

# The Council

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## FRATERNITY GATHERING

On Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 7:00 PM

**NOTE: COUNCIL ARRIVES AT 6 PM; FRATERNITY AT 7 PM**

**This Month: Rite of Admission for Josephine Cigna  
Fraternal and Pastoral Visitation with**

**Regional Minister Chris Leone, OFS, and Regional SA Fr. Frank McHugh, OFM**

**EVERY ACTIVE MEMBER SHOULD BE IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE VISITATION**

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

**Leader Evening Prayer: Rite of Admission**

**Closing Prayer: Tony (This will most likely be the closing prayer of the Visitation.)**

**Volunteer to share about your Patron Saint: Double sharing in April**

**Sweet Reminder: Dawn Farkas and Mimma LoMuscio  
(Please keep quantities reasonable)**

**Please be ready to sign up to volunteer for fraternity service (See page 5)**

**Health and Welfare: Polanco fam.; Jim & Eileen Ferrara; Pat Franz; Harry Henky; Rosemary LoCascio; Angie Mariniello; Anthony Vasile; Diane Menditto; Cono Spinelli & Fam.; Iris Campillo; Ed Atwood; Ronnie Romano; Lucy Stamilla**

**Special Intentions: F.Cavallo; Tumminia family; P. Moclaire; 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**

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

**Statue of Our Lady: Mar: Josephine Apr: Rosellina May: Mimma June: Dawn  
Jul: Alessandra Aug: Domenica Sept: Josephine Oct: Lucy Nov: Rosellina Dec: Domenica**

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

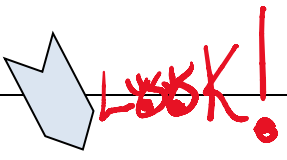
**Correspondence: Request for Admission from Josephine Cigna received.**

**Calendar:**

**March 21st: Fraternity Book Club on Zoom at 7PM**

**Convivenza: April 27, 2024**

**Brunch: June 9, 2024**



## **LAST CHANCE!**

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

***We will be  
collecting these  
items from now  
until March.***



**Apostolate of Prayer list March 2024**

For the health and well being of our members and families

Please keep our Seekers, Inquirer, and Candidates in your prayers

**Holy Father's Prayer intentions for March: For New Martyrs:** Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

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



# Two Special Events in March

This month the major time of our gathering will be devoted to a **Fraternal and Pastoral Visitation**.

We will welcome our Regional Minister, Chris Leone, OFS, and our Regional Spiritual Assistant, Fr. Frank McHugh, OFM, who will carry out the **Fraternal and Pastoral visitation** of our fraternity. It has been quite some time since we had a visit (2017--due to my time as Regional Minister and Covid), so this will be a special time for our fraternity.

**Article 26 of our Rule** states: *"To promote fidelity to the charism as well as observance of the Rule and to receive greater support in the life of the fraternity, the minister or president, with the consent of the council, should take care to ask for a regular pastoral visit by the competent religious superiors as well as for a fraternal visit from those of the higher fraternities, according to the norm of the Constitutions."*

**General Constitutions Article 92:** *"The purpose of both the pastoral and fraternal visits is to revive the evangelical Franciscan spirit, to assure fidelity to the charism and to the Rule, to offer help to fraternity life, to reinforce the bond of the unity of the Order, and to promote its most effective insertion into the Franciscan family and the Church."*

- +What do you think the visitors will be looking for at this visit?
- +What would you like them to know about our fraternity?
- +Can you explain why it is important to have periodic visitations?

The visitors will meet first with the Council for about one hour (from 6PM – 7PM). During that time they will check all the important documents that relate to our fraternity.

- Our document of establishment
- Secretary's minutes and attendance book
- Financial documents and ledgers
- Fraternity register
- Formation program

They will ask us any pertinent questions or clarifications of the pre-visitation questionnaire we submitted to the region some weeks ago. Both visitors will be concerned with how our fraternity is run and whether or not we are following the way of life (our Rule) that we promised at profession.

Fr. Frank will have a conversation with Fr. Prem, but he will also be interested to see if our formation program is effective and whether or not the fraternity has a good spiritual life following the Franciscan charism.

