

The Council

Anthony Buda, OFS,
Minister
201-281-6291

Domenica Panuccio,
OFS Vice Minister
201-406-9194

Alessandra
Panuccio, OFS
Secretary
201-741-8323

Rosellina Iacono, OFS
Treasurer
201-755-9339

Mimma LoMuscio,
OFS
Formation Director
201-561-6327

Ed Atwood, OFS
Councilor
201-281-6291

Bro. Prem Kumar
Garapati, OFM CAP
Spiritual Assistant
201-343-6243



The Cord

St. Francis Fraternity
Hackensack, NJ



In case of Zoom:
Dial: 646-876-9923
Enter:
meeting ID
835 5948 1464 #
Passcode is 364515.

★ FRATERNITY GATHERING ★
On Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 6:30 PM

This Month: The Prologue to our Rule (Part 2)

Please bring your copy of Evening Prayer to the gathering (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: Lucy Stamilla (Please choose a reader)

Closing Prayer: Mimma LoMuscio

Volunteer to share about your Patron Saint:

Pam (St. Angela of Foligno) and Maureen (St. Bonaventure)

Sweet Reminder: Rosellina and Josephine

(Please keep quantities small)

Volunteers for Clean-up: Domenica and Pam

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

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

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

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

Statue of Our Lady: Jul: Alessandra Aug: Domenica Sept: Josephine Oct: Lucy Nov: Rosellina
Dec: Domenica

BIRTHDAYS: July (none) August: 20- Patricia Franz

Correspondence: We received a lovely donation from Anthony Vasile. We are very grateful for his continued generosity to our fraternity. Anthony is in our prayers. Angela Mariniello and Pat Franz thank us for our continued prayers.

Calendar:

Region Retreat: August 2-4 at Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center, Wappingers Falls, NY. See Diane for registration form.

Regional Elections: November 9, 2024

Summer edition of the Troubadour: Available here:

https://www.ourladyoftheangelsregion.org/Troubadour_summer_2024.pdf

National Chapter and National Exec: September 14-18th: Please ask the Holy Spirit to guide our regional and national servant leaders, especially during Chapter.



We have started collecting gift cards for the Southwest Missions

We will collect throughout the spring and fall.

Please purchase gift cards for Target or Walmart.

We will need 50

Ten-dollar gift cards.

Apostolate of Prayer list July 2024

For the health and well being of our members and families

Please keep our Seekers, Candidate, and newly professed in your prayers

Holy Father's Prayer intentions for July: For The Pastoral Care of The Sick- Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, bestows the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

