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**It is time for our
"Winter Project"
for the Shelter in
Hackensack**

**The shelter will
once again be
accepting NEW
hats, gloves,
scarves and socks
for use by
residents.**

**We will be
collecting these
items through
March.**



The Cord

St. Francis Fraternity
Hackensack, NJ



FRATERNITY GATHERING
On Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 6:30 PM

This Month: Fr. Prem will give a talk on Reconciliation and Conversion

→ If we need to meet on Zoom, you will be contacted with instructions to click on the link in an email you will receive, or to call in by phone by dialing 646-876-9923. When they ask for the meeting ID enter 835 5948 1464 followed by #. Passcode is 364515.

Please bring your copy of Evening Prayer to the gathering.
If necessary, call a Council member for an excused absence and pray Evening Prayer at home.

Leader Evening Prayer: Lucy Stamilla
Closing Prayer: Tony Buda
Sweet Reminder: Teresa Iozzia and Mimma LoMuscio
(Please keep quantities small during Lent!)

Health and Welfare: Polanco fam.; Jim & Eileen Ferrara; Pat Franz; Harry Henky; Rosemary LoCascio; Angie Mariniello; Anthony Vasile; Cono Spinelli & Fam.; Iris Campillo, Alejandro Polanco; Ed Atwood; Diane Menditto; Domenica Panuccio; Migdania Polanco; Dawn Farkas

Special Intentions: F.Cavallo; Tumminia family; Pat Moclair; Diane Menditto; Gretchen Hogan
Family Members: Stefani Pedone, Joe Savoia, Sara Tripodi, Franz family, Kathleen McGee (Harry's daughter), Cheyenne Travers; Silvio Buda; Margherita Iacono (Rosellina's mom); Jan Parker; Ron Pihokker; Tony's cousin Anthony; Ken Farkas; Rosa Daddario (Pam's mom); Henry Hank Hogan; Angela Panuccio; James McSweeney; John Casale

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

Statue of Our Lady: Mar: Rosellina Apr: Teresa May: Dawn June: Vivian
Jul: Alessandra Aug: Natale Sept: Domenica P. Oct: Gretchen Nov: Alessandra Dec: OPEN



BIRTHDAYS: March 3: Alejandro Polanco; 9: Natale Tumminia; 12: Iris Campillo; 18: Gretchen Hogan
26: Rosellina Iacono; 28: Vivian Isaac; April 28: Dawn Farkas

Correspondence:
Calendar: (See page 4 for details)

March 16th: Fraternity Book Club on Zoom at 7PM
Convivenza: April 22, 2023—St. Bonaventure Paterson—9 AM registration and coffee to 2:30. (See Troubadour newsletter for other details.)
Brunch: June 25, 2023 (Tickets will go on sale in April. \$25.00 per person) See Page 4
Chapter of Mats in Rome! November 14-19, 2024 (Let Diane know if you think you might attend!)

Apostolate of Prayer list March 2023
For the health and well being of our members and families
Please keep our Inquirer and Candidates in your prayers

Holy Father's Prayer intentions for March: *For victims of abuse* - We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

OFS Intentions: For the national fraternities of Uruguay, Panama, Japan, Central Republic of Africa, and CIOFS Presidency.

