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The Cord

St. Francis Fraternity
Hackensack, NJ



**6:30 PM
Church Hall
Enter on
Holt Street**

★ FRATERNITY GATHERING IN THE CHURCH HALL ★
On Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 6:30 PM

This Month: Discussion of Articles 15-17 of the Rule
(Please bring your white booklets)

Please bring your copy of Evening Prayer (pp 5-8).
If necessary, call a Council member for an excused absence and pray Evening Prayer at home.

Please see page 4 for information about upcoming projects and events

Leader Evening Prayer: Dawn (See pp. 5-8) **Please choose a reader.**

Closing Prayer: Alicia

Volunteer to share about your Patron Saint: John Previty

Sweet Reminder: Dawn

Clean up Helpers: Laura, Dawn, and Ken

Health and Welfare: Polanco fam.; Pat Franz; Harry Henky; Angie Mariniello; Anthony Vasile;
Cono Spinelli & Fam.; Iris Campillo; Ed Atwood

Special Intentions: Tumminia family; P. Moclair; D. Menditto

Family Members: Stefani Pedone, Sara Tripodi, Ryan L.; Kathleen McGee (Harry's daughter), Cheyenne Travers; Jan Parker; Rosa Daddario (Pam's mom); Angela Panuccio; James McSweeney; John Casale; Frances Caruso (Domenica's niece); Ken Farkas; Vincenzo Demaio; Maria Rosaria & family; Filomena Savoia; Cathy Champon; Robert Callahan; Anna Panuccio, Joe Panuccio



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

Statue of Our Lady: **Augst:** Dawn; **September:** Domenica; **October:** Tony; **November:** Alicia; **December:** Rosellina

BIRTHDAYS: **August 20:** Pat Franz; **September 4:** Bro. Miguel Ramirez; **11:** Maureen Menakis and Laura Galán; **12:** Domenica Panuccio; **18:** Angie Mariniello; **21:** Harry Henky

Correspondence:

Calendar:
+**Book Club** begins again in **October**—moving to third **WEDNESDAY**
+September 25: St. Francis Novena begins
+October 3: Transitus of St. Francis (800th Anniversary of St. Francis's death.) **WE HOST**
+October 4: Feast Day of St. Francis (special events at St. Francis Parish)
+November 7-8: **Chapter of Ministers** with Visitation of the Region by National

Apostolate of Prayer list August 2025
For the health and wellbeing of our members and families
Please keep our Aspirants, and Candidate in your prayers

Holy Father's Prayer intentions for August: For mutual coexistence: Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

