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St. Francis Fraternity
Hackensack, NJ



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



IMPORTANT: On **Thursday, January 14th at 7PM** we will have our fraternity gathering on the **phone or on video** (on your **computer or tablet**).

Evening Prayer: *(Please check below to see if you have been assigned to read.)*

This Month: We will hear about the Little Flowers of St. Francis

At 7PM on January 14th click on the link in the email you received, or call in by phone 646-876-9923 When they ask for the meeting ID enter **883 3869 7030** followed by #. (Note that this number is slightly different than the one we have used before.) When the call connects, please say your name so that we know you are present! **If you can't be with us, please pray Evening Prayer at home.**

Closing Prayer: 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; Frank Cavallo

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

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

Rest of the Soul of: Nancy Ippolito, OFS (Fr. Ignatius's sister)

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

Statue of Our Lady Jan. Teresa (All dates subject to meeting schedule.)

BIRTHDAYS: January 7: Lucy Stamilla; 20: Ron Romano; 27: Ed Atwood; February 10: Eileen Ferrara; 24: Karen Ferrari

Correspondence: Thank you to Bro. Lombardo for his Christmas greeting. Happy New Year, Brother!.

Calendar:

We will begin the collection of hats, gloves, scarves, socks and toiletries later in the winter.

**Contributions
toward our
fraternity Common
Fund should be
sent directly to our
Treasurer.**

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

Please keep our Aspirant, and Candidates in your prayer

Holy Father's Intention for January-- Human Fraternity: May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Ed Acciardi	Dolores's Intentions	±Nancy Ippolito	Fr. Nick (sp. Int.)	Annette Salvadeo
Alessandra (family)	Dorcas and Woody	IPRAY INTENTIONS	NFC	Baby Sam.
Almarinda	Evie	Iraqi and Coptic Christians	James & Lola Norton Fam.	San Damiano Frat. Ints.
Dianne Ambrose	Edwin Fehrs.	Bro. Richard James, OFM	Janice Novello	Pino Scordo.
Amy's friends	Ethan Fehrs.	Jill	OLA Region & REC	Mario Sheldon
Andy, Meg, baby Robert	FB friends	Jill2	Brian & Lynn Ortale Fam..	Andrew Shontz.
Anthony Antine	Ferraras	John (sp. int.)	Evie Pacheco York	Deacon Milt Smilek
Stacey Antine (sp. Int.)	Karen Ferrari (sp. int.)	Fr. Joy's +mom	PAGE FAMILY INTENTIONS	Greg Smith (Alayne)
Jean Aquilina	David and Alicia Ferrari	Justin (Sp. Int.)	Padre Pio Pr. Grps. Int.	Monica Smith..
Beacon friars	FERRARI FAM. INTENTIONS	Clara K. and family	Diane Palazzone	John & Mary Smythe.
Bill B.	Michael Ferrari	Kate (sp. int.)	Marie Palazzone	Frank Spina
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	Maria Ficken	Baby Ryan L.	Alessandra Panuccio	Cono Spinelli and Family
Mary Bittner	Flora's intentions	Lapsed OFS members	Angela Panuccio (baby)	SPIRITUAL FIGURES/LEADERS
Zoila Blacio	Pope Francis	Muriel Lechenbusch	Domenica Panuccio	St. Anne's Frat. Ints.
Pete Blake.	Franz Family	Kenny Leddy	Helen Parciasepe	St. Francis Youth
BLESSING BOARD INTS.	FRAZZA FAMILY INTS.	Alice LeForest	Jan Parker	St. Anthony of Padua Frat Ints
Rita Bloom	Gabriel	Paula Leichtman	Paul and Sean (sp. int.)	St. Joan of Arc OFS Region
BOYCE FAMILY INTS.	Generose	Mary Anne Lenzi	PEACE	St. John Vianney frat.
Michael Brady, OFS	Gerry Galagher	Licamelli Family intentions	Serafina & Stefani Pedone	St. Jos. Maint. Dept.
Jim Brennan (Sunny)	Jean Garofalo	Oscar Liivicura	Josephine Pedulla.	St. Thomas More Frat. ints.
BROS. & SISTS. OF PRAYER	Trudy Gassenheimer	Rosemary LoCascio	Ron Pihokker	Jen Stepnek.
+Joe Brown	Genaro and Alicia	Bro. Lombardo (sp. Int.)	John Platti (Linda)	St. Joan of Arc Region