Carmen Aguilar and family	Maria Ficken	Diane Menditto (sp. Int.)	Josephine Savino
Irma Aguilar	Bob Fitzsimmons (Patty)	Robert Menditto (Stephanie, Michael)	Joe Savoia
ajudy Albolino	Flora's intentions	Middle Eastern Christians	Filomena Savoia
Dianne Ambrose	Pope Francis	MILITARY: LIVING & DECEASED	San Damiano Frat. Ints.
Angela	Franz Family	Ministry of Caring	Fred Schaeffer, OFS
Fr. Bill Arlia, OFM Cap	Pat Franz	Misty's ints.	Bernice Soik
Rose Ascolese	FRAZZA FAMILY INTS.	Pat Moclair (Sp. Int.)	Bro. Doug Soik, OFM Cap.
Aspirants, Inquirers & Cands	Gabriel	MOG lapsed and excused	Frank Spina
Ed Atwood	Dan Garrison	Jeanette Mortorano	SPIRITUAL FIGURES/LEADERS
Susanne Atwood	Jean Garofalo (Marie)	Mother Seton Grp. Ints.	St. Anne's Frat. Ints.
Beacon friars	Genaro and Alicia	Bill and Anne Mulqueen	St. Francis Youth
Zoila Blacio	Carol Gentile	Yolanda Murillo	St. Anthony of Padua Frat Ints
Pete Blake.	GEORGE FAMILY INTS.	Nancy	St. Joan of Arc OFS Region
BLESSING BOARD INTS.	Fr. Giles	NEC	St. John Vianney frat.
BOYCE FAMILY INTS.	+Rosario Gonzalez (fam)	NEC intentions	St. Jos. Maint. Dept.
Bro. Jay	Patrice Goodman	Fr. Nick (sp. Int.)	St. Thomas More Frat. ints.
BROS. & SISTS. OF PRAYER	Linda & Tim Griffith	NFC	Marcia Stambouliau
Ralph Calise (Linda)	Willie Guadalupe	James & Lola Norton Fam.	Lucy Stamilla
Pat Cantelmo	Carlos & Rosa Guerrero	OLA Region	Stigmata Provincial Council & friars
Carolyn	Flora Hand	OLGEA prayer line ints. & REC	Mike (Leah)
John Casale	Hank's intentions	Brian & Lynn Ortale Fam..	Peter Suplicki
Frank Cavallo	Elaine Hedtke	PAGE FAMILY INTENTIONS	Tara Suplicki
Josephine Cavallo (family)	Harry Henry & Rosemarie	Padre Pio Friary friars	Megan Swords
CIOFS Formation Secretariat	Ralph & Frances Henry.	Padre Pio Pr. Grps. Int.	Syrian Christians and churches
Cathy Champon	Holy Name Resp. Care Dept.	Marie Palazzone	Tau Cross Region (all ints.)
Church in Nicaragua	The Homeless & the Lonely	Angela Panuccio	Cheyenne Travers
Lucille Clapps	Hospital Intentions	Anna Panuccio	Eileen Travers
Cole and Kevin	Hurr, flood, fire, and earthq victs	Domenica Panuccio	Kara Travers
Colleen.	Immigrant & refugee children	Helen Parciasepe	Silvio & Rachel Travia Family.
Madge Cooke	IPRAY INTENTIONS	Jan Parker	Sara Tripodi
Joe Coralluzzo's ints.	Iraqi and Coptic Christians	Paul and Sean (sp. int.)	Ukraine (all intentions)
Steven Cornfield	Sandy K.	PEACE	Anthony Vasile
Ronnie Crispino	Susanne K.	Serafina & Stefani Pedone	Marie Vasta (All intentions)
Denise Cubita	Kim (family)	Peru	Victims of abuse
Sara (Rosa) Daddario (Pam)	Ryan L.	Ron Pihokker	Victims of fires, floods, storms
May D'Arminio	Sal Lagatutta	POOR CLARE prayer list	Victims of gun violence
Deacon Joe's group int.	Michael	PRIESTS, FRIARS & SISTERS	Victims of terrorism
Deceased family members	Lapsed OFS members	PUBLIC FIGURES	Victims of violence & hatred
Delores (Layna)	Muriel Lechenbusch	Q committee	Vocations
Vincenzo Demaio	Peggy Ledger	REC	Ross Wagner
Demas Family.	Alice LeForest	Regina Pacis (all ints.)	Bill & Carmel Watson Fam.
Eleanor DeRiso	Bro. Lombardo (sp. Int.)	Region sp. Int.	Carol Wickersheim
Mark Diverio	Madge (Sp. intention)	Ada Rivera's intentions	Fr. Robert Williams, OFM Cap
Sue Diverio	Carl Magnifico (Kathy and fam.)	RJ (family)	Caroline Yandell
Divine Mercy Fraternity Ints.	Angie Mariniello	Roman Catholic Church	Anna Z's sp. intentions
Dolores's Intentions	Maria Rosaria (and fam.)	Ron (Sp. int)	
Paul E.	Elide Marino	Maddie Romaine	
Trish Endweiss	Tom Mason (Vickie)	Maria Rosario (family).	
Bro. Alex Escalera, OFM Cap.	Maura and baby Colin	+Fr. Cyprian Rosen, OFM Cap.	
FB friends	Hank Meditz (Liz)	Madeline Rousseau	
Ken Farkas	Fr. Meena (Sp. Int)	Joe Ruggiero	
Karen Ferrari (sp. ints.)	Charity Menditto and fam	Baby Sam.	



