose Ingoglia	Pat Moclair (Sp. Int.)	John & Mary Smythe.	

"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

Please prepare for Fr. John's Lenten Reflection on Perfect Joy and Penance by reading and thinking about the articles below from our Rule and Constitutions.

Rule Article 7

United by their vocation as “brothers and sisters of penance,” and motivated by the dynamic power of the gospel, let them conform their thoughts and deeds to those of Christ by means of that radical interior change which the gospel itself calls “conversion”. Human frailty makes it necessary that this conversion be carried out daily.

On this road to renewal the sacrament of reconciliation is the privileged sign of the Father's mercy and the source of grace.

Constitutions Article 13

1. Secular Franciscans, called in earlier times "the brothers and sisters of penance," propose to live in the spirit of continual conversion. Some means to cultivate this characteristic of the Franciscan vocation, individually and in fraternity, are: listening to and celebrating the Word of God; review of life; spiritual retreats; the help of a spiritual adviser, and penitential celebrations. They should approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently and participate in the communal celebration of it, whether in the fraternity, or with the whole people of God.
2. In this spirit of conversion, they should live out their love for the renewal of the Church, which should be accompanied by personal and communal renewal. The fruits of conversion, which is a response to the love of God, are the works of charity in the interactions with the brothers and sisters.
3. Traditional among Franciscan penitents, penitential practices such as fasting and abstinence should be known, appreciated, and lived out according to the general guidelines of the Church.



Scripture for this Month *(Don't forget to pass along your favorite passages!)*

Some of the passages offered below for reflection come from our members. Use them for your meditation on Scripture this month. When you look for those passages in the Bible, ***try to read the verses or paragraphs that come before or after for a fuller meditation.***



Scripture: Philippians 2:4-11; John 8:3-11; Matthew 18:22

Lectio Divina *(A little review)*

- Read [*Lectio*] (Read the scripture passage TWICE)
- Reflect [*Meditatio*] (Think about the passage—Which words stand out?—What is God telling us?)
- Respond [*Oratio*] (Allow our hearts to respond to God. We pray over the Scripture passages in silence.)
- Rest [*Contemplatio*] (We put aside our own thoughts and listen with our hearts to the message of the scripture passage. We are gradually transformed by the message. What is our response to God?)

