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Hackensack, NJ



Zoom:
See instructions
below at left.

FRATERNITY GATHERING
On **Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 7:00 PM on ZOOM**

THIS MONTH:
THE EXTRACTION OF THE SAINTS
and Examine our Commitment for 2025
See explanation on page 3

**Please see page 4 for information about
upcoming projects and events**

Leader Prayer: Alessandra Panuccio
Closing Prayer: Alessandra
Sweet Reminder: No Sweet Reminder in January

Please be ready to sign up to volunteer for the above and for the Statue!

Health and Welfare: Polanco fam.; Eileen Ferrara; 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 & fam;
Filomena Savoia; Cathy Champon; Robert Callahan; Anna Panuccio.

Rest of the Soul of: Ron Pihokker, OFS, former Regional Minister

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

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

BIRTHDAYS: **January 7:** Lucy Stamilla; **27:** Ed Atwood; **February 10:** Eileen Ferrara Jette

Correspondence: We received Christmas cards from Pam Swords and family and from Angie Mariniello. Angie thanks us for our prayers.

Calendar:

Jubilee Year of Hope began on December 24th with the opening of the Holy Doors. Read about the many ways to participate to obtain a plenary indulgence in the Archdiocese of Newark here: <https://rcan.org/jubilee-2025/>


Book Club: January 16th at 7PM on Zoom
Fraternity Brunch: June 1, 2025



Zoom

Jan 9, 2025, 7:00 PM
Eastern Time
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83123553178?pwd=Fqdt1HM1mYJbunrE6mYGE PQRanCF5t.1>

Meeting ID: 831 2355 3178
Passcode: 989176


Phone in
(646) 876-9923
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Apostolate of Prayer list January 2025
For the health and well being of our members and families
Please keep our Candidate and Aspirants in your prayers

Holy Father's Intention for January- For the right to an education: Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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



2025—Time to Examine our Love and Commitment -- Let's Talk About It!

+How can I make some beneficial changes in my attitude about fraternity and fraternal life?

1-Prayerfully participate in electing and supporting my local Council.

- Pray for them every day.
- Use my God-given talents to collaborate on and assist with all projects.



+What are some ways I can support my Council?

+Do I have talents and abilities that call me to serve on the Council?
(We will have elections in the spring of 2025!)

2- Love my fraternity

- Be present at gatherings; offer to help out.
- Listen to my brothers and sisters.
- Reach out to excused members or to anyone who has missed a meeting. (Phone, email, card).
- Pray for our deceased members and for all those listed on your fraternity prayer list or prayer line
- Take note that for Franciscans, fraternity is a way of life (not just another “thing to do”).



+What talents do I have to offer my fraternity?

+Do I participate willingly in fraternity activities?

3- Love our Rule

- Be sure that I am aware of what I promised at profession.
- Read, pray and meditate on the Rule—perhaps one or two articles each day.
- Think about how the Rule leads me closer to Christ.



+When was the last time I read the Rule?

+Do I make the effort to relate the Rule to my everyday life?

4- Love Scripture

- Be aware that St. Francis based everything he said or wrote on Scripture.
- Resolve to read a little Scripture each day.
- Pray the Liturgy of the Hours because it helps us to pray in fraternity (with the entire Church) and is filled with Scripture.



+How can I make time to read Scripture every day, or most days?

+ How would I explain “Going from Gospel to life and life to the Gospel,” it to someone new or to a non-Secular Franciscan? (What examples can I give of how I do this?)

5- Strive for daily conversion

- Welcome the Holy Spirit into our hearts to help us to change for the better each day.
- Make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Remember that we are the “Brothers and Sisters of Penance.”



+Do I review my actions & relationship with God each day? (What methods do you use?)

+How have I changed since I first became a Franciscan? How have I changed since last week?

6- Love the Eucharist and be changed by it

- Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy days and every day if I can
- Take advantage of opportunities for Adoration—holy hours or just a visit to the tabernacle



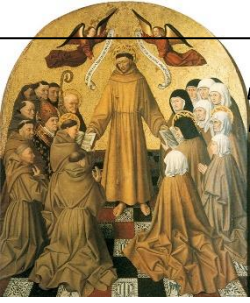
+What is my relationship to Jesus in the Eucharist?

+Do I often visit with Jesus when there is an opportunity to attend Adoration?

*“My God and
my all.”*



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



This Month: THE "EXTRACTION" OF THE SAINTS

The Extraction of the Saints is one of the older traditions of the Franciscan community. We believe that God speaks to us in many ways, not the least of which is through the example of His saints, and through the inspired words of Scripture and other pious writings.