Dianne Ambrose	Fr. Giles	Padre Pio Pr. Grps. Int.	Kara Travers
Fr. Bill Arlia, OFM Cap	Linda & Tim Griffith	Marie Palazzone	Sara Tripodi
Aspirants, Inquirers & Cands	Carlos & Rosa Guerrero	Fr. Christopher Panagopolis, TOR	Maria Trovini
Ed Atwood and fam	Hank's intentions	Angela Panuccio	Ukraine (all intentions)
Beacon friars	Elaine Hedtke	Anna Panuccio	USA
Zoila Blacio	Harry Henky & Rosemarie	Domenico Panuccio	Anthony Vasile
Pete Blake.	Ralph & Frances Henry.	Joe Panuccio	Marie Vasta (All intentions)
BLESSING BOARD INTS.	Holy Name Resp. Care Dept.	Jan Parker	Victims of abuse
BROS. & SISTS. OF PRAYER	The Homeless & the Lonely	Paul and Sean (sp. int.)	Victims of fires, floods, storms
Ralph Calise (Linda)	Hospital Intentions	PEACE	Victims of gun violence
Pat Cantelmo	Hurr, flood, fire, and earthq victs	Serafina & Stefani Pedone	Victims of terrorism
John Casale	Immigrant & refugee children	Fr. Robert Pérez, OFM Cap.	Victims of violence & hatred
Josephine Cavallo (family)	IPRAY INTENTIONS	Perú	Viv and hub
Cecilia	Iraqi and Coptic Christians	Joan Pieretti	Vocations
CIOFS Formation Secretariat	Ryan L.	POOR CLARE prayer list	Bill & Carmel Watson Fam.
Cathy Champon	Lapsed OFS members	Pope Leo XIV	Carol Wickersheim
Church in Nicaragua	Muriel Lechenbusch	John and Marianne Previty	Bill Wilson
Lucille Clapps	Peggy Ledger	PRIESTS, FRIARS & SISTERS	Fr. Robert Williams, OFM Cap
Colleen.	Lillian	PUBLIC FIGURES	Anna Z's sp. intentions
Madge Cooke	Bro. Lombardo (sp. Int.)	Q committee	
Joe Coralluzzo's ints.	Madge (Sp. intention)	REC	
Steven Cornfield	Carl Magnifico (Kathy and fam.)	Regina Pacis (all ints.)	
Ronnie Crispino	Dcn. Joe Mantineo (Misty)	Region sp. Int.	
Denise Cubita	Sr. Margaret	Ada Rivera's intentions	
Michael Cuttita	Angie Mariniello	RJ (family)	
Sara (Rosa) Daddario (Pam)	Mary Anne and Jim	Roman Catholic Church	
May D'Arminio	Elide Marino	Maddie Romaine	
Deacon Joe's group int.	Tom Mason (Vickie)	Maria Rosario (family).	
Deceased family members	Hank Meditz (Liz)	Madeline Rousseau	
Giuseppa Demaio	Fr. Meena (Sp. Int)	Baby Sam.	
Vincenzo Demaio	Charity Menditto and fam	Filomena Savoia	
Eleanor DeRiso	Diane Menditto (sp. Int.)	San Damiano Frat. Ints.	
Anne DeRose (Joan and Jane)	Michael M.	Fred Schaeffer, OFS	
Disa (family)	Middle Eastern Christians	Peggy Southwell	
Mark Diverio	MILITARY: LIVING & DECEASED	Frank Spina	
Divine Mercy Fraternity Ints.	Ministry of Caring	Annunziatto Squillace	
Dolores's Intentions	Misty's ints.	St. Anne's Frat. Ints.	
Earthquake victims	Pat Moclair (Sp. Int.)	St. Francis Youth	
Trish Endweiss	MOG lapsed and excused	St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity Ints	
Bro. Alex Escalera, OFM Cap.	Jeanette Mortorano	St. Joan of Arc OFS Region	
FB friends/followers	Mother Seton Grp. Ints.	St. John Vianney frat.	
Karen Ferrari (sp. ints.)	Bill and Anne Mulqueen	St. Jos. Maint. Dept.	
Maria Ficken	Nan	St. Thomas More Frat. ints.	
Bob Fitzsimmons (Patty)	Nancy	Lucy Stamilla	
Flora's intentions	NEC	Stigmata Provincial Council & friars	
Pat Franz	NEC intentions	Mary Stronach (Bob)	
FRAZZA FAMILY INTS.	Fr. Nick (sp. Int.)	Jack Studley	
Gabriel	NFC	Tara Suplicki	
Marie Faccone	OLA Region	Syrian Christians and churches	
Genaro and Alicia	OLGEA prayer line ints. & REC	Tau Cross Region (all ints.)	
Carol Gentile	PAGE FAMILY INTENTIONS	Cheyenne Travers	
GEORGE FAMILY INTS.	Padre Pio Friary friars	Eileen Travers	



Ongoing Formation for July

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Rule Chapter 2: Articles 15-17 (Alessandra will lead the discussion.)

Please read Chapter 2: **Articles 15-17 in your white Rule booklets.**
Please have your booklets with you at our gathering.

Then read the commentary below. (Or in your white booklets. Please mark portions that stand out to you.)

Commentary

Article 15: The first particular aspect of the Secular Franciscans' evangelical action is social justice (15), both on the individual level and on the level of community participation. They must show justice themselves and motivate justice in others, not just in their private lives but also in the public forum of politics, business, economics, and the like. This mandate for advancing social justice as an organized group overturns previous prohibitions against a public common expression of rights when it is carried out as a means of demonstrating the convictions of faith.

Article 16: Another concrete means of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ is expressed in attitudes toward work (16). Through working, the Secular Franciscans discover their workaday world as the arena of their salvation and at the same time exemplify the saving Christ to others. So, human labor is a blessing, both received and bestowed. By working, a person shares in the creative power of the Father, renews the face of the earth along with the Son, and brings the love of the Holy Spirit to the human community. Such an attitude toward work can reshape one's own and others' values and actions regarding labor and management, business and economics, living wages and welfare, proper use of one's own talents, and the resources of others.