The Prologue to our Rule (Part 2)

Please read the second portion of the Prologue to our Rule called “**Those Who Do Not Do Penance.**” This is written in Francis’s own words. **(Read in your white Rule booklets. Please bring your booklets to the gathering!)**

Earlier Exhortation of Saint Francis to the Brothers and Sisters of Penance (*Early Documents* [FA:ED Vol. 1 pp. 41-43])—To Read online click below:

https://digitalcollections.franciscantradition.org/document/bx4700-f6f722-1999/francis_of_assisi_early_documents_-_the_saint/1999-00-00?pageNo=41

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

COMMENTARY

Secondly, the person who refuses this grace lacks wisdom and light, loses one’s perspective in striving for perfect joy, and finds oneself enslaved and smothered by the demonic influences of life. Hence, no happiness in this world or the next. Francis’ words are stark, straightforward, and uncompromising, but the core message is valid and ever true.

Taken from: Gospel to Life: The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order with Commentary (Published by OFS USA)

Questions for discussion at the fraternity gathering.

- + Why do you think St. Francis is so uncompromising in what he says here? Does this change how you see St. Francis?
- + How does this portion of the Prologue move us to conversion? Does it frighten you?
- + What sentence (or group of sentences) stand out to you in the first part of the Prologue? Why do these “call out to you?”

Challenge: This week, read the entire Prologue and list the warnings and promises St. Francis has left us.

*Those Who Do Penance
and
Those Who
Do Not Do Penance*



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

*“O how glorious it
is to have a holy
and great Father in
heaven!”*

*St. Francis—Earlier
Exhortation to the Brothers
and Sisters of Penance—
(Prologue to our Rule)*

For Your Information

- Please bring your copy of **Evening Prayer pages 5-8**
- **OUR SAINTS:** This month **Pam** will share about St. Angela of Foligno and **Maureen** will share about St. Bonaventure.
- **Emergency contacts:** If you have not updated your information, please do so this month.
- In response to our email, Bro. Bruce let us know that **gift cards** will again be a welcome gift to the Children of the **San José Catholic School** serving **50 children** from Acoma and Laguna Pueblos in New Mexico. We hope that we will again be able to provide 50 gift cards with, perhaps, a few extras for the teachers. We will also **write notes** to the students and teachers as we have done in the past. (**Blank note cards will be appreciated!**) This year we are asking the members to purchase one or more \$10 gift cards from Target or Walmart rather than give cash. (You can bring the gift cards any time between **May and July.**)
- **Contribute to the 2024 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.
- **July 18th:** Fraternity Book Club on Zoom at 7PM—Book Club members will be sent the Zoom link. We will discuss Chapter 3 of the book **Breath of God.**
- **Brunch June 9th**
Our brunch was a tremendous success.
Thank you to Mimma and all those who were instrumental in helping to cook, set up and clean up. We are very blessed to benefit from the generosity of our members in time and talent.
- **Region Retreat: August 2-4** at Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center in Wappingers Falls, NY. If you would like to register, please see Diane for registration forms.

Treasurer's Report

<u>Common Fund</u>	<u>Good & Welfare</u>	<u>Fair Share</u>
Balance forward: \$ 2182.60	Previous balance: \$199.75	For 2024-25 our goal will be based on
Income: +515.00*	Fraternity Donations +10.00	24 professed + 1 Candidate
Brunch Profit +1799.00	New balance: \$209.75	25 x \$45=\$1125
Expenses \$ -200.00**		Current Fair Share balance:
Ending Balance \$ 4296.60		\$410.00

*Fraternity donations
**Guest speaker

You may contribute toward
2024 Fair Share at any
time! (See Rosellina)

Evening Prayer July 11, 2024 Thursday, Memorial St. Benedict of Nursia

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

Holy God, we praise Your name;
Lord of all, we bow before You.
Saints on earth Your scepter claim;
all in heav'n above adore You.
Infinite, Your vast domain;
everlasting is Your reign. (2x)



LEADER: Ant. 1 I have made you the light of all nations to carry my salvation to the ends of the earth.

