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St. Francis Fraternity
Hackensack, NJ



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



IMPORTANT: On Thursday, March 11th 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: Fr. Prem will present a Reflection for Lent

At 7PM on March 11th 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 **827 1768 2752** 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: Angie Mariniello

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; Tony's cousin Anthony

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

Statue of Our Lady

BIRTHDAYS: **March 3:** Alejandro Polanco; **9:** Natale Tumminia; **12:** Iris Campillo; **26:** Rosellina Iacono; **28:** Vivian Isaac; **April 20:** Fr. Anthony Giudice

Correspondence: We received a thank you from Bro. Doug Soik for remembering his birthday.

Calendar: **April** fraternity gathering—**Insturmentum Laboris Part 2**
April 17th-Convivenza on Zoom Details to follow.

If you have donations for the shelter, please contact Ed to make arrangements for a drop-off.
Do not drop any clothing off at church without contacting Ed.



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

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*We could use some
Common Fund and
Health and Welfare
donations!*



OFS Rule, Article 7:

“United by their vocation as *brothers and sisters of penance*, and motivated by the dynamic power of the gospel, let them conform their thoughts and deeds to those of Christ by means of that **radical interior change which the gospel itself calls conversion**. Human frailty makes it necessary that this **conversion be carried out daily**.

On this road to renewal the **sacrament of reconciliation** is the privileged sign of the Father’s mercy and the source of grace.”

- **Conversion is symbolized as a JOURNEY of TRANSFORMATION led by the Spirit of God**
- **It is a communal experience**—encouragement and witness
- **It is an on-going process**, celebrated in stages with Eucharist as highpoint
- **Conversion is a lifetime experience of transformation**

5 Fundamental Elements of Penitential Lifestyle

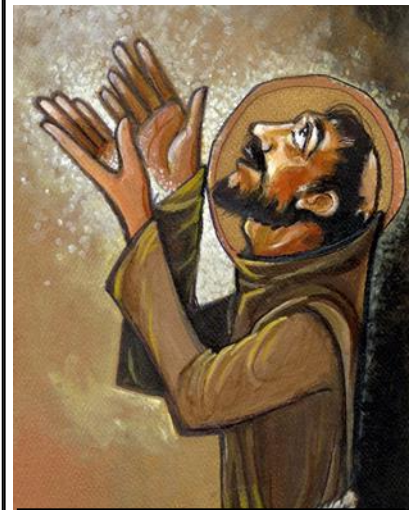
1. **To love God**
2. **To love our neighbor**
3. **To resist sinful tendencies of our fallen nature**
4. **To receive the body of Christ in the Eucharist**
5. **To act or live in conformity with our conversion**

Some questions to think about or to write about in a journal (if you keep one).

- + What goes into our “conversion” as Secular Franciscans?
- + What is the focus of the Sacrament of Reconciliation? How important is this for us as Secular Franciscans?
- + Which of the five “fundamental elements” listed above is most difficult for you? Why do you think this is challenging for you?

Article 13.3 of the General Constitutions mentions

“**penitential practices.**”
+What are some penitential practices BESIDES fasting and abstinence?



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

Treasurer’s Report

Common Fund

Balance forward: \$	815.98
Income:	100.00*
Expenses \$	120.00**
Ending Balance \$	795.98

*Fraternity donation
**Secretary supplies

Good & Welfare

Balance forward: \$	46.75
Expense: \$	00.00
Contributions: \$	100.00
Current balance: \$	146.75

Fair Share

For **2021-22** our goal will be based on 25 professed and 3 candidates.

28 x \$45 = \$1260

Contributions so far:
\$180.00 + 185.00* = \$365
*Donation, transfer from Common Fund, balance from 2020

(We have paid our 2020 Fair Share!)

Please send your 2021 Fair Share directly to Tony. This includes candidates.

You may also send Common Fund and good and Welfare donations to Tony.

Apostolate of Prayer list March 2021

For all those affected in any way by the Corona Virus, we pray to the Lord...

