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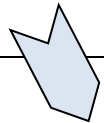
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Contributions toward collection for Southwest Mission gift cards

should be brought to
this month's
gathering.

*Contributions to
Health and Welfare
and the Common
Fund are also
welcome each
month!*



The Cord

St. Francis Fraternity
Hackensack, NJ



Fraternity IN PERSON GATHERING

IMPORTANT: On Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 6:30 PM Church Hall

If you cannot attend, please call or email for an excused absence.

Virus is rising--Please use your good judgement when deciding whether or not to wear a mask. We have not received guidelines yet from the Archdiocese, but this may change before our meeting so bring a mask just in case!

THIS MONTH: Our candidates will speak to us about the life of St. Clare of Assisi

We will also pray *EVENING PRAYER* together. Please remember to bring (print out and bring) the pages necessary. If you will not be with us, please pray at home.

Closing Prayer: Vivian Isaac

Sweet Reminder: Diane Menditto and Lucy Stamilla

Health and Welfare: Karen Ferrari and fam; Alice LeForest; Polanco fam.; Jim & Eileen Ferrara; Pat Franz; Harry Henky; Rosemary LoCascio; Angie Mariniello; Anthony Vasile; Cono Spinelli & Family; Iris Campillo, Alessandra Panuccio; Trudy Gassenheimer; Laura Buda; Diane Menditto

Special Intentions: F.Cavallo; Tumminia family; T.Gassenheimer; K. Ferrari; Pat Moclair; Diane Menditto; Gretchen Hogan

Family Members: M. Ferrari, D. Ferrari, Fr. Damian, Vincenzo Quasarano, Stefani Pedone, Joe Savoia, Sara Tripodi, Franz family, Kathleen McGee (Harry's daughter), Cheyenne Travers; Silvio Buda; Baby Ryan, Margherita Iacono (Rosellina's mom); Lee Rean; Angela Panuccio and baby; Jan Parker; Ron Pihokker; Tony's cousin Anthony

Rest of the Soul of: Lee Rean (JoAnn's mother)

Apostolate of Prayer: Please pray for those on the [PRAYER LIST](#) and for their intentions.

Statue of Our Lady (If you have the Statue of Our Lady, please bring it to this month's gathering.)

BIRTHDAYS: August 20: Pat Franz; Sept. 4: Bro. Miguel; 11: Maureen Menakis; 12: Domenica Panuccio; 18: Angie Mariniello; 21: Harry Henky

Correspondence:

Calendar:

September gathering: Apparitions of the Blessed Mother by Deacon Ron—copies of *A Woman Clothed with the Sun* will be available this month.

October gathering: Tentative date for the Profession of Alessandra, Rosellina and Vivian.

St. Francis Feast Day celebrations (Mark your calendar!)

October 2: Blessing of the Animals 12 Noon

October 3rd: Pot luck sponsored by the parish in the Church Hall from 4-7 PM (Details later)

Transitus service will follow in church at 7:30 PM

October 4th: Bilingual Feast Day Mass at 7PM Bishop Manuel Cruz will be the celebrant



Apostolate of Prayer list August 2021
For all those affected in any way by the Corona Virus, we pray to the Lord...