Psalm 72 -1

Side I

Side II

O God, give your judgment to the king, *
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice *
and your poor in right judgment..

May the mountains bring forth peace for the
people *
and the hills, justice.
May he defend the poor of the people †
and save the children of the needy *
and crush the oppressor.

He shall endure like the sun and the moon *
from age to age.
He shall descend like rain on the meadow, *
like raindrops on the earth.

In his days justice shall flourish *
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea, *
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

Before him his enemies shall fall, *
his foes lick the dust.
The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts *
shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba *
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, *
all nations shall serve him.

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: I have made you the light of all nations to carry my salvation to the ends of the earth.

LEADER: Ant. 2 The Lord will save the children of the poor and rescue them from slavery.

Psalm 72-2

I

II

For he shall save the poor when they cry *
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak *
and save the lives of the poor.

From oppression he will rescue their lives, *
to him their blood is dear.
Long may he live, *
may the gold of Sheba be given him.
They shall pray for him without ceasing *
and bless him all the day.

<p>May corn be abundant in the land * to the peaks of the mountains. May its fruit rustle like Lebanon; † may men flourish in the cities * like grass on the earth.</p>	<p>May his name be blessed for ever * and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, * all nations bless his name.</p>
<p>Blessed be the Lord, God of Israel, * who alone works wonders, ever blessed his glorious name. * Let his glory fill the earth.</p>	<p>Amen! Amen!</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: Psalm Prayer: We call upon your name, Father, and pronounce it blessed above the earth. Give your people the fullness of peace and justice in your kingdom.

ALL: The Lord will save the children of the poor and rescue them from slavery.

LEADER: Ant. 3 Now the victorious reign of our God has begun.

Canticle: Revelation 11:17-18; 12:10b-12a

I	II
<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>
<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>

ALL: Now the victorious reign of our God has begun.

READER: Romans 8:28-30

We know that God makes all things work together for the good of those who have been called according to his decree. Those whom he foreknew he predestined to share the image of his Son, that the Son might be the first-born of many brothers. Those he predestined he likewise called; those he called he also justified; and those he justified he in turn glorified.

RESPONSORY

READER: Just is the Lord, in justice he delights.	ALL: — Just is the Lord, in justice he delights.
READER: He looks with favor on the upright man;	ALL: — in justice he delights.
READER: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.	ALL: — Just is the Lord, in justice he delights.

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

LEADER: Ant. He received the Lord’s blessing and the merciful saving power of God; such is the fortune of those who seek the Lord.

1	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.
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: He received the Lord’s blessing and the merciful saving power of God; such is the fortune of those who seek the Lord.

INTERCESSIONS

LEADER: Let us pray to the Father, the source of all holiness, and ask him to lead us to holiness of life through the example and intercession of his saints.

May we be holy as you are holy.

READER: Holy Father, you want us to be called your sons and truly to be such,

ALL: grant that your holy Church may proclaim you throughout the world.

READER: Holy Father, you want us to walk worthily and please you in all we do,

ALL: let us abound in doing good works.

READER: Holy Father, you have reconciled us to yourself through Christ,

ALL: preserve us in your name so that all may be one.

READER: Holy Father, you have called us to a heavenly banquet,

ALL: through the bread that came down from heaven make us worthy to grow in perfect love.

READER: Holy Father, forgive the offenses of every sinner,

ALL: let the dead perceive the light of your countenance.

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

God our Father,

you made Saint Benedict an outstanding guide

to teach men how to live in your service.

Grant that by preferring your love to everything else,

we may walk in the way of your commandments.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

God, forever and ever.

— Amen.

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