Please keep our Aspirants, and Candidates in your prayer

Holy Father's Intention for March- Sacrament of Reconciliation: Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Ed Acciardi	Dolores's Intentions	Jill	Padre Pio Friary friars	St. Francis Youth
Dianne Ambrose	Dorcas and Woody	Jill2	Padre Pio Pr. Grps. Int.	St. Anthony of Padua Frat Ints
Anthony Antine	Bro. Alexander Escalera, OFM Cap.	John (sp. int.)	Diane Palazzone	St. Joan of Arc OFS Region
Stacey Antine (sp. Int.)	Edwin Fehrs.	Hazel and Danny Joshua	Marie Palazzone	St. John Vianney frat.
Aspirants & Candidates	Ethan Fehrs.	Justin (Sp. Int.)	Alessandra Panuccio	St. Jos. Maint. Dept.
Beacon friars	FB friends	Clara K. and family	Angela Panuccio (baby)	St. Thomas More Frat. ints.
Mary B.	Ferraras	Kate (sp. int.)	Domenica and Joe Panuccio	Jen Stepanek.
Sue B.	Karen Ferrari (sp. int.)	MaryLou Kreider	Helen Parciasepe	St. Joan of Arc Region
Marianne Bellucci & husband	David and Alicia Ferrari	Lapsed OFS members	Jan Parker	St. John Vianney intents.
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	FERRARI FAM. INTENTIONS	Muriel Lechenbusch	Paul and Sean (sp. int.)	Stigmata Provincial Council & friars
Bishop Francis	Michael Ferrari	+Kenny Leddy	PEACE	Tara Suplicki
Mary Bittner	Maria Ficken	Alice LeForest	Serafina & Stefani Pedone	Syrian Christians and churches
Zoila Blacio	Flora's intentions	Mary Anne Lenzi	Josephine Pedulla.	Tau Cross Region (all ints.)
Pete Blake.	Pope Francis	Licamelli Family intentions	Ron Pihokker	Cheyenne Travers
BLESSING BOARD INTS.	Franz Family	Rosemary LoCascio	Louise Pisciotto	Eileen Travers
Rita Bloom	Pat Franz	Bro. Lombardo (sp. Int.)	John Platti (Linda)	Silvio & Rachel Travia Family.
BOYCE FAMILY INTS.	FRAZZA FAMILY INTS.	Michael LoMuscio	Joe Polifrone	William Turner Family.
Michael Brady, OFS	Gabriél	Madge (Sp. intention)	POOR CLARE prayer list	Sue Upshur (family)
Jim Brennan (Sunny)	Jean Garofalo	Carl Magnifico (Kathy and fam.)	PRIESTS, FRIARS & SISTERS	Anthony Vasile
BROS. & SISTS. OF PRAYER	Trudy Gassenheimer	Deacon Joe Mantineo (Misty)	PUBLIC FIGURES	Marie Vasta (All intentions)
Tom Brown	Genaro and Alicia	Marcus (family)	Q committee	Vicki (Kate)
Carmela Barbieri Buda.	Carol Gentile	Angie Mariniello	RT (sp. int.)	Victims of abuse
Silvio Buda & Family.	GEORGE FAMILY INTS.	Jackie Marlow.	Joann Raso	Victims of terrorism
Anthony Budy (Tony's cousin)	Vincent & Maria Giambona, Sr.	Mary Therese and daughter	Jo Ann Rean	Victims of violence & hatred
Elaine Buscemi	Bro. Ronald Giannone, OFM Cap.	Julia McCants	Lee Rean	Diane Vitale
Pat Cantelmo	Fr. Giles	Fr. Meena (Sp. Int)	Regina Pacis (all ints.)	Vocations
Mary Carol C.	Marie Goodman	Michael (wife and daughter)	Region sp. Int.	Bill & Carmel Watson Fam.
Mrs. Carisio	Kate Gorman (Tom and fam.)	Middle Eastern Christians	Ada Rivera's intentions	Willie and family
Deacon Ed Case & Sean Case	Nance Gorni	MILITARY: LIVING & DECEASED	RJ (family)	Anna Z.'s sp. intentions
+Rosalie Cauceglia	Gretchen (Sp. Int.)	Ministry of Caring	Leah Cuiuli Roger.	Charlie Zoccoli
Frank and Josephine Cavallo	Linda & Tim Griffith	Misty's ints.	Roman Catholic Church	
Colleen Cericola (sp. int.)	Carlos & Rosa Guerrero	Pat Moclair (Sp. Int.)	Ron (Sp. int)	
Rose Cincotta..	Flora Hand	MOG lapsed and excused	Rondi	
Lucille Clapps	Hank's intentions	Mary Momot	Lois and Alyssa Roszko	
Fr. Damian Colicchio	Myriam Hart	Fr. Sam Monaco, OFS	Jerry & Madeline Rousseau	
Colleen.	Elaine Hedtke	Mother Seton Grp. Ints.	Daniel Rusinko	
Lynn Collins	Harry Henky & Rosemarie	MS intentions	Dawn Rusinko	
Joe Coralluzzo's ints.	Ralph & Frances Henry.	Bill and Anne Mulqueen	Annette Salvadeo	
All Covid 19 intentions	Don Hill (wife).	Mutucs	Baby Sam.	
Mary Damiano (family)	Holy Name Resp. Care Dept.	NEC	San Damiano Frat. Ints.	
Lee D'Arminio	The Homeless & the Lonely	Fr. Nick (sp. Int.)	Fred Schaeffer, OFS	
May D'Arminio	Hospital Intentions	NFC	Pino Scordo.	
P. Davis.	Dell Howes	James & Lola Norton Fam.	Andrew Shontz.	
Deacon Joe's group int.	Hurr, flood and ice storm victims	Janice Novello	Monica Smith..	
Demas Family.	Immigrant & refugee children	OLA Region & REC	John & Mary Smythe.	
Diane (Sp. int.)	Rose Ingoglia	Brian & Lynn Ortale Fam..	Frank Spina	
Mark Diverio	IPRAY INTENTIONS	Evie Pacheco York	Cono Spinelli and Family	
Divine Mercy Fraternity Ints.	Iraqi and Coptic Christians	PAGE FAMILY INTENTIONS	SPIRITUAL FIGURES/LEADERS	



