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**LOOK!**

Due to the Corona virus, instead of collecting school supplies this year, Brother Bruce has suggested that we donate toward gift cards to be used by the children's teachers and families. Please send your contributions directly to Tony Buda. We will purchase the cards.



## The Cord

St. Francis Fraternity  
Hackensack, NJ



**Fraternity Gathering: No gathering at church! (See below)**

**IMPORTANT:** On **Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**, we invite **all members** to **join on a video conference call (Zoom)** to pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. John Salvas, OFM Cap. You may invite guests. We will also invite members of the parish to join us.

**At 7PM on May 14<sup>th</sup> click on the link in the email you received. If you do not have a computer, you can call in by phone using the following number: 646-876-9923 When they ask for the meeting ID enter 883 856 4937 followed by #.**

**For those not able to join online or on the phone, please pray the attached prayer service in your home at 7 PM.**



If you have a brief story about Fr. John you would like to share, you can be prepared to tell it on the call or you can send it to me to read out loud.

**Health and Welfare:** Karen Ferrari and fam; Alice LeForest; Polanco fam.; Jim & Eileen Ferrara; Pat Franz; Harry Henky; Rosemary LoCascio; Toni LoSquadro; Angie Mariniello; Anthony Vasile; Cono Spinelli & Family; Laura Buda; Alejandro Polanco; Iris Campillo

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

**Repose of the Souls of:** Fr. John Salvas and Virginia Franco

**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; Lee Rean

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

**Statue of Our Lady** **May:** Mimma; **June:** Jo Ann; **July:** Rosellina; **Aug:** Angie; **Sept:** Domenica P.; **Oct:** Frank; **Nov:** Jo Ann; **Dec:** Tony and Laura; **Jan.** Teresa (All dates subject to change due to cancelled meetings.)



**BIRTHDAYS:** **May 10:** Teresa Iozzia; **23:** Mimma LoMuscio; **June 6:** Laura Buda; **15:** Flora Hand; **30:** Cono Spinelli

**Correspondence:** We heard from **Pat Moclaire** who thanks us for our prayers; **Toni Losquadro's** son tells us that she fell, had hip surgery and will now need rehab. We received a Mass card in memory of Fr. John from Most Holy Name Fraternity, Little Falls.

**Mark your calendar:**

- **July 31-August 2** Regional Retreat (Registration form on regional website) [http://ourladyoftheangelsregion.org/2020\\_OLTAR\\_Retreat.pdf](http://ourladyoftheangelsregion.org/2020_OLTAR_Retreat.pdf)
- **September 26<sup>th</sup>**, Regional Formation Workshop-Paterson

## Apostolate of Prayer list May 2020

For all those affected in any way by the Corona Virus, we pray to the Lord...

**Holy Father's Intention for May:** Prayer Intention for Evangelization – For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

