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**We will start collecting gift cards for the Southwest Missions in May. We will collect throughout the spring and fall.**  
  
**Please purchase gift cards for Target or Walmart.**  
  
**We will need 50 Ten-dollar gift cards.**



# The Cord

St. Francis Fraternity  
Hackensack, NJ



**In case of Zoom:**  
Dial: 646 931 3860  
Enter:  
meeting ID  
867 6648 8005  
Passcode is: 032170.



On Thursday, June 13, 2024 gather for prayer at 6:30 PM  
Profession Mass at 7:45 in church

**This Month: Profession of Maureen Menakis and Pam Swords**

**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:** Tony Buda (Please choose a reader)

**Closing Prayer:** Rosellina Iacono

**Volunteer to share about your Patron Saint:** Pause due to Profession  
**Sweet Reminder:** Sheet cake for Profession (provided by the fraternity)

**(Please keep quantities small)**

**Volunteers for Clean-up:** Mimma L. and Teresa

**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

**Rest in Peace:** Ron Romano; Mary Berrillo; Rosemary LoCascio; Jim Ferrara

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

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** **June 6:** Stefani Pedone; John Previty; **8:** Josephine Cigna; **15:** Flora Hand; **30:** Cono Spinelli **July:** No Birthdays

**Correspondence:** Condolence messages received via email for Ronnie. RIP, dear brother.

**Calendar:**

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

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



## Apostolate of Prayer list June 2024

For the health and wellbeing of our members and families

Please keep our Seekers and Candidate in your prayers. Special prayers for our newly professed!

**Holy Father's Prayer intentions for June-- For Those Fleeing Their Own Countries:** Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.

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



# This Month: Profession in the Secular Franciscan Order

As we hear our sisters say the words of Profession, let us keep in mind that this is also what WE said and promised at our Profession.

Questioning by the Celebrant

Celebrant: Before this fraternity and the other members of the People of God gathered here, I ask you to express your will. Do you wish to embrace the Gospel way of life by following the example and words of St. Francis of Assisi, which are at the heart of the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order?

Candidate(s): YES, THIS IS WHAT I WANT.

Celebrant: You have been called to give witness to the Kingdom of God and to build a more fraternal world based on the Gospel, together with all people of goodwill. Do you wish to be faithful to this vocation and to practice the spirit of service proper to Secular Franciscans?

Candidate(s): YES, THIS IS WHAT I WANT.

Celebrant: You have been made (a) member(s) of the People of God by your Baptism, and strengthened in Confirmation by the new gift of the Spirit, in order to proclaim Christ by your life and your words. Do you wish to bind yourselves (self) more closely to the Church and to work intently to rebuild the ecclesial community and fulfill its mission among all people?

Candidate(s): YES, THIS IS WHAT I WANT.

Minister: The local fraternity is a visible sign of the Church, a community of faith and love. Together with all the members, you now pledge yourselves (self) to spend your efforts to make the fraternity a genuine ecclesial assembly and a living Franciscan community.

What did we promise at Profession?

I, Name \_\_\_\_\_, by the grace of God, renew my baptismal promises and consecrate myself to the service of his Kingdom. Therefore, in my secular state I promise to live all the days of my life the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Secular Franciscan Order by observing its rule of life.

May the grace of the Holy Spirit, the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and our holy father St. Francis, and the fraternal bonds of community always be my help, so that I may reach the goal of perfect Christian love.

DURING THE RITE OF PROFESSION: Maureen and Pam will receive:

**The Gospels**—As Secular Franciscans we need to be very familiar with the words of Scripture since we promise to “go from Gospel to life and life to the Gospel.” (Rule Art. 4)

**The Crucifix**—We are reminded of the Sacrifice our Lord Jesus made for our salvation. Francis’s devotion to the Incarnation (the Crib and the Cross) are central to our lives as Franciscans.

**The Candle**-- We received a candle at Baptism representing the light of Christ. This candle reminds us that we have re-committed to the promises that were made for us at Baptism and the promises we made at Confirmation. We are to bring the light of Christ to others.

Yes!

This is

what I want!



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

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Words of OFS Profession

# For Your Information

- This month we celebrate the Profession of **Maureen Menakis and Pam Swords**. They have spent many months with the fraternity discerning and learning, and the big moment has arrived!
- Please bring your copy of **Evening Prayer pages 5-8** (We will gather for prayer at 6:30 in the Church Hall before the profession Mass.)
- **Health and Welfare:** You will notice on our health and welfare section that three long-term excused members are now deceased. Mary Berrillo passed in 2018; Rosemary LoCasio in 2022; and James Ferrara in November of 2023. May they rest in the eternal peace of Christ. Our dear brother **Deacon Ron Romano** also encountered Sister Death on May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **Update EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:** This month we will pass around the Emergency contact list for any corrections. Please check with your emergency contact to be sure that their information is correct before the meeting.
- **OUR SAINTS:** We pause our sharing this month due to the Profession Mass.
- 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. 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.
- **June 19 Wednesday:** Fraternity Book Club on Zoom at **8PM**—Book Club members will be sent the Zoom link. We will discuss Chapter 2 of **Breath of God**. **Please note date and time change.**
- **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

<b>Common Fund</b>	<b>Good &amp; Welfare</b>	<b>Fair Share</b>
Balance forward: \$ 2187.60 Income: +22.00* Expenses \$ -27.00**  Ending Balance \$ 2182.60	Previous balance: \$189.75 Fraternity Donations +10.00  New balance: \$199.75	For <b>2024-25</b> our goal will be based on 25 professed + 1 Candidate  <b>25 x \$45=\$1,125</b>  <b>Current Fair Share balance:</b> <b>\$365.00</b>
*Common Fund **Frat. Donation correction (Feb 2024)		

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


**Evening Prayer June 13, 2024, Memorial of St. Anthony of Padua**

**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:** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

<p><b>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!</b></p>	
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**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**

<p><b>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..</b></p>	<p><b>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.</b></p>
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**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**

<p><b>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.</b></p>	<p><b>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.</b></p>
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<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 Canticle of Mary Luke 1:46-55 The soul rejoices in the Lord

LEADER: Ant. You have left everything to follow me; you will have it all returned a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.

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: You have left everything to follow me; you will have it all returned a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.

## 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 as we pray:

**ALL:** *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

Almighty God,

you have given Saint Anthony to your people

as an outstanding preacher

and a ready helper in time of need.

With his assistance may we follow the gospel of Christ

and know the help of your grace in every difficulty.

Grant 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.