Evening Prayer March 11, 2021, Thursday, Fifth 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—[Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days](#))

LEADER: Ant. 1 The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

Psalm 27 Part I

I

II

DOMENICA:

The Lord is my light and my help; *
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; *
before whom shall I shrink?

LUCY:

When evil-doers draw near *
to devour my flesh,
it is they, my enemies and foes, *
who stumble and fall.

DOMENICA:

Though an army encamp against me *
my heart would not fear.
Though war break out against me *
even then would I trust..

LUCY:

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, *
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord, *
all the days of my life,
to savor the sweetness of the Lord, *
to behold his temple..

DOMENICA:

For there he keeps me safe in his tent *
in the day of evil.
He hides me in the shelter of his tent, *
on a rock he sets me safe.

LUCY:

And now my head shall be raised *
above my foes who surround me,
and I shall offer within his tent *
a sacrifice of joy.

DOMENICA:

I will sing and make music for the Lord.

LUCY:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son *
and to the Holy Spirit:

DOMENICA:

as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

ALL: The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

LEADER: Ant. 2 I long to look on you, O Lord; do not turn your face from me.

Part II

I

II

<p>ROSELLINA: O Lord, hear my voice when I call; * have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: * "Seek his face."</p>	<p>JOANN: It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; * hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; * you have been my help.</p>
<p>ROSELLINA: Do not abandon or forsake me, * O God my help! Though father and mother forsake me, * the Lord will receive me.</p>	<p>JOANN: Instruct me, Lord, in your way; * on an even path lead me. When they lie in ambush, protect me * from my enemy's greed. False witnesses rise against me, * breathing out fury.</p>
<p>ROSELLINA: I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness * in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. * Hope in the Lord!</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: Father, you protect and strengthen those who hope in you; you heard the cry of your Son and kept him safe in your tent in the day of evil. Grant that your servants who seek your face in time of trouble may see your goodness in the land of the living.