Please keep our Aspirants, and Candidates in your prayers

Holy Father's Intention for August- The Church: Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Dianne Ambrose	Dawn Farkas	Jill2	Josephine Pedulla.	Cheyenne Travers
Aspirants & Candidates	Ken Farkas	Justin (Sp. Int.)	Ron Pihokker	Eileen Travers
Auggie	Edwin Fehrs.	Clara K. and family	Joe Polifrone	Gary Travers
Dcn Tony Balestrieri	Ethan Fehrs.	Kate (sp. int.)	POOR CLARE prayer list	Silvio & Rachel Travia Family.
Barardo	Felicia	Lapsed OFS members	Pope Francis	William Turner Family.
Beacon friars	FB friends	Muriel Lechenbusch	PRIESTS, FRIARS & SISTERS	Sue Upshur (family)
Marianne Bellucci (& husband)	Lou Ferrante (Angelie)	Alice LeForest	PUBLIC FIGURES	Anthony Vasile
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	Ferraras	Licamelli Family intentions	Q committee	Marie Vasta (All intentions)
Mary Bittner	Karen Ferrari (sp. int.)	Lina	RT (sp. int.)	Vicki (Kate)
Zoila Blacio	FERRARI FAM. INTENTIONS	Rosemary LoCascio	Joann R.	Victims of abuse
Pete Blake.	Maria Ficken	Bro. Lombardo (sp. Int.)	Jo Ann Rean	Victims of terrorism
BLESSING BOARD INTS.	Flora's intentions	Madge (Sp. intention)	+Lee Rean	Victims of violence & hatred
Fran Borg	Florida Collapse victims (families)	Carl Magnifico (Kathy and fam.)	Regina Pacis (all ints.)	Diane Vitale
BOYCE FAMILY INTS.	Pope Francis	Angie Mariniello	Region sp. Int.	Vivian
Jim Brennan	Franz Family	Jackie Marlow.	Richard	Vocations
+Sunny Brennan	Pat Franz	Mary Therese and daughter	Ada Rivera's intentions	Bill & Carmel Watson Fam.
BROS. & SISTS. OF PRAYER	FRAZZA FAMILY INTS.	Jaime Matson	RJ (family)	Father Matthias Wesnofske, OFM Cap
Carmela Barbieri Buda.	Gabriel	Fr. Meena (Sp. Int)	Leah Cuiuli Roger.	Kathleen White
Laura Buda	Jean Garofalo	Diane Menditto (sp. Int.)	Jim Romaine	Fr. Robert Williams, OFM Cap.
Silvio Buda & Family.	Trudy Gassenheimer	Michael & Michael Pisano	Roman Catholic Church	Willie and family
Anthony Budy (Tony's cousin)	Genaro and Alicia	Middle Eastern Christians	Ron (Sp. int)	Eleanor Wojciechowski
Elaine Buscemi	Carol Gentile	MILITARY: LIVING & DECEASED	Rondi	Anna Z.'s sp. intentions
Pat Cantelmo	GEORGE FAMILY INTS.	Concetta Miller	Jerry & Madeline Rousseau	Jeanie Z.
Mary Carol C.	Vincent & Maria Giambona, Sr.	Ministry of Caring	Sal	
Baby Charles Henry (mother)	Fr. Giles	Misty's ints.	Baby Sam.	
AnnaMaria Cigna	Nance Gorni	Pat Moclair (Sp. Int.)	San Damiano Frat. Ints.	
Rose Cincotta..	Grayce	MOG lapsed and excused	Fred Schaeffer, OFS	
Lucille Clapps	Gretchen (Sp. Int.)	Mother Seton Grp. Ints.	Pino Scordo.	
Fr. Damian Colicchio	Greg	MS intentions	Andrew Shontz.	
Colleen.	Linda & Tim Griffith	Bill and Anne Mulqueen	Monica Smith..	
Lynn Collins	Izzy Guadalupe	Nancy	John & Mary Smythe.	
Concetta (Barbara)	Carlos & Rosa Guerrero	NEC	Daniel Spana and family	
Joe Coralluzzo's ints.	Hank's intentions	Fr. Nick (sp. Int.)	Frank Spina	
Mary Costa	Elaine Hedtke	NFC	SPIRITUAL FIGURES/LEADERS	
All Covid 19 intentions	Harry Henky & Rosemarie	James & Lola Norton Fam.	St. Anne's Frat. Ints.	
Denise Cubita	Ralph & Frances Henry.	OLA Region	St. Francis Youth	
Sara (Rosa) Daddario (Pam)	Don Hill (wife).	OLGEA prayer line ints. & REC	St. Anthony of Padua Frat Ints	
Mary Damiano (family)	Holy Name Resp. Care Dept.	Brian & Lynn Ortale Fam..	St. Joan of Arc OFS Region	
Lee D'Arminio	The Homeless & the Lonely	PAGE FAMILY INTENTIONS	St. John Vianney frat.	
May D'Arminio	Hospital Intentions	Padre Pio Friary friars	St. Jos. Maint. Dept.	
P. Davis.	Dell Howes	Padre Pio Pr. Grps. Int.	St. Thomas More Frat. ints.	
Deacon Joe's group int.	Hurricane, flood, tornado victims	Diane Palazzone	Jen Stepanek.	
Demas Family.	Immigrant & refugee children	Marie Palazzone	St. Joan of Arc Region	
Mark Diverio	Rose Ingoglia	Helen Parciasepe	St. John Vianney intents.	
Divine Mercy Fraternity Ints.	IPRAY INTENTIONS	Jan Parker	Stigmata Prov Council & friars	
Dolores's Intentions	Iraqi and Coptic Christians	Paul and Sean (sp. int.)	Tara Suplicki	
Dorcas and Woody	Jadwiga	PEACE	Syrian Christians and churches	
Bro. Alex Escalera, OFM Cap.	Jill	Serafina & Stefani Pedone	Tau Cross Region (all ints.)	



