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FRATERNITY GATHERING ON ZOOM

On **Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 7:00 PM**

This Month: Articles 6 and 7 of our Rule
(You will need the white booklet.)

Please have your copy of Evening Prayer handy (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: Vivian (See pp. 5-8)

Readers for Evening Prayer: Please check pp. 5-8 to see if you are one of the many readers for Evening Prayer. On Zoom we assign one person to read Side 1 and Side 2 of each Psalm or Canticle.

Closing Prayer: Natale

Volunteer to share about your Patron Saint: Tony Buda: **St. Veronica Giuliani**

Sweet Reminder: No sweet reminder (Provide your own snacks at home!)

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

Rest of the Soul of: Anne Arrabito

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

Statue of Our Lady: **February:** Vivian; **March:** Laura; **April:** Angie; **May:** Josephine; **June:** Mimma LoMuscio; **July:** Teresa; **August:** Dawn; **September:** Domenica; **October:** Tony; **November:** Alicia; **December:** Rosellina



BIRTHDAYS: **February 10:** Eileen Jette (Ferrara); **March 3:** Alejandro Polanco; **9:** Natale Tumminia; **11:** Philip Mauro; **12:** Iris Campillo; **26:** Rosellina Iacono; **28:** Vivian Isaac

Correspondence: We received a thank you from Jody Pihokker for the Mass we requested for Ron.
Calendar:

February 20th: Fraternity Book Club on Zoom at 7PM **Chapter 8 Breath of God**

Convivenza: March 29, 2025 (We are hosting!!)

Brunch: June 1, 2025 Guest speaker: Rocco Mazza of the Bergen Hearts Program



**February 13th at
7:00 PM Eastern
Time**

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83123553178?pwd=Fqdt1HM1mYJbunrE6mYGEPQRanCF5t.1>

**Meeting ID: 831
2355 3178**
Passcode: 989176



Phone in
(646) 876-9923
Meeting ID:
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Apostolate of Prayer list February 2025
For the health and wellbeing of our members and families
Please keep our Seekers, and Candidate in your prayers

Holy Father's Prayer intentions for February: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life: Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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



Ongoing Formation for February

Rule Chapter 2: Articles 6-7
(Alessandra will facilitate the discussion this month.)

Please read Chapter 2: Articles 6-7 in your white Rule booklets.
Please have your booklets available on our Zoom.)

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

For discussion at our gathering or to comment on in your journal:

COMMENTARY (Articles 6 and 7)

Article 6: Sharing Christ's mission through life in the Church is the third point developed on the meaning of gospel living (6). By word and example the Secular Franciscans bring to those around them the living Christ they have experienced. As it were, they become a living gospel for all to read. This evangelization is based on obedience to the Holy Spirit, who inspires and forms the Church, the body of Christ. So, the Secular Franciscans foster an openness to the Spirit and creatively exercise their mission. Furthermore, they hear the call of the Spirit through loyalty, frank dialogue, and cooperation with legitimate Church authority. This obedience makes ministry authentic and consistent without stifling their creativity.

+Re-read article 6, then comment during our discussion:

- How do we, as Secular Franciscans help to rebuild the Church?
- How do we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit?
- How do we respond to what the Spirit asks of us?

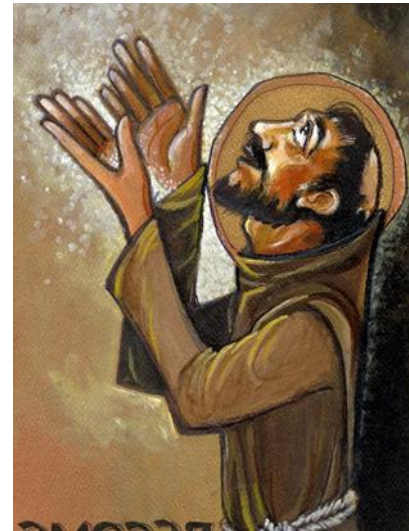
Article 7. An ongoing change of heart or a continual spiritual renewal is the first condition (7) for modeling one's own thought and deeds on those of Christ. As Francis himself points out in his letter used as the prologue, if we all love the Lord with all we are, build a eucharistic community, and remove those things that prevent such a union, we become one with him, fulfill the father's will, and project his image onto the world. Thus, our daily conversion becomes a primary means for putting on Christ and conforming ourselves to him. The sacrament of reconciliation, then, is a privileged means and practical assistance for achieving this objective.