ALL: I long to look on you, O Lord; do not turn your face from me.

LEADER: Ant. 3 He is the first-born of all creation; in every way the primacy is his.

I

II

<p>TONY: Let us give thanks to the Father * for having made you worthy to share the lot of the saints * in light.</p>	<p>LAURA: He rescued us * from the power of darkness and brought us * into the kingdom of his beloved Son. Through him we have redemption, * the forgiveness of our sins.</p>
<p>TONY: He is the image of the invisible God, * the first-born of all creatures. In him everything in heaven and on earth was created, * things visible and invisible.</p>	<p>LAURA: All were created through him; * all were created for him. He is before all else that is. * In him everything continues in being.</p>

<p>TONY: It is he who is head of the body, the church! * he who is the beginning, the first-born of the dead, * so that primacy may be his in everything.</p>	<p>LAURA: It pleased God to make absolute fullness reside in him * and, by means of him, to reconcile everything in his person, both on earth and in the heavens, * making peace through the blood of his cross.</p>
<p>TONY: Glory to the Father, and to the Son * and to the Holy Spirit:</p>	<p>LAURA: as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.</p>

ALL: He is the first-born of all creation; in every way the primacy is his.

ED ATWOOD: READING: Philippians 2:12b–15a

Work with anxious concern to achieve your salvation. It is God who, in his good will toward you, begets in you any measure of desire or achievement. In everything you do, act without grumbling or arguing; prove yourselves innocent and straightforward, children of God without reproach.

RESPONSORY

<p>ED: To you, O Lord, I make my prayer for mercy.</p>	<p>VIVIAN: – To you, O Lord, I make my prayer for mercy.</p>
<p>ED: Heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.</p>	<p>VIVIAN: – I make my prayer for mercy.</p>
<p>ED: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>VIVIAN: --To you, O Lord, I make my prayer for mercy.</p>

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

LEADER: Ant. As Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so will the Son of Man spend three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

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<p>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.</p>	<p>GRETCHEN: From this day all generations will call me blessed: † the Almighty has done great things for me, * and holy is his Name.</p>
<p>ALESSANDRA: He has mercy on those who fear him * in every generation.</p>	<p>GRETCHEN: He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered the proud in their conceit.</p>
<p>ALESSANDRA: He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, * and has lifted up the lowly.</p>	<p>GRETCHEN: He has filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he has sent away empty.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>

ALL: As Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so will the Son of Man spend three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

INTERCESSIONS

LEADER: Blessed be almighty God, who watches over us as a Father; he knows all our needs but wants us to seek first his kingdom. Let us cry out to him as his people: **ALL:** *May your kingdom come, that justice may reign.*

RONNIE: Father of all holiness, you gave us Christ as the shepherd of our souls; stay with your shepherds and the flock entrusted to them, do not leave this flock without the loving care of its shepherd, do not leave your shepherds without an obedient flock to follow them.

ALL: *May your kingdom come, that justice may reign.*

RONNIE: Father of all holiness, you gave us Christ as the shepherd of our souls; stay with your shepherds and the flock entrusted to them, do not leave this flock without the loving care of its shepherd, do not leave your shepherds without an obedient flock to follow them.

ALL: *May your kingdom come, that justice may reign.*

RONNIE: Teach Christians to help the weak with loving care, and in serving them to serve your Son.

ALL: *May your kingdom come, that justice may reign.*

RONNIE: Gather into your Church those who do not yet believe, and help them to build it up by good deeds done for love of you. **ALL:** *May your kingdom come, that justice may reign.*

RONNIE: Help us to turn to you for forgiveness, and, as you forgive us, reconcile us also with your Church.

ALL: *May your kingdom come, that justice may reign.*

RONNIE: May the dead pass from this world to eternal life, to be with you for ever.

ALL: *May your kingdom come, that justice may reign.*

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.