After meeting with the Council, the visitors will meet with the entire fraternity. This will be the time for them to ask you some questions, but they will also be ready to answer any questions you may want to ask them about the region.

If you have any concerns that you feel you should let the visitors know about privately, please do not hesitate to approach them.

Reviving the  
Evangelical  
Franciscan spirit.



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

*"To promote  
fidelity to the  
charism as well as  
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Rule."*

Rule Art. 26

*We will celebrate the Rite of Admission at our March meeting as **Josephine Cigna** becomes a Candidate.*



## The Road to Candidacy

Aspirants and Inquirers discern their vocations throughout initial formation. As they near the time for the Rite of Admission discernment becomes more focused.

- The Inquirer considers these basic questions in order to decide if he/she wants to enter Candidacy:
  - What is a **vocation** and how am I called?
  - What is the **Gospel Life** and how am I called to live it?
  - What is a **vocation** to the Secular Franciscan Order and am I called to live this **way of life**?
- The Inquirer should understand that requesting Candidacy means:
  - **having the will** to experience the Gospel life.
  - keeping in mind that the request is related to a **possible future commitment** to live this way of life with the help of a fraternity, in communion and harmony with the whole Franciscan family.
- An **application to Candidacy** is made by the Inquirer to the Minister of the local fraternity by a formal act, in writing if possible.
- Along with a **personal written reflection**, the Candidate signs an official request with the following information:
  - I have come to see in the Secular Franciscan Order a way of life that appeals to me.
  - I would like to continue studying this way and learn more about it.
  - Therefore, I request to be received as a Candidate, to experience this way of life more intensely, and prepare for a future life commitment in the OFS.
  - I understand that my request for admission is subject to the approval of the Fraternity Council.
  - I realize that I may withdraw at any time prior to Profession.
- The Council, having come to know the Inquirer, has a serious responsibility to prayerfully and thoroughly consider whether the applicant is called to become a member of the Secular Franciscan Order. **This is for the benefit of the Candidate and the fraternity.**
- After prayer and discussion the Fraternity Council decides collegially on the request, gives a formal answer to the Inquirer, and communicates this to the fraternity.



- Immediately after the Rite of Admission the act is to be **registered and preserved in the records of the fraternity and Candidacy begins.**

The Candidate begins wearing the **TAU** and may write **OFS** after his/her name.

## *For Your Information*

- We are going to be asking for **two volunteers each month to stay to help clean up**. We will have a sign up sheet. We also ask that **everyone continue to help put the tables and chairs back in place before leaving**.
- The Rite of Admission will take the place of Evening Prayer at this month's gathering. (P4)
- This month we will have a Fraternal and Pastoral visitation. (See page 3)
- **PLEASE DON'T FORGET YOUR DONATION FOR THE SHELTER THIS MONTH! IT WILL BE YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY UNTIL NEXT YEAR.**
- **March 21<sup>st</sup> Fraternity book club:** We will finish discussing *A Knight and a Lady*. The new book we have chosen is called *Breath of God* by Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR. It is available from Amazon either on Kindle \$11.95 or in Paperback \$15.95. I can order the printed books for anyone that would like one. Maybe you will want to join the book club for this one!
- **You may 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.
- **Brunch June 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Our guest speaker will be Fr. Robert Williams, OFM Cap., newly elected Provincial Minister of Stigmata Province. Tickets will go on sale at our April gathering.
- **Convivenza April 27<sup>th</sup>**  
The family gathering of Our Lady of the Angels Regional Fraternity will be held at St. Bonaventure Church, 174 Ramsey Street, Paterson, NJ. (Bishop Manning Hall)

### Treasurer's Report

<b><u>Common Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Good &amp; Welfare</u></b>	<b><u>Fair Share</u></b>
Balance forward: \$ 2137.60	Previous balance: \$ 355.75	We have submitted our Fair Share for 2023.
Income:                   50.00*	Fraternity Donations   27.00	For <b>2024-25</b> our goal will be based on 27 professed + 1 Candidate
Expenses                 \$    0.00	New balance:             \$382.75	<b>28 x \$45=\$1260</b>
Ending Balance        \$ 2187.60		
*Common Fund		

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

***Take note: Due to the Rite of Admission, we will not pray Evening Prayer this month.***