This Month: Saint Clare of Assisi

This month, Alessandra, Rosellina and Vivian will talk to us about the life of St. Clare of Assisi whose feast day we celebrate on August 11th.

The writings of St. Clare tell us about her heart and the beauty of her prayer. Read and think about these short excerpts from her writings. Perhaps you would like to read more at the links below.

Background on the **letters from St. Clare to St. Agnes of Prague** can be found here:

<http://www.slr-ofs.org/st-clares-letters-to-st-agnes-of-prague.html>

From the First Letter to St. Agnes of Prague

O blessed poverty, who bestows eternal riches on those who love and embrace her!

O holy poverty, to those who possess and desire you God promises the kingdom of heaven and offers, indeed, eternal glory and blessed life!

O God-centered poverty, whom the Lord Jesus Christ who ruled and now rules heaven and earth, who spoke and things were made, condescended to embrace before all else!

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What a great laudable exchange: to leave the things of time for those of eternity, to choose the things of heaven for the goods of earth, to receive the hundred-fold in place of one, and to possess a blessed and eternal life.

<https://franciscantradition.org/clare-of-assisi-early-documents/the-first-letter-to-agnes-of-prague/219-ca-ed-1-page-43>

From the Second Letter to St. Agnes of Prague

¹⁹*“Look upon Him Who became contemptible for you, and follow Him, making yourself contemptible in this world for Him.*

²⁰*Most noble Queen,*

gaze,

consider,

contemplate

desiring to imitate Your Spouse,

[Who] though more beautiful than the children of men became, for your salvation, the lowest of men, was despised, struck, scourged untold times throughout His entire body, and then died amid the suffering of the Cross.

²¹*If you suffer with Him, you will reign with Him.*

weeping with Him, you will rejoice with Him;

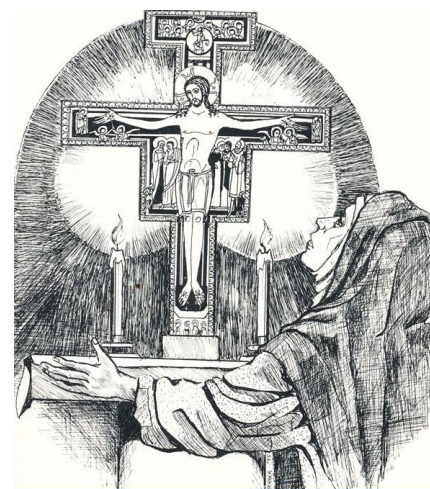
dying on the cross of tribulation with Him,

you will possess heavenly mansions with Him

among the splendor of the saints

²²*and in the Book of Life your name will be called glorious among the peoples.”*

CA:ED, 49: 19-22 <https://franciscantradition.org/clare-of-assisi-early-documents/the-second-letter-to-agnes-of-prague/225-ca-ed-1-page-49>



For Your Information

1- Our **fraternity secretary Laura Buda** has had to resign due to health issues. Please keep her in your prayers. **Thank you** to Laura for the fabulous job she has done as secretary and as a member of the Council!