Anthony Aquilina	FB friends	Jill	Patrick	Monica Smith..
Karen Barlow	Ferraras	Jill2	Patsy and family	John & Mary Smythe.
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	Karen Ferrari (sp. int.)	John (sp. int.)	Paul and Sean (sp. int.)	Frank Spina
Zoila Blacio	FERRARI FAM. INTENTIONS	Maria Trice Jenkins	Serafina Pedone	Cono Spinelli and Family
Pete Blake.	Michael Ferrari	Fr. Ciduane Joseph, OFM	Stefani Pedone	SPIRITUAL FIGURES/LEADERS
BLESSING BOARD INTS.	Maria Ficken	Clara K. and family	Josephine Pedulla.	St. Anne's Frat. Ints.
Rita Bloom	Bob & Patty Fitzsimmons	Karen	Linda Pelaez	St. Francis Youth
BOYCE FAMILY INTS.	Flora's intentions	Kate (sp. int.)	Marta Pelaez	St. Anthony of Padua Frat Ints
Michael Brady	Pope Francis	Baby Ryan L.	Mary Ann Pfeiffer (family)	St. John Vianney frat.
Jim and Sunny Brennan	+Virginia Franco	Muriel Lechenbusch	+Debbie Pfranger	St. Jos. Maint. Dept.
BROS. & SISTS. OF PRAYER	Franz Family	Alice LeForest	Ron Pihokker	St. Thomas More Frat. ints.
Tom Brown	FRAZZA FAMILY INTS.	Paula Leichtman	John Platti (Linda)	Jen Stepanek.
Carmela Barbieri Buda.	Fr. Dan G.	Mary Anne Lenzi	Deacon Alejandro Polanco	St. John Vianney intents.
Silvio Buda & Family.	Gabriel	Licamelli Family intentions	Joe Polifrone	Stigmata Prov Council & friars
Elaine Buscemi	Jean Garofalo	Rosemary LoCascio	POOR CLARE prayer list	Sue
Pat Cantelmo	Trudy Gassenheimer (sp. int.)	Bro. Lombardo (sp. Int.)	PRIESTS, FRIARS & SISTERS	Tara Suplicki
Deacon Ed Case & Sean Case	Genaro and Alicia	Toni LoSquadro	PUBLIC FIGURES	Syrian Christians and churches
Cathy (Justine)	Carol Gentile	Carl Magnifico (Kathy and fam.)	Q committee	Tatiana Marie
Rosalie Cauceglia	GEORGE FAMILY INTS.	Angie Mariniello	RT (sp. int.)	Tau Cross Region (all ints.)
+Chris	Anna and Joe Geraci	Jackie Marlow.	Joanne Rean	Louisa Teoli, OFS
Rose Cincotta..	Vincent & Maria Giambona, Sr.	Mary Ellen	Lee Rean	Edward Timper
Deacon Tony Cipriano	Bro. Ronald Giannone, OFM Cap.	Mary Therese and daughter	Charlie Redstone	Cheyenne Travers
Lucille Clapps	Fr. Giles	Fr. Frank McHugh (sp. int.)	Regina Pacis (all ints.)	Silvio & Rachel Travia Family.
Fr. Damian Colicchio	Glenn	Fr. Meena (Sp. Int)	Region sp. Int.	William Turner Family.
Colleen.	Nance Gorni	+Barbara Meuser	Ada Reynoso	Anthony Vasile
Madge Cooke	Linda & Tim Griffith	Middle Eastern Christians	Vincent Ribauda	Marie Vasta (All intentions)
Sean Andrew Cooke	Izzy Guadalupe	MILITARY: LIVING & DECEASED	Ada Rivera's intentions	Vicki (Kate)
Joe Coralluzzo's ints.	Carlos & Rosa Guerrero	Ministry of Caring	Angela Rodin	Victims of abuse
All Covid 19 intentions	Myriam Hart	Misty's ints.	Leah Cuiuli Roger.	Victims of terrorism
Lee D'Arminio	Elaine Hedtke	Pat Moclair (Sp. Int.)	Roman Catholic Church	Victims of violence & hatred
May D'Arminio	Douglas Henky	MOG lapsed and excused	Bobby Romero	Diane Vigilante
P. Davis.	Harry Henky & Rosemarie	Fr. Fidelis Moscinski, CFR	Ron (Sp. int)	+Lois Viola
Dave (Helen)	Ralph & Frances Henry.	Mother Seton Grp. Ints.	Lois and Alyssa Roszko	Diane Vitale
Deacon Joe's group int.	Deacon Angel Hernández	MS intentions	Madeline Rousseau (Jerry)	Vocations
Demas Family.	Holy Name Resp. Care Dept.	Bill Mulqueen (Anne)	Baby Ryan	Bill & Carmel Watson Fam.
Diana	The Homeless & the Lonely	NEC	Bob S. and family	Gordon Whiting
Diane (Sp. int.)	Hospital Intentions	Fr. Nick (sp. Int.)	Annette Salvadeo	+Terry Wickham (Joe & fam.)
Ding Ibau	Hurricane, flood and storm victim	NFC	+Fr. John Salvias, OFM Cap.	Anna Z.'s sp. intentions
Divine Mercy Fraternity Ints.	Ian	James & Lola Norton Fam.	Baby Sam.	Charlie Zoccoli
Dolores's Intentions	Immigrant & refugee children	OLA Region & REC	San Damiano Frat. Ints.	
Dorcas and Woody	Rose Ingoglia	Brian & Lynn Ortale Fam..	Joannie Sanzari.	
Marie Dragan	Inquirers, Aspirants & Candidates	Nancy P.	Pino Scordo.	
Ellie (Cindy)	IPRAY INTENTIONS	PAGE FAMILY INTENTIONS	Andrew Shontz.	
Edwin Fehrs.	Iraqi and Coptic Christians	Padre Pio Pr. Grps. Int.	Joe Slachetka (Myke & fam.)	
Ethan Fehrs.	Jil	Marie Palazzone	Deacon Milt Smilek	

From a member of our fraternity

Jesus was pleased...

His people are sorrowful and hurting;  
He heard their prayers.  
They called on him in their time of need;  
He heard them loud and clear.

Prayer comes from the heart first, then from the spoken word.  
The words may vary—but what comes from your heart and soul  
is what Jesus listens to.



Jesus and Mary were pleased at 7 PM on April 7<sup>th</sup> (when we said the Rosary together).  
They heard everyone, loud and clear!