Article 17: A third apostolic expression of gospel living concerns family life (17). The family is the God-given basic unit of human society and a miniature of the total world already redeemed by Christ. Hence, Franciscan-oriented families present a renewed world of love and dignity, are an example of Christ's love for his Church, and reflect the light of Christ in affront to the darkness of today's shattered families and prevailing godless values. Husbands and wives, then, have a special ministry in the Church to the world. This ministry is exercised in two ways: by leading and educating their children to experience Christ and by witnessing to others that God is present in the family. This Christian family living is one of the most particular expressions of the laity's life and mission in the Church.

FOR DISCUSSION: +Re-read article 15 and the commentary:

--Promoting justice; courageous initiatives

- How does your fraternity promote justice?
- Does promoting justice always require courageous initiatives?

+Re-read article 16 and the commentary

--The significance of work in our lives as lay persons...

- How is the work that you do important to your life as a Secular Franciscan?
- How does your work help to evangelize others?

+Re-read article 17 and the commentary

--As lay persons, we live in the "community of our families."

- How would you say that your family is a Franciscan family? (See commentary)
- How does your family reflect the light of Christ?

Quotes taken from: *Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order with Commentary*
(Published by OFS USA)

The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order



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

*"...Let them
individually and
collectively be in
the forefront in
promoting justice
..."*

(OFS Rule Article 15)

For Your Information

- This month **John** will share a little about **St. Elizabeth of Hungary and St. Louis IX of France**, the patrons of the Secular Franciscan Order
- **You may contribute to the 2025 Fair Share at any time.** Remember, Fair Share is not dues—it is a **share** in the support of our fraternity and the higher fraternities. Therefore, according to your means, please donate a full share, a partial share, or even more than one share. (***See Article 25 of our Rule.***)
- **Book Club:** Resumes in **OCTOBER.** *Light of Assisi: The Story of St. Clare* by Sr. Margaret Carney, OSF. If you are interested, let Diane know. (You can buy your own book, or we can order one for you.) **WE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE TO THE THIRD WEDNESDAY.**

As we approach the **800th Anniversary of St. Francis's death**, we meditate a bit on some of his last words that he wrote in his **Testament**.

¹The Lord gave me, Brother Francis, thus to begin doing penance in this way: for when I was in sin, it seemed too bitter for me to see lepers. ²And the Lord Himself led me among them and I showed mercy to them. ³And when I left them, what had seemed bitter to me was turned into sweetness of soul and body. And afterwards I delayed a little and left the world.

⁴And the Lord gave me such faith in churches that I would pray with simplicity in this way and say: ⁵"We adore You, Lord Jesus Christ, in all Your churches throughout the whole world and we bless You because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world."^a

Read more here: [FA:ED vol 1, p. 124](#)

Francis of Assisi Early Documents volume 1, p. 124 (the link takes you to the Franciscan Tradition website that has all the writings of Francis and Clare and modern Franciscan scholars.) *You will need to create a username and password.* [Franciscan Tradition website](#)

Treasurer's Report

Common Fund

Balance forward: \$ 3856.76
Income: 31.00*

Expenses \$ 150.00**

Ending Balance \$ 3,737.76

* Fraternity common fund

**Donation for TX flood victims

Good & Welfare

Previous balance: \$ 94.75
Fraternity Donations 52.00

New balance: \$146.75

Fair Share

We are collecting donations toward
Fair Share for 2025

For **2025-26** our goal will be based on
23 professed + 1 Candidate

23 x \$45=\$1,035.00

Collected so far for 2025=\$505

Please donate toward 2025
Fair Share at any time!
(See Maureen)

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: Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above (sing together)

Hail, Holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria! Hail, Mother of mercy and of love, O Maria! Triumph all ye cherubim! Sing with us ye seraphim! Heaven and earth resound the hymn! Salve, salve, salve, Regina!	Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria! Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O Maria! Triumph all ye cherubim! Sing with us ye seraphim! Heaven and earth resound the hymn! Salve, salve, salve, Regina!
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LEADER: Ant. 1 Christ ascended into heaven and prepared an everlasting place for his immaculate Mother, alleluia.

