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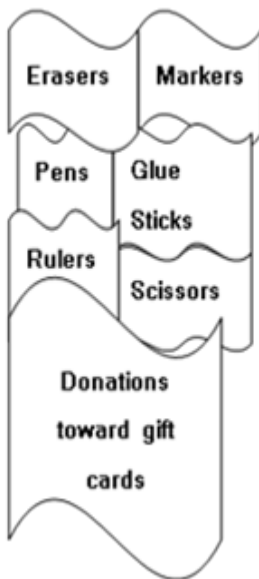
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Fraternity Gathering: September 14, 2017
beginning with Evening Prayer in the Church Hall at 7:30 PM
(Please make every effort to arrive on time)

****THIS MONTH****

We will work together to pack school supplies to be sent to the Southwest Missions.
We will also write some notes to the teachers and students.

There will also be an opportunity to contribute to the Hurricane Harvey Aid Fund being sponsored by our Region in cooperation with the National Fraternity. All funds collected go DIRECTLY to the two OFS regions in Texas and Louisiana affected by the storm!

Sweet Reminder: Cono Spinelli and Stefani Pedone
Closing Prayer: Angie Mariniello

HEALTH AND WELFARE: Karen Ferrari and Fam.; David Ferrari; Marguerite Cox; Maria Terranova; Virginia Franco; Alice LeForest; Polanco Family; Jim & Eileen Ferrara; Anna Licameli; Pat Franz; Harry Henky; Rosemary LoCascio
Special intentions F. Cavallo. 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; Licameli 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 Zoccoli; Rosemarie Henky; Franz Family; Kathleen McGee [Harry's daughter]; Henry Cox

Treasurer's Report

Common Fund	Good & Welfare	***Fair Share 2016- \$40.00
\$ 773.66 Balance	\$240.50 + \$12 = \$252.50	Please remember that it is our responsibility toward contribute to Fair Share.
+ 470.00*Income		
\$ 1243.66	Spiritual Life Fund Bal: \$102	
- 518.82 Expenses**		
\$ 724.84		
* Donations & ticket money		
**Debit card & upfront \$ Brunch		

STATUE OF OUR LADY: Sept: Jackie; Oct: Cono; Nov: Angie; Dec: Karen.

BIRTHDAYS: BIRTHDAYS: Sept. 4: Bro. Miguel; 9: Jackie Taveras; 12: Domenica Panuccio; 18: Angela Mariniello 21: Harry Henky; October 4: Marguerite Cox, Diane Menditto & Fr. Francisco; 16: Alice Le Forest; 22: Pat Moclair; 28: Tony Buda

Correspondence:

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

Mark Your Calendar:

September 26th-October 1st: National Chapter—please keep us in your prayers

October 3rd: Transitus at 7:30 (We provide refreshments after!)

October 4th: Blessing of the Animals at 10 AM

Feast Day Mass (trilingual) at 7 PM Coffee and cake will follow

November 11th: Regional Chapter of Elections in Hackensack. We are hosts!

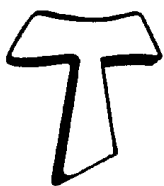
Council Members: ** Council meeting (Church Hall) September 25 at 6:30 PM **

Formation Class: September 14th at 5:15 PM in the Church Hall



Please keep our candidates in your prayers!

Our Franciscan Symbols: THE TAU



TAU, as a symbol of sanctity, comes from Ezekiel 9:4, "Go through the city of Jerusalem and put a TAU on the foreheads of those who grieve and lament over all the detestable things that are done in it." It is the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet and looks very much like the letter "T".

Pope Innocent III opened the Fourth Lateran Council on November 11, 1215, with these words: "I have desired with great desire to eat this Passover with you." (Luke 22-15.) **Innocent announced that for him, for the Church, and for every Catholic at the time, the symbol they were to take as the sign of their Passover was the TAU Cross.** He incorporated into his homily the statement from Ezekiel (9:4) that the elect, the chosen, those who are concerned will be **marked with the sign of the TAU.**

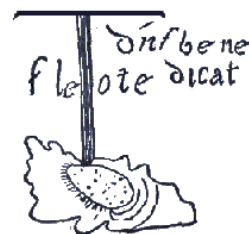
Much Franciscan scholarship points to St. Francis as being present at the Fourth Lateran Council and that he heard the words of Pope Innocent III when he said, "The TAU has exactly the same form as the Cross on which our Lord was crucified on Calvary, and only those will be marked with this sign and who have mortified their flesh and conformed their life to that of the Crucified Savior will obtain mercy."

From then on, the TAU became Francis' own coat of arms and he often used it as his writings as his personal signature.

St. Bonaventure said, "This TAU symbol had all the veneration and all the devotion of the saint: he spoke of it often in order to recommend it, and he traced it on himself before beginning each of his actions."

Thomas of Celano, another Franciscan historian and biographer of Francis, writes, "Francis preferred the Tau above all other symbols: he utilized it as his only signature for his letters, and he painted the image of it on the walls of all the places in which he stayed."

In the famous blessing of Brother Leo, Francis wrote on parchment, "May the Lord bless you and keep you! May the Lord show His face to you and be merciful to you! May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace! God bless you Brother Leo!" Francis sketched a head (of Brother Leo) and then drew the TAU over this portrait.