**From our Minister**

Thank you to everyone. We are staying together as we are apart.  
Please continue to call or e-mail each other. Our Fraternity is alive and well due to all of you keeping in touch.  
God Bless,  
Ed

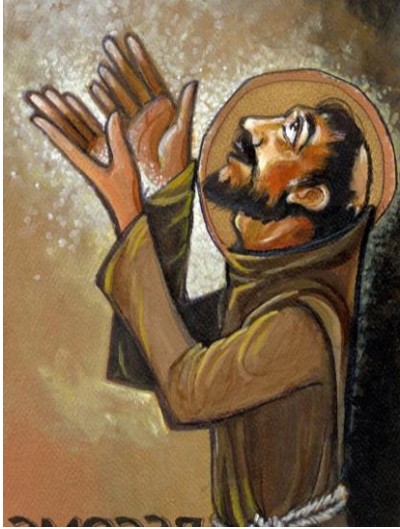
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**From our Spiritual Assistant, Fr. Prem**

Jesus\* went on a *\*Self isolation\** in the grave for our sins. He was unduly *\*quarantined\** even though He *\*tested negative\** to sin. His Resurrection from His *\*Isolation Center\** after three days formed the foundation for our release from the *\*lock down\** by sin. Anyone who has been *\*infected\** by *\*the virus\** of sin can be *\*sanitized\** and *\*recovered\** through the *\*vaccine\** of the *\*Blood of Jesus\**. He will subsequently live a Victorious Life through the *\*Ventilator\** of the *\*Holy Spirit\**.

Please *\*Stay Safe, Be Spiritually Alive & Alert\*!!!*  
Fr. Prem Kumar Garapati

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 14 this month?



**Please keep our Aspirant, Inquirers and Candidate in your prayers**

<u>Common Fund</u>	<u>Good &amp; Welfare</u>	<u>Fair Share</u>
Balance forward: \$1,270.98	Balance forward: \$ 111.75	For <b>2020-21</b> our goal will be based on 26 professed and <b>4</b> candidates.
Income: 00.00*	Expense: \$ 00.00	<b>30 x \$45=\$1350</b>
Expenses \$ 100.00**	Contributions: \$ 00.00	Feb. balance 365.00 + \$100
Ending Balance \$1,170.98	Current balance: \$ 111.75	(Allocation from Common Fund)
*No gathering in March	<b>Southwest Missions balance 00</b>	Balance-- \$465.00 + \$1,000 (donation)
** Fair Share allotment		2020 goal has been reached!
See Fair share for \$1,000 donation		

Our brother, Cono Spinelli, has donated enough to cover the balance of the 2020 Fair Share. THANK YOU, Cono, and God bless you!  
Members, you may still donate toward Fair Share if you wish. We will hold it for next year!

***Leader:***

For our Seraphic Father St. Francis, the purpose of life was to search and strive for union with Christ through faith. Death was for him not a harsh reality, but the door through which he passed toward his ultimate goal, total union with the Father. What Francis sought through faith on earth, he achieved totally after death. The celebration of the death of a Franciscan shows forth the same faith as that which Francis possessed: our belief that death is the gateway to total union with God.

***Leader:*** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen. Grace and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

***Reader:*** May God be praised for His mercy to us, and may we experience His consolation now in our sorrow. May we be strengthened and enabled to share His love with all people.

***Leader:*** *Brother John*, was washed clean in baptism and nourished with the Body and Blood of the Lord in the Eucharist. As a Franciscan friar, he was united more closely with the Lord and with us through the observance of the Franciscan way of life. May the Lord now take him to Himself and grant him a place among His saints in glory.

***Moment of Silence***

***Reader:*** *(From the Major Life of St. Francis Chapter 14 by Brother Bonaventure.)*

When the hour of his passing was approaching, he had all the brothers staying in the place called to him and, comforting them about his death with words of consolation, he exhorted them to divine love with fatherly affection. He spoke at length about preserving poverty and patience and the faith of the holy Roman Church, placing the holy Gospel ahead of other observances. As all the brothers sat around him, he stretched his hand over them, crossing his arms in the form of a cross, for he always loved this sign. And he blessed all the brothers, both present and absent, in the name and power of the Crucified. Then he added: "Good bye, all my sons, in the fear of the Lord, remain in Him always! Because a trial and tribulation is coming in the future, happy are they who will persevere in those things they have begun. I am hurrying to God, to whose grace I entrust all of you." When he finished this gentle admonition, the man most beloved of God ordered the Book of the Gospels brought to him and asked that the Gospel according to John be read to him from the place that begins: Before the feast of Passover. He, as best he could, broke out in this psalm: "With my voice I cried to the Lord; With my voice I beseeched the Lord;" and he finished it to the end. "The just," he said, "will await me until you have rewarded me."