Tom Brown	Carol Gentile	Emily Rose M.	Gaspar Polanco (family)	St. John Vianney intents.
Carmela Barbieri Buda.	GEORGE FAMILY INTS.	Madge (Sp. intention)	Joe Polifrone	Stigmata Provincial Council & friars
Silvio Buda & Family.	Anna and Joe Geraci	Carl Magnifico (Kathy and fam.)	POOR CLARE prayer list	Tara Suplicki
Tony Buda & Laura Buda	Vincent & Maria Giambona, Sr.	Angie Mariniello	PRIESTS, FRIARS & SISTERS	Syrian Christians and churches
Elaine Buscemi	Bro. Ronald Giannone, OFM Cap.	Jackie Marlow.	PUBLIC FIGURES	Tau Cross Region (all ints.)
Pat Cantelmo	Fr. Giles	Mary Therese and daughter	Q committee	Louisa Teoli, OFS
Deacon Ed Case & Sean Case	Nance Gorni	Fr. Frank McHugh	RT (sp. int.)	Marie Thomas
Rosalie Cauceglia	Gretchen (Sp. Int.)	Fr. Meena (Sp. Int)	Edward Ramirez	Cheyenne Travers
Frank & Jospne Cavallo (dgr)	Linda & Tim Griffith	Michael (wife and daughter)	Jo Ann Rean	Eileen Travers
Colleen Cericola (sp. int.)	Carlos & Rosa Guerrero	Middle Eastern Christians	Lee Rean	Silvio & Rachel Travia Family.
Rose Cincotta..	Flora Hand	MILITARY: LIVING & DECEASED	Regina Pacis (all ints.)	William Turner Family.
Lucille Clapps	Hank's intentions	Ministry of Caring	Region sp. Int.	Sue Upshur (family)
Fr. Damian Colicchio	Myriam Hart	Misty's ints.	Teodora Reyes (and sister)	Alberto Vargas
Colleen.	Elaine Hedtke	Pat Moclair (Sp. Int.)	Ada Reynoso	Anthony Vasile
Lynn Collins	Harry Henky & Rosemarie	MOG lapsed and excused	Vincent Ribaudo	Marie Vasta (All intentions)
Joe Coralluzzo's ints.	Ralph & Frances Henry.	Mary Momot	Ada Rivera's intentions	Vicki (Kate)
All Covid 19 intentions	Don Hill (wife).	Monica	RJ (family)	Victims of abuse
Mary Damiano (family)	Gretchen Hogan	Jeanette Mortorano	Leah Cuiuli Roger.	Victims of terrorism
Lee D'Arminio	Holy Name Resp. Care Dept.	+Lisena Moss	Roman Catholic Church	Victims of violence & hatred
May D'Arminio	The Homeless & the Lonely	Mother Seton Grp. Ints.	Ron (Sp. int)	Diane Vigilante
P. Davis.	Hospital Intentions	MS intentions	Rondi	Diane Vitale
Deacon Joe's group int.	Dell Howes	Bill and Anne Mulqueen	Lois and Alyssa Roszko	Vocations
Demas Family.	Hurricane, flood and storm victim	Mutucs	Jerry & Madeline Rousseau	Bill & Carmel Watson Fam.
Diane (Sp. int.)	Immigrant & refugee children	Trish Naughton	Daniel Rusinko	Willie and family
Mark Diverio	Rose Ingoglia	NEC	Dawn Rusinko	Anna Z.'s sp. intentions
Divine Mercy Fraternity Ints.	Inquirers, Aspirants & Candidates	Lia Neck	Ruth	Charlie Zoccoli



DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

- The earliest manuscript to the Little Flowers is dated 1396? (Over 170 years after Francis's death)
- The Little Flowers (Fioretti) is an Italian translation of the Latin text of The Deeds of Blessed Francis and His Brothers
- After many years of controversy, it was determined that the author was Ugolino Boniscambi of Montegiorio. FA:ED, vol. 3, 432 The Deeds of Blessed Francis & His Companions (1328-1337)
- If you would like to read about the Little Flowers and read some of the stories, please visit Franciscantradition.org at this link: DEEDS OF BLESSED FRANCIS-LITTLE FLOWERS

Have you ever read these famous stories from the Little Flowers?

- The story of Perfect Joy (Chapter 8)
- Bro. Masseo wanted to know why everyone ran after Francis (Chap 10)
- How Francis made Bro. Masseo spin around (Chapter 11)
- How the Lord appeared to Francis and the Brothers (Chapter 14)
- How Clare, Francis and Companions ate together at St. Mary of the Angels (Chapter 15)
- How St. Francis preached to the birds and founded the Third Order (Chapter 16)
- How 5,000 Friars gathered for the Chapter of Mats (Chapter 18)
- How the trampled vine produced much wine (Chapter 19)
- The story of the Wolf of Gubbio (Chapter 21)
- How St. Francis tamed the Doves (22)
- St. Francis and the Sultan (24)

There are many more stories! We are going to hear a few at our gathering.