Carmen Aguilar and family	Auggie Fusco	Jackie Marlow.	Ron (Sp. int)
Dianne Ambrose	Mrs. Fusco (Dawn)	Susan McCarthy	Ronnie Romano
Fr. Bill Arlia, OFM Cap	Gabriel	James McSweeney	Madeline Rousseau
Aspirants, Inquirers & Cands	Jean Garofalo (Marie)	Hank Meditz (Liz)	Anne Saccaro
Rosanne Barca	Genaro and Alicia	Fr. Meena (Sp. Int)	Baby Sam.
Beacon friars	Carol Gentile	Diane Menditto (sp. Int.)	Amanda Sarno
Zoila Blacio	GEORGE FAMILY INTS.	Middle Eastern Christians	Josephine Savino
Pete Blake.	Fr. Giles	MILITARY: LIVING & DECEASED	San Damiano Frat. Ints.
BLESSING BOARD INTS.	Denise Goodman	Barbara Miller	Fred Schaeffer, OFS
BOYCE FAMILY INTS.	Patrice Goodman	Ministry of Caring	Andrew Shontz.
BROS. & SISTS. OF PRAYER	Gretchen (Sp. Int.)	Misty's ints.	Rosemary Sindone (family)
Carmela Barbieri Buda.	Linda & Tim Griffith	Pat Moclair (Sp. Int.)	Tielson Sinnes, family, doctors
Silvio Buda & Family.	Willie Guadalupe	MOG lapsed and excused	Monica Smith..
Ralph Calise (Linda)	Carlos & Rosa Guerrero	Mother Seton Grp. Ints.	John & Mary Smythe.
Pat Cantelmo	Flora Hand	MS intentions	Bro. Doug Soik, OFM Cap.
Gerard Carisio and family	Hank's intentions	Bill and Anne Mulqueen	Frank Spina
John Casale	Elaine Hedtke	Nancy	SPIRITUAL FIGURES/LEADERS
Frank Cavallo	Stefanie Heim	NEC	St. Anne's Frat. Ints.
Josephine Cavallo (family)	Harry Henky & Rosemarie	NEC intentions	St. Francis Youth
Rose Cincotta..	Ralph & Frances Henry.	Fr. Nick (sp. Int.)	St. Anthony of Padua Frat Ints
CIOFS Formation Secretariat	Henry "Hank" Hogan	NFC	St. Joan of Arc OFS Region
Church in Nicaragua	Holy Name Resp. Care Dept.	James & Lola Norton Fam.	St. John Vianney frat.
Lucille Clapps	The Homeless & the Lonely	OLA Region	St. Jos. Maint. Dept.
Colleen.	Hospital Intentions	OLGEA prayer line ints. & REC	St. Thomas More Frat. ints.
Catherine Colleran (children)	Hurr, flood, storm, earthq victs	Brian & Lynn Ortale Fam..	Jen Stepanek.
Madge Cooke	Immigrant & refugee children	PAGE FAMILY INTENTIONS	St. Joan of Arc Region
Joe Coralluzzo's ints.	Jack Ingoglia	Padre Pio Friary friars	St. John Vianney intents.
All Covid 19 intentions	Rose Ingoglia	Padre Pio Pr. Grps. Int.	Lucy Stamilla
Denise Cubita	IPRAY INTENTIONS	Diane Palazzone	Stigmata Prov Council & friars
Sara (Rosa) Daddario (Pam)	Iraqi and Coptic Christians	Marie Palazzone	Peter Suplicki
May D'Arminio	Jill	Pam's son	Tara Suplicki
Deacon Joe's group int.	Justin (Sp. Int.)	Angela Panuccio	Megan Swords
Deceased family members	Karen Kahn	Domenica Panuccio	Syrian Christians and churches
Demas Family.	Kate (sp. int.)	Helen Parciasepe	Mary Anne T.
Eleanor DeRiso	Kate Kleinert	Jan Parker	Tau Cross Region (all ints.)
Frances DiGiralamo	Tibor Kauser	Paul and Sean (sp. int.)	Cheyenne Travers
Mark Diverio	Mary Jane Koisti	PEACE	Eileen Travers
Sue Diverio (Mom and fam)	Rob Koisti	Fani Pecar, OFS	Gary Travers
Divine Mercy Fraternity Ints.	Richard Kunzweiler	Serafina & Stefani Pedone	Silvio & Rachel Travia Family.
Dolores's Intentions	Ryan L.	Josephine Pedulla.	Sara Tripodi
Bro. Alex Escalera, OFM Cap.	Fr. Brian Laffler & wife	Perú	William Turner Family.
Fr. Larry Fama	Lapsed OFS members	Ron Pihokker	Ukraine (all intentions)
Dawn Farkas	Muriel Lechenbusch	Migdania Polanco	Anthony Vasile
Ken Farkas	Alice LeForest	Joe Polifrone	Marie Vasta (All intentions)
Edwin Fehrs.	Licamelli Family intentions	POOR CLARE prayer list	Vicki (Kate)
Ethan Fehrs	Rosemary LoCascio	PRIESTS, FRIARS & SISTERS	Victims of abuse
FB friends	Bro. Lombardo (sp. Int.)	PUBLIC FIGURES	Victims of fires, floods, storms
Ferraras	Barbara Lyne	Q committee	Victims of gun violence
Karen Ferrari (sp. int.)	Cole M. (Steph, Kevin, & Emily)	Nathan Reavey	Victims of terrorism
FERRARI FAM. INTENTIONS	Madge (Sp. intention)	Regina Pacis (all ints.)	Victims of violence & hatred
Maria Ficken	Carl Magnifico (Kathy and fam.)	Region sp. Int.	Sofia Villarreal
Bob Fitzsimmons (Patty)	Dcn Joe Mantineo (Misty & Lisa)	Jimmy Riehl	Vocations
Flora's intentions	Angie Mariniello	Ada Rivera's intentions	Bill & Carmel Watson Fam.
Pope Francis	Elide Marino	RJ (family)	Eleanor Wojciechowski
Franz Family		Leah Cuiuli Roger.	Anna Z.'s sp. intentions
Pat Franz		Roman Catholic Church	
FRAZZA FAMILY INTS.		Maddi Romaine	



Reconciliation and Conversion

OFS Rule: Chapter 2: Art. 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.