+Re-read article 7, then comment during our discussion:

- How do you seek conversion of heart each day? What tips would you give a new member?
- What is the value of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for us as Secular Franciscans?

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The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order



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

“They should go forth as witnesses and instruments of her (the Church’s) mission among all people, ...”

(OFS Rule Article 6)

For Your Information

- **Evening Prayer is on pages 5-8 (During Zoom it will also be projected on the screen)**
- This month Tony will share a little about **St. Veronica Giuliani**
PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO **SIGN UP TO SHARE YOUR SAINT** AT A FUTURE GATHERING! **Who would like to share in March?**
- Although we did not meet our **Fair Share** goal for 2024, we are still responsible for sending our full contribution to the region. **You may start contributing 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, you can donate a full share, a partial share, or even more than one share. (**See Article 25 of our Rule.**)
- **February 20th:** Fraternity Book Club on Zoom at 7PM—Book Club members will be sent the Zoom link. We will discuss **Chapter 8 of the Breath of God**
- **Brunch June 1st**
Our guest speaker will be Rocco Mazza who heads up the Bergen County Hearts Program. (We donate gifts to the children in the program every Christmas. Rocco will fill us in on the work being done there. Tickets will go on sale at our April gathering.
- **Convivenza March 29th**
The family gathering of Our Lady of the Angels Regional Fraternity will be held here at St. Francis Church. Once again, we are hosting. Please mark this date. There will be a large attendance so we will need your help! Fr. Martin Schratz, our former pastor, will be the guest speaker.

Treasurer's Report

<u>Common Fund</u>	<u>Good & Welfare</u>	<u>Fair Share</u>
Balance forward: \$ 3422.60	Previous balance: \$ 6.75	We have submitted our
Income: 00.00*	Fraternity Donations 00.00	Fair Share for 2024. We did not reach
Expenses \$ 00.00	New balance: \$ 6.75	our goal since everyone did not
Ending Balance \$ 3422.60		contribute. However, we still are
		responsible for sending \$1,080
		to the region.
		For 2025-26 our goal will be based on
		23 professed + 1 Candidate
		23 x \$45=\$1,035.00

You may begin donating toward 2025 Fair Share at any time! (See Rosellina)

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

LEADER (Vivian): 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: Here I am Lord (listen)

<p>I, the Lord of sea and sky I have heard my people cry All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save</p> <p>[Chorus] Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night I will go, Lord, if you lead me I will hold your people in my heart</p>	<p>I, who made the stars of night I will make their darkness bright Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?</p> <p>[Chorus] Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night I will go, Lord, if you lead me I will hold your people in my heart</p>
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LEADER (Vivian): Ant. 1 I cried to you, Lord, and you healed me; I will praise you for ever.

Psalm 30 Side I (Read by Maureen)

Side II (Read by Dawn)

<p>I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me * and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.</p>	<p>O Lord, I cried to you for help * and you, my God, have healed me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, * restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.</p>
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<p>Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, * give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favor through life. * At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.</p>	<p>I said to myself in my good fortune: * “Nothing will ever disturb me.” Your favor had set me on a mountain fastness, * then you hid your face and I was put to confusion.</p>
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<p>To you, Lord, I cried, * to my God I made appeal: “What profit would my death be, my going to the grave? * Can dust give you praise or proclaim your truth?”</p>	<p>The Lord listened and had pity. * The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing, * you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy. So my soul sings psalms to you unceasingly. * O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.</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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LEADER (Vivian): Psalm Prayer: God our Father, glorious in giving life, and even more glorious in restoring it, when his last night on earth came, your Son shed tears of blood, but dawn brought incomparable gladness. Do not turn away from us, or we shall fall back into dust, but rather turn our mourning into joy by raising us up with Christ.