Think about the following questions for our discussion:

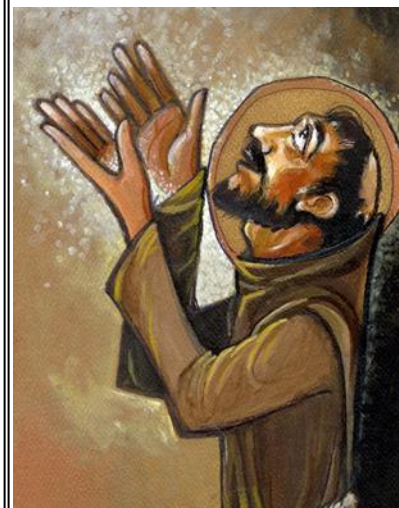
--What stood out to you in hearing about these stories at our gathering?

--What are some of the other Little Flower stories that you have heard and like? Did you ever read any of the ones listed above?

--Why do you think the "Little Flowers" has been so beloved by Franciscans for hundreds of years?



The references below (FA:ED and CA:ED) refer to Francis of Assisi: **Early Documents and Clare of Assisi: Early Documents.** These and many more writings of and about Francis and Clare can be found on the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition website: <https://franciscantradition.org/>



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

Treasurer's Report

Common Fund

Balance forward: \$ 1155.98
 Income: 200.00*
 Expenses \$ 540.00**
 Ending Balance \$ 815.98

*Donation

**Parish gift; donations—medical supplies New Mexico & Venezuela; secretary supplies

Good & Welfare

Balance forward: \$ 46.75
 Expense: \$ 00.00
 Contributions: \$ 00.00
 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 \$135.00 + 20.00 = \$155

(Our 2019-2020 goal (\$1350) has been met)

Transitional Housing (Mother and Baby Shelter)

A total of \$600 was collected from members and friends. Gift cards were purchased and given to the shelter.

Members, you may still donate toward 2020-21 Fair Share if you wish. We will hold it for next year!
You may also send Common Fund donations to Tony.

Evening Prayer January 14, 2021 Thursday First Week of Ordinary Time

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 (Listen to the hymn—[Glory and Praise to Our God](#))

LEADER: Ant. 1 I cried to you, Lord, and you healed me; I will praise you for ever.

Psalm 30

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II

<p>DOMENICA: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me * and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.</p>	<p>LUCY: 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>DOMENICA: 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>LUCY: 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>DOMENICA: 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>LUCY: 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>DOMENICA: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:</p>	<p>LUCY: as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.</p>
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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: Ant. 2 The one who is sinless in the eyes of God is blessed indeed.

Psalm 32

I

II

<p>ROSELLINA: 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>JOANN: 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>ROSELLINA: 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>JOANN: 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>ROSELLINA: I will instruct you and teach you * the way you should go; I will give you counsel * with my eye upon you.</p>	<p>JOANN: 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>ROSELLINA: Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, * exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, * all you upright of heart.</p>	<p>JOANN: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:</p>
<p>ROSELLINA as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.</p>	

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

I

II

<p>TONY: 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>LAURA: 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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TONY: 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.	LAURA: 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!
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TONY: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:	LAURA: 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.

ED ATWOOD: 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

ED: The Lord has given us food, bread of the finest wheat.	VIVIAN: – The Lord has given us food, bread of the finest wheat.
ED: Honey from the rock, to our heart's content,	VIVIAN: – bread of the finest wheat.
ED: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.	VIVIAN: 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.

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ALESSANDRA: 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.	GRETCHEN: From this day all generations will call me blessed: † the Almighty has done great things for me, * and holy is his Name.
ALESSANDRA: He has mercy on those who fear him * in every generation.	GRETCHEN: He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
ALESSANDRA: He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, * and has lifted up the lowly.	GRETCHEN: He has filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he has sent away empty.
ALESSANDRA: 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.	GRETCHEN: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit: ALESSANDRA: 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: Our hope is in God, who gives us help. Let us call upon him, and say:

ALL: *Look kindly on your children, Lord.*

RONNIE: 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.

RONNIE: 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.

RONNIE: 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.

RONNIE: Send workers into your vineyard, and glorify your name among the nations. **ALL:** Look kindly on your children, Lord.

RONNIE: 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: 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

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.