Also see Article 13 of the General Constitutions

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

5 Fundamental Elements of Penitential Lifestyle

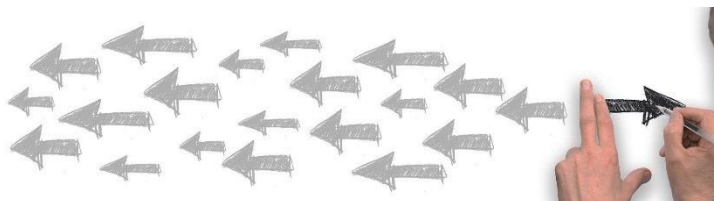
1. To love God
2. To love our neighbor
3. To resist sinful tendencies of our fallen nature
4. To receive the body of Christ in the Eucharist
5. To act or live in conformity with our conversion

See FUN Manual -Penitence and Conversion

How will we live out our conversion? (To ponder and discuss)

- What goes into our “conversion?”
- What is the meaning of the phrase, “that radical interior change which the gospel itself calls ‘conversion?’
- What is the focus of the Sacrament of Reconciliation? How important is this for us as Secular Franciscans?

As you listen to Fr. Prem's talk this month, please keep the above questions in mind,



“Let then conform their thoughts and deeds to those of Christ by means of that radical interior change which the gospel calls “conversion.”

Rule: Article 7



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

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For Your Information

- Please bring your copy of **Evening Prayer pages 5-8**
- **Convivenza April 22nd** St. Bonaventure Bishop Manning Hall (174 Ramsey St, Paterson, NJ 07501) from 9:00 to 2:30. Please see the Troubadour for more details.
- **Brunch June 25th following 11AM Mass**
Fr. John Aurilia, OFM CAP, will be our guest speaker and will celebrate Mass. Fr. John was one of the secretaries to Padre Pio. Tickets (\$25.00) will go on sale in April. There will be a limit of 110 people.
- Our collection of new hats, gloves, socks, and scarves for the shelter will continue through March. Don't hesitate to donate more than once if you can.
- **Chapter of Mats** In 2024, our International Presidency is calling us (those who are able) to attend a **Chapter of Mats in Rome November 14-19, 2024**. If you think you might be interested, let Tony or Diane know. (Read more at this link: <https://ciofs.info/2022/12/04/joyful-announcement-look-forward-to-a-chapter-of-mats-in-2024/>)
- **You may start contributing to the 2023 Fair Share at any time.** Remember, it's not dues—it is a share in the support of the higher fraternities. Therefore, according to your means, you can donate a full share, a partial share, or even more than one share.
- **March 16th:** Fraternity Book Club on Zoom at 7PM—Book Club members will be sent the Zoom link. We will discuss **Chapter 8: "Fraternity"**

Treasurer's Report

Common Fund

Balance forward: \$ 1319.60
 Income: 41.00*
 Expenses \$ 100.00**
 Ending Balance \$ 1,260.60

*Donations, common fund
 **Allocation to Fair Share

Good & Welfare

Previous balance: \$ 271.75
 Fraternity Donations 22.00
 New balance: \$293.75

Fair Share

For **2023-24** our goal will be based on 26 professed + 2 Candidates (This will change when Josephine becomes a candidate)

28 x \$45=\$1260

Fair Share balance **\$280.00**

You may donate toward
 2023 Fair Share at any
 time! (See Rosellina)

<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

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

READER: READING: James 4:7-8, 10

Submit to God; resist the devil and he will take flight. Draw close to God, and he will draw close to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, you backsliders. Be humbled in the sight of the Lord and he will raise you on high.

RESPONSORY

READER: To you, O Lord, I make my prayer for mercy.	ALL: – To you, O Lord, I make my prayer for mercy.
READER: Heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.	ALL: – I make my prayer for mercy.
READER: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.	ALL: To you, O Lord, I make my prayer for mercy.

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

LEADER: Ant. The rich man, who had refused Lazarus a crust of bread, pleaded for a drop of water.

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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: : The rich man, who had refused Lazarus a crust of bread, pleaded for a drop of water.

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.*

READER: 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.

READER: 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.

READER: 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.

READER: Send workers into your vineyard, and glorify your name among the nations.

ALL: Look kindly on your children, Lord.

READER: 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

**God of love,
bring us back to you.
Send your Spirit to make us strong in faith
and active in good works.
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.**