ALL: I cried to you, Lord, and you healed me; I will praise you for ever.

LEADER (Vivian): Ant. 2 The one who is sinless in the eyes of God is blessed indeed

Psalm 32

I (Read by Rosellina)

II (Read by Laura)

<p>Happy the man whose offense is forgiven, * whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord † imputes no guilt, * in whose spirit is no guile.</p>	<p>I kept it secret and my frame was wasted. * I groaned all the day long for night and day your hand * was heavy upon me. Indeed, my strength was dried up * as by the summer's heat.</p>
<p>But now I have acknowledged my sins; * my guilt I did not hide. I said: "I will confess * my offense to the Lord." And you, Lord, have forgiven * the guilt of my sin.</p>	<p>So let every good man pray to you * in the time of need. The floods of water may reach high * but him they shall not reach. You are my hiding place, O Lord; † you save me from distress. * You surround me with cries of deliverance.</p>
<p>I will instruct you and teach you * the way you should go; I will give you counsel * with my eye upon you.</p>	<p>Be not like horse and mule, unintelligent, † needing bridle and bit, * else they will not approach you. Many sorrows has the wicked † but he who trusts in the Lord, * loving mercy surrounds him.</p>
<p>Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, * exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, * all you upright of heart.</p>	<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>	

LEADER (Vivian): Psalm Prayer: You desired, Lord, to keep from us your indignation and so did not spare Jesus Christ, who was wounded for our sins. We are your prodigal children, but confessing our sins we come back to you. Embrace us that we may rejoice in your mercy together with Christ your beloved Son.

ALL: The one who is sinless in the eyes of God is blessed indeed.

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

I (Ready by Lucy)

II (Read by Alicia)

<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>
<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>

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

READER (Alessandra): READING: 1 Peter 1:6-9

There is cause for rejoicing here. You may for a time have to suffer the distress of many trials; but this is so that your faith, which is more precious than the passing splendor of fire-tried gold, may by its genuineness lead to praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ appears. Although you have never seen him, you love him, and without seeing you now believe in him, and rejoice with inexpressible joy touched with glory because you are achieving faith's goal, your salvation.

RESPONSORY

READER (Alessandra): 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 (Vivian): Ant. God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly.

1 (Read by Domenica)

2 (Read by Diane)

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

INTERCESSIONS

LEADER (Vivian): Our hope is in God, who gives us help. Let us call upon him, and say:

ALL: Look kindly on your children, Lord.

READER (Alessandra): Lord, our God, you made an eternal covenant with your people, keep us ever mindful of your mighty deeds. **ALL:** Look kindly on your children, Lord.

READER (Alessandra): Let your ordained ministers grow toward perfect love, and preserve your faithful people in unity by the bond of peace. **ALL:** Look kindly on your children, Lord.

READER (Alessandra): Be with us in our work of building the earthly city, that in building we may not labor in vain.

ALL: Look kindly on your children, Lord.

READER (Alessandra): **Send** workers into your vineyard, and glorify your name among the nations.

ALL: Look kindly on your children, Lord.

READER (Alessandra): Welcome into the company of your saints our relatives and benefactors who have died, may we share their happiness one day. **ALL:** Look kindly on your children, Lord.

LEADER (Vivian): 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 (Vivian): CONCLUDING PRAYER

Father,
you illumine the night
and bring the dawn to scatter darkness.
Let us pass this night in safety,
free from Satan's power,
and rise when morning comes
to give you thanks and praise.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. – Amen.

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