2-**Lucy Stamilla** has accepted the council's invitation to fill in for Laura until our elections. **Trudy Gassenheimer** will be taking over sending cards for birthdays and get wells. **THANK YOU** to both of them for helping our fraternity.

3- At our September gathering, **Deacon Ron** will speak about the **apparitions of the Blessed Mother**. We have ordered some copies of a wonderful book called **A Woman Clothed with the Sun** about 8 of her apparitions. Copies will be available this month.

4-**If you are willing** to make a presentation for ongoing formation, please let Diane know. We have lots of ideas for topics that you can work with.

5- Please don't forget to make your donation to the **Good and Welfare** fund and to the **Common Fund**. We would also appreciate your donations for the **Southwest Missions gift cards**.

6- **Thank you for your prayers**. Things are going well with my radiation treatments. Now praying for an excellent outcome.

Please bring with you pages 5-8 of the Evening Prayer to use at our gathering.

From the Second Letter of St. Clare to St. Agnes of Prague

Place your mind before the mirror of eternity!

Place your soul in the brilliance of glory!

Place your heart in the figure of the divine substance!

And transform your whole being into the image of the Godhead itself through contemplation!



Artist--Sister Victoria Masil of Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity

Treasurer's Report

Common Fund

Balance forward: \$ 855.98
Income: 25.00*
Expenses \$ 50.00**
Ending Balance \$ 830.98

*Donation

**Fair Share allocation

Good & Welfare

Current balance: \$ 46.75

Fair Share

For **2021-22** our goal will be based on 25 professed and 3 candidates.

28 x \$45=\$1260

Contributions so far including allocations from Common Fund:

\$1180.00

Donations for Southwest Missions should be brought to the meeting.
So far we have \$280



Evening Prayer August 12, 2021

LEADER: God, + come to my assistance. **ALL:** – Lord, make haste to help me.

LEADER: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

ALL: – as it was in the beginning, is now, will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn: Holy God We Praise Thy Name (one verse)

LEADER: Ant. 1 Let your holy people rejoice, O Lord, as they enter your dwelling place.
Psalm 132

Side 1

Side 2

<p>O Lord, remember David * and all the many hardships he endured, the oath he swore to the Lord, * his vow to the Strong One of Jacob.</p>	<p>"I will not enter the house where I live * nor go to the bed where I rest. I will give no sleep to my eyes, * to my eyelids I will give no slumber till I find a place for the Lord, * a dwelling for the Strong One of Jacob."</p>
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<p>At Ephrathah we heard of the ark; * we found it in the plains of Yearim. "Let us go to the place of his dwelling; * let us go to kneel at his footstool."</p>	<p>Go up, Lord, to the place of your rest, * you and the ark of your strength. Your priests shall be clothed with holiness: * your faithful shall ring out their joy. For the sake of David your servant * do not reject your anointed.</p>
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<p>Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:</p>	<p>as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.</p>
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ALL: Ant. Let your holy people rejoice, O Lord, as they enter your dwelling place

LEADER: Ant. 2 The Lord has chosen Zion as his sanctuary.