On or near the Feast of Epiphany, the Holy Spirit is invoked and a saint is randomly selected for each member of the fraternity. We will also select the name of a member for whom we will pray in a special way this entire year. Your patron for the year might be a special source of inspiration in the challenges you might be facing during the year. Read the life of the saint; what does the message of his/her life have to say to you? Would you like to be more like this person? In what ways would you like to imitate them?

During this year, we hope that some (or all) of you will volunteer to tell us a little about your "patron" saint and how learning about them and praying for their intercession has had an effect on your life.

For Your Information

- The gifts for **the Hearts Program** were delivered and were very much appreciated. Thank you to **Lucy Stamilla and Elide Marino** for delivering them! Even though the number of gifts increased this year, as always, you were very generous, and we met our goal of providing gifts for all the children!
- **Fraternity Book Club** will begin again on **Thursday, January 16th at 7PM. Breath of God Chapter 7**
- **Our Brunch is scheduled for June 1st!**

Please have handy 5-6 of the Prayer Service to use at our Zoom gathering.

Treasurer's Report

<u>Common Fund</u>	<u>Good & Welfare</u>	<u>Fair Share</u>
Balance forward: \$ 3780.60	Previous balance: \$ 256.75	For 2024-25 our goal was based on 23 professed + 1 candidate
Income 655.00*	Fraternity Donations 0	
Expenses 991.00**	Transfer to Common Fund for boiler donation \$250.00	24 x \$45=\$1080
Ending Balance \$ 3422.60	New balance: \$6.75	The full amount will be sent to the region at the end of January. We collected \$455 from our members so far. The balance of \$625 for our active-excused members and those who have not contributed will come from the Common Fund.
* Includes transfer from Good and Welfare for boiler contribution; raffle at Christmas dinner, and collection at the Chapter to defray refreshment expenses.		
**Includes \$500 contribution to parish for the boiler; chapter refreshment expenses; Christmas dinner.		

We will be paying our Fair Share to the region soon!
Please contribute if you have not done so.

The Drawing of Patron Saints at Epiphany

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The Rite

Opening Hymn: "Come, Holy Ghost"

<p>Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, And in our hearts take up thy rest; Come with your grace and heavenly aid To fill the hearts which thou has made. (Repeat)</p>	<p>O Comfort blest, to thee we cry, Thou heavenly gift of God Most High, Thou Fount of life and fire of love, And sweet anointing from above. (Repeat)</p>	<p>Praise be to thee, Father and Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One; And may the Son on us bestow The Gifts that from the Spirit flow. (Repeat)</p>
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Leader: Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

All: And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Leader-Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, we celebrate that day when your word became flesh for all the world to see. In becoming one with our human family He sanctified human activity and made us holy through His life-giving word. Through the ages, His message has continued to touch the hearts of men and women of every place, taking flesh in their lives through Christian service. May these holy men and women stand as shining examples of Christian virtue and the Gospel life, for each one of them, reflects a unique aspect of Your divine love. Be with us today, Lord our God, as we choose one of these saints as our patron for this new year. With the help of your spirit may the saint give us today serve as a special reminder of our call to holiness. May his or her teaching and example serve to inspire us to exercise Christian virtue and to follow your Son more closely in our Franciscan Family. We ask this through our Christ your Son.

All: Amen

After the invocation, the names of the saints and a prayer partner will be chosen at random for each person present. (Excused members will be included and informed of the saint and the prayer partner chosen.)

After the Drawing: The following psalm is prayed aloud by those indicated. Everyone else prays silently.

Psalm 150

Praise God in his holy place,
praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his powerful deeds,
praise his surpassing greatness.

Maureen

O praise him with sound of trumpet,
praise him with lute and harp.
Praise him with timbrel and dance,
praise him with strings and pipes.

Rosellina

O praise him with resounding cymbals,
praise him with clashing of cymbals.
Let everything that lives and that breathes
give praise to the Lord.

Vivian

Leader: The Lord is the Honor of His saints.

All: He has heard those who cry to Him.

Leader: Let us pray. O God you have raised up men and women outstanding in holiness as examples to your people in following in your footsteps. Grant that we may ever look to the example and teaching of your saints, imitating their virtue, and thus merit to arrive at your heavenly banquet. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Concluding Hymn: Joy to the World

<p>Joy to the World, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room, And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.</p>	<p>Joy to the World, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.</p>	<p>He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders, of His love</p>
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