Psalm 113 Side I

Side II

Praise, O servants of the Lord, * praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed * both now and for evermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting * praised be the name of the Lord!	High above all nations is the Lord, * above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, * who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, * to look down upon heaven and earth?
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From the dust he lifts up the lowly, * from his misery he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, * yes, with the princes of his people. To the childless wife he gives a home * and gladdens her heart with children.	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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LEADER: Psalm Prayer

Lord Jesus, Word of God, surrendering the brightness of your glory you became man so that we may be raised from the dust to share your very being. May there be innumerable children of the Church to offer homage to your name from the rising of the sun to its setting.

ALL: Christ ascended into heaven and prepared an everlasting place for his immaculate Mother, alleluia.

LEADER: Ant. 2 Through Eve the gates of heaven were closed to all mankind; through the Virgin Mother they were opened wide again, alleluia.

Psalm 147: 12-20
I
II

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! * Zion, praise your God!	He has strengthened the bars of your gates, * he has blessed the children within you. He established peace on your borders, * he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth * and swiftly runs his command. He showers down snow white as wool, * he scatters hoar-frost like ashes.	He hurls down hailstones like crumbs. * The waters are frozen at his touch; he sends forth his word and it melts them: * at the breath of his mouth the waters flow.
He makes his word known to Jacob, * to Israel his laws and decrees. He has not dealt thus with other nations; * he has not taught them his decrees.	Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.	

LEADER: Psalm Prayer: All-powerful God, it is through your Church, generously endowed with gifts of grace and fortified by the Holy Spirit, that you send out your word to all nations. Strengthen your Church with the best of all food and make it dauntless in faith. Multiply its children to celebrate with one accord the mysteries of your love at the altar on high.

ALL: Through Eve the gates of heaven were closed to all mankind; through the Virgin Mother they were opened wide again, alleluia.

LEADER: Ant. 3 The Virgin Mary has been exalted above all the heavens; come, let all men glorify Christ the King, whose kingdom will endure for ever, alleluia.

I
II

Praised be the God and Father * of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has bestowed on us in Christ * every spiritual blessing in the heavens.	God chose us in him † before the world began * to be holy and blameless in his sight.
He predestined us † to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ, * such was his will and pleasure, that all might praise the glorious favor * he has bestowed on us in his beloved.	In him and through his blood, we have been redeemed, * and our sins forgiven, so immeasurably generous * is God's favor to us.
God has given us the wisdom * to understand fully the mystery, the plan he was pleased * to decree in Christ.	A plan to be carried out * in Christ, in the fullness of time, to bring all things into one in him, * in the heavens and on earth.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:	as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.

ALL: The Virgin Mary has been exalted above all the heavens; come, let all men glorify Christ the King, whose kingdom will endure for ever, alleluia.

READER: READING: Romans 8:30

Those God predestined he likewise called; those he called he also justified, and those he justified he in turn glorified.

RESPONSORY

READER: As Mary is taken up to heaven, the angels of God rejoice.	ALL: – As Mary is taken up to heaven, the angels of God rejoice.
READER: They worship the Lord and sing his praises.	ALL: – The angels of God rejoice.
READER: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.	ALL: -- As Mary is taken up to heaven, the angels of God rejoice.

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

LEADER: Ant. All generations will call me blessed; the Almighty has done great things for me, alleluia.

ALL TOGETHER

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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.
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.
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.
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:
as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.	

ALL: All generations will call me blessed; the Almighty has done great things for me, alleluia.

INTERCESSIONS

LEADER: Let us praise God our Almighty Father, who wished that Mary, his Son's mother, be celebrated by each generation. Now in need we ask: **ALL:** *Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.*

READER: O God, worker of miracles, you made the Immaculate Virgin Mary share body and soul in your Son's glory in heaven,

ALL: direct the hearts of your children to that same glory.

READER: You made Mary our mother. Through her intercession grant strength to the weak, comfort to the sorrowing, pardon to sinners,

ALL: salvation and peace to all.

READER: You made Mary full of grace,

ALL: grant all men the joyful abundance of your grace.

READER: Make your Church of one mind and one heart in love,

ALL: and help all those who believe to be one in prayer with Mary, the mother of Jesus.

READER: You crowned Mary queen of heaven,

ALL: may all the dead rejoice in your kingdom with the saints for ever.

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

Almighty God,

you gave a humble virgin

the privilege of being the mother of your Son

and crowned her with the glory of heaven.

May the prayers of the Virgin Mary

bring us to the salvation of Christ

and raise us up to eternal life.

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.