At last, when all of the mysteries were fulfilled in him and that most holy soul was released from the flesh and absorbed into the abyss of the divine light, the blessed man fell asleep in the Lord. One of his brothers and followers saw that blessed soul, under the appearance of a radiant star, carried up on a shining cloud to be borne aloft straight to heaven over many waters, as if shining with the brightness of sublime sanctity, and filled with the abundance of heavenly wisdom and grace, by which the holy man merited to enter the place of light and peace where he rests with Christ forever.

*(A moment of silent reflection)*

**Reader:** All praise be Yours, my Lord through Sister Death, from whose embrace no mortal can escape.

**All:** All praise be Yours, my Lord, through Sister Death, from whose embrace no mortal can escape.

**Reader:** Most high, all-powerful, all good, Lord! All praise is Yours, all glory, all honor and all blessing. To You alone, Most high, do they belong. No mortal lips are worthy to pronounce Your name.

**All:** All praise be Yours, my Lord, through Sister Death, from whose embrace no mortal can escape.

**Reader:** All praise be Yours, my Lord, through all that You have made, and first my Lord Brother Sun, who brings the day; and light You give us through him. How beautiful is he, how radiant in all his splendor! Of You, Most high, he bears the likeness.

**All:** All praise be Yours, my Lord, through Sister Death, from whose embrace no mortal can escape.

**Reader:** All praise be Yours, my Lord, through Sister Moon and Stars; in the heavens You have made them bright and precious and fair. All praise be Yours, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air, and fair and stormy, all the weather's moods, by which You cherish all that You have made.

**All:** All praise be Yours, my Lord, through Sister Death, from whose embrace no mortal can escape.

**Reader:** All praise be Yours, my Lord, through Sister Water, so useful, lowly, precious and pure. All praise be Yours, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom You brighten up the night. How beautiful is he, how joyful! Full of power and strength.

**All:** All praise be Yours, my Lord, through Sister Death, from whose embrace no mortal can escape.

**Reader:** All praise be Yours, my Lord, through Sister Earth, our mother, who feeds us in her sovereignty and produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

**All:** All praise be Yours, my Lord, through Sister Death, from whose embrace no mortal can escape.

**Reader:** All praise be Yours, my Lord, through those who grant pardon for love of You, through those who endure sickness and trial. Happy those who endure in peace, by You, Most High, they will be crowned.

**All:** All praise be Yours, my Lord, through Sister Death, from whose embrace no mortal can escape.

**Reader:** Woe to those who die in mortal sin! Happy those She finds doing Your will! The second death can do no harm to them. Praise and bless my Lord, and give Him thanks, and serve Him with great humility.

**All:** All praise be Yours, my Lord, through Sister Death, from whose embrace no mortal can escape.

**Reader: Gospel Reading:** Matthew 5: 1-12 - The Sermon on the Mount:

Jesus saw the crowds and went up on a hill, where He sat down. His disciples gathered around Him, and He began to teach them:

"Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor; the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them!

"Happy are those who mourn; God will comfort them!

"Happy are those who are humble; they will receive what God has promised!

"Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires; God will satisfy them fully!"

"Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them!

"Happy are the pure in heart; they will see God!"

"Happy are those who work for peace: God will call them His children!

"Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!"

***(A period of silence)***

**Leader:** (General Intercessions)

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The Lord Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in Me, even if they die, will live and every living person who puts faith in me will never suffer eternal death. Let us pray to Him for Brother John.

Lord Jesus, You raise those who sleep in death to life.  
Give our brother John Life Eternal.

**All:** Lord, have mercy

**Leader:** You washed our brother clean in the waters of baptism and sealed him with the seal of the Holy Spirit. Bring him to a place of light and refreshment in Your Kingdom.

**All:** Lord, have mercy

**Leader:** Our brother was fed with Your Body and Blood, may he find a place at table with You at the heavenly banquet.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** Our brother was united with us in the Franciscan Family. Grant him all that was promised by our Father St. Francis.

**All:** Lord, have mercy

**Leader:** Remember us Lord, when You come into Your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name..... Amen.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, we trust in You, and hope in Your glorious resurrection. Hear our prayers for our Brother John, whom You have called to Yourself and grant him eternal life. We praise and glorify You who live in perfect Trinity and simple Unity with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever.

**All:** Amen

**Sharing of reflections about Brother John by members of the fraternity and members of the parish.**

**Leader: Closing prayer:** God our Father, we thank you for bringing us together this evening to remember our Brother and friend, Fr. John Salvas. We pray that the angels will lead him to Paradise, and that as we continue to pray for him, he will be praying for us. We ask this in Jesus's name, Amen.

***Blessing:***

**Leader:** May the Lord bless us and keep us. May he show His face to us and have mercy on us. May He turn His countenance to us and give us peace. May the Lord bless us, In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

**Leader:** Our prayer for Brother John has ended. Let us go now, and until that time when the Lord shall gather us all into His Kingdom, let us live in His peace.

**All:** Thanks be to God

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