Side 1

Side 2

<p>The Lord swore an oath to David; * he will not go back on his word: "A son, the fruit of your body, * will I set upon your throne.</p>	<p>If they keep my covenant in truth * and my laws that I have taught them, their sons also shall rule * on your throne from age to age."</p>
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<p>For the Lord has chosen Zion; * he has desired it for his dwelling: "This is my resting-place for ever, * here have I chosen to live.</p>	<p>I will greatly bless her produce, * I will fill her poor with bread. I will clothe her priests with salvation * and her faithful shall ring out their joy.</p>
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Side 1

Side 2

<p>There David's stock will flower: * I will prepare a lamp for my anointed. I will cover his enemies with shame * but on him my crown shall shine."</p>	<p>Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:</p>
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<p>as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.</p>	
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LEADER: Psalm Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you chose to suffer and be overwhelmed by death in order to open the gates of death in triumph. Stay with us to help us on our pilgrimage; free us from all evil by the power of your resurrection. In the company of your saints, and constantly remembering your love for us, may we sing of your wonders in our Father's house.

ALL: Ant. The Lord has chosen Zion as his sanctuary.

LEADER: Ant. 3 The Father has given Christ all power, honor and kingship; all people will obey him.

Canticle: Revelation 11:17-18; 12:10b-12a The judgment of God

Side 1

Side 2

<p>We praise you, the Lord God Almighty, * who is and who was. You have assumed your great power, * you have begun your reign.</p>	<p>The nations have raged in anger, * but then came your day of wrath and the moment to judge the dead: * the time to reward your servants the prophets and the holy ones who revere you, * the great and the small alike.</p>
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<p>Now have salvation and power come, † the reign of our God and the authority * of his Anointed One. For the accuser of our brothers is cast out, * who night and day accused them before God.</p>	<p>They defeated him by the blood of the Lamb † and by the word of their testimony; * love for life did not deter them from death. So rejoice, you heavens, * and you that dwell therein!</p>
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<p>Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:</p>	<p>as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.</p>
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ALL: Ant. The Father has given Christ all power, honor and kingship; all people will obey him.

READING: 1 Peter 3:8-9

Reader: All of you should be like-minded, sympathetic, loving toward one another, kindly disposed, and humble. Do not return evil for evil or insult for insult. Return a blessing instead. This you have been called to do, that you may receive a blessing as your inheritance.

RESPONSORY

Reader: The Lord has given us food, bread of the finest wheat. **ALL:** – The Lord has given us food, bread of the finest wheat.

Reader: Honey from the rock, to our heart’s content, **ALL:** – bread of the finest wheat..

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, **ALL:** The Lord has given us food, bread of the finest wheat.

GOSPEL CANTICLE **Canticle of Mary** Luke 1:46-55 The soul rejoices in the Lord

LEADER: Ant. God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly.

Side 1

Side 2

My + soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, † my spirit rejoices in God my Savior * for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.	From this day all generations will call me blessed: † the Almighty has done great things for me, * and holy is his Name.
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He has mercy on those who fear him * in every generation.	He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
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He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, * and has lifted up the lowly.	He has filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he has sent away empty.
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He has come to the help of his servant Israel * for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, * to Abraham and his children for ever.	Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:
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as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.	
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ALL: Ant. God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly.

INTERCESSIONS

LEADER: Let us call upon Christ, the Good Shepherd who comes to the aid of his people:
ALL: *Hear us, O God our refuge.*

Reader: Blessed are you, Lord, for you graciously called us into your holy Church, **ALL:** keep us within the Church until death.

Reader: You have given the care of all the churches to Francis, our Pope, **ALL:** give him unflinching faith, lively hope and loving concern.

Reader: Grant the grace of conversion to all sinners, **ALL:** and the grace of true repentance to all men.

Reader: You were willing to live as a stranger in our world, **ALL:** be mindful of those who are separated from family and homeland.

Reader: To all the departed who have hoped in you, **ALL:** grant eternal peace.

LEADER: LET US JOIN NOW IN PRAYING THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

LEADER: CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord,
we thank you for guiding us
through the course of this day's work.
In your compassion forgive the sins
we have committed through human weakness.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
– Amen.

ALL: May the Lord + bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.
– Amen.