Due, no doubt, in large part to Francis' own affection for and devotion to the TAU, it has been a well-recognized and accepted Franciscan symbol among Franciscans of various denominations and of all orders within those denominations for centuries. It remains so today. The TAU carries with it all of the symbolism of the Cross of Christ as well as Francis' ideal of life and dream for himself and his followers.

The TAU is the designated as the distinctive sign of the Secular Franciscan Order of the United States.

Apostolate of Prayer list September, 2017

Holy Father's Intentions for September Parishes: That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

Adele A.	Doreen	Iraqi and Coptic Christians	Rita O.	Jen Stepanek.
Angie's special intentions	Marie Dragan	Amelia J.	OLTA Region & REC	St. John Vianney intents.
Jean Aqualina	Ed's dad and family	Jil	Brian & Lynn Ortale Fam..	Stigmata Friars
Joey Arcilla	Edwin Fehrs.	Jill	PAGE FAMILY INTENTIONS	Tara Suplicki
Arturo	Ethan Fehrs.	Joan & Nick	Padre Pio Pr. Grps. Int.	Fr. Sylvester
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	FB friends	Deacon Joe's Intentions	Marie Palazzone	Syrian Christians and churches
Zoila Blacio	Ferguson Family	Baby James Jordan and family	Patsy and family	Tau Cross Region (all ints.)
Pete Blake.	Karen Ferrari (sp. int.)	Dan & Sandy Kaiser	Stefani Pedone	+Maria Terranova
BLESSING BOARD INTS.	FERRARI FAM. INTENTIONS	Korea	Maria Pedreiro (family)	Ramona Torres
Hal Bloom	Joan Ferrary	Violetta Kos	Josephine Pedulla.	Silvio & Rachel Travia Family.
BOYCE FAMILY INTS.	Bob & Patty Fitzsimmons	Morris Kuttner	Debbie Phranger	William Turner Family.
Miriam Bracetty	Fr. Ed Flanagan	Alice LeForest	Ron Pihokker	Sue Upshur
Fr. Brian	All flood/hurricane victims	Mary Anne Lenzi	Linda Pinto (sp. int.)	Victims of terrorism
BROS. & SISTS. OF PRAYER	Flora's intentions	Anna Licameli	POOR CLARE prayer list	Victims of violence and families
Pinta Bruns and family	Robert Fox..	Licameli Family Intentions	PRIESTS, FRIARS & SISTERS	Lois Viola
Carmela Barbieri Buda.	Pope Francis	Rosemary LoCascio	PUBLIC FIGURES	Diane Vitale
Silvio Buda Family.	Fran	Baby Ryan LoMuscio	Q committee	Bill & Carmel Watson Fam.
Pat C. (family)	Virginia Franco	Ginny Long	Regina Pacis (all ints.)	Barbara Robb Whalen..
+Angelina Carfi	Franz Family	Toni LoSquadro	Region sp. Int.	Kathleen White
Deacon Ed Case, OFS	FRAZZA FAMILY INTS.	Carl & Kathy Magnifico	Ada Rivera's intentions	Edward Wojciechowski Sr.
Rosalie Cauceglia	Anne Gadoury	Marianne and Tony Maisano	Eliane Rocca	Anna Z.'s sp. intentions
Melissa Cerbo	Frank Gallitano	Anthony Marinelli	Maddi Romaine	Charlie Zoccoli
Angelo & Rose Cincotta..	Trudy Gassenheimer (sp. int.)	Mike Mariniello (family)	Ron Romano	
Paul & Lucille Clapps	Genaro and Alicia	Jackie Marlow.	Madeline Rousseau (Jerry)	
+Michael Cole (wife & family)	Carol Gentile	Annette Marseglia	Baby Sam.	
Fr. Damian Colicchio	GEORGE FAMILY INTS.	Mary Therese and daughter	Irene & Neil Samuels..	
Colleen.	Vincent & Maria Giambona, Sr.	+Robert Mauro, Jr.	San Damiano Frat. Ints.	
Joe Coralluzzo's ints.	Denise Goodman	Middle Eastern Christians	Lyn Scheuring	
Marguerite Cox	Nance Gorni (ints.)	MILITARY: LIVING & DECEASED	Pino Scordo.	
Ken Crusius	Linda & Tim Griffith	Misty's ints.	Andrew Shontz.	
Lee D'Arminio	Carlos & Rosa Guerrero	Pat Moclair (Sp. Int.)	John & Mary Smythe.	
May D'Arminio	Elaine Hedtke	MOG lapsed and excused	Linda Solis	
Dave (Helen)	Rosemarie Henky (Harry)	Mother Seton grp. Ints.	+Francine Sousa	
Deacon Joe's group int.	Ralph & Frances Henry..	MS intentions	Peggy Southwell	
Mrs. DeAngelo	The Homeless & the Lonely	Anne and Bill Mulqueen	SPIRITUAL FIGURES/LEADERS	
Development Office Intentions	Hospital Intentions	Paula Mutter	St. Anne's Frat. Ints.	
Diane (Sp. int.)	Hurricane and flood victims	NEC	St. Francis Youth	
Divine Mercy Fraternity Ints.	Rose Ingoglia	NFC	St. Anthony of Padua Frat Ints	
Dolores's Intentions	Inquirers and Candidates	Doug Noble	St. Jos. Maint. Dept.	
Dorcas	IPRAY INTENTIONS	James & Lola Norton Fam.	St. Thomas More Frat. ints.	

"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