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The Cord

St. Francis Fraternity
Hackensack, NJ



**6:30 PM
Church Hall
Enter on
Holt Street**

★ FRATERNITY GATHERING IN THE CHURCH HALL ★
On Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 6:30 PM

This Month: Articles 12, 13, and 14 of our Rule
(You will need the white booklet.)

This month we will have the Ceremony of Welcoming for Alicia and John

Please bring your copy of Evening Prayer handy (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: Alicia (See pp. 5-8) **Please choose a reader.**

Closing Prayer: Teresa Iozzia

Volunteer to share about your Patron Saint: Domenica—St. Frances of Rome

Sweet Reminder: Teresa Iozzia

Clean up Helpers: Alicia and Lucy

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

Special Intentions: Tumminia family; P. Moclaire; D. Menditto

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



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

Statue of Our Lady: **May:** Josephine; **June:** Mimma LoMuscio; **July:** Teresa; **August:** Dawn;
September: Domenica; **October:** Tony; **November:** Alicia; **December:** Rosellina

BIRTHDAYS: **May:** 10th Teresa Iozzia; 23rd Mimma LoMuscio; **June:** 6th Stefani Pedone; 6th John
Previty; 8th Josephine Cigna; 15th Flora Hand; 30th Cono Spinelli

Correspondence:

Calendar:

May 14th : **NOTE DATE CHANGE DUE TO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** Book Club on Zoom at 7PM
Chapter 11 Breath of God

May gathering: Ceremony of Welcoming: Alicia and John

Brunch: June 1, 2025--Guest speaker: Rocco Mazza of the Bergen Hearts Program. **Tickets will be available at this month's gathering.**

June Gathering: Fraternity elections (All active, professed members must attend to vote.)

Apostolate of Prayer list May 2025
For the health and wellbeing of our members and families
Please keep our Seekers, and Candidate in your prayers

Holy Father's Prayer intentions for May: For working conditions: Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

Dianne Ambrose	Gabriel	NEC intentions	Syrian Christians and churches
Alicia Arana	Jean Garofalo (Marie)	Fr. Nick (sp. Int.)	Tau Cross Region (all ints.)
Fr. Bill Arlia, OFM Cap	Genaro and Alicia	NFC	Cheyenne Travers
Aspirants, Inquirers & Cands	Carol Gentile	OLA Region	Eileen Travers
Ed Atwood	GEORGE FAMILY INTS.	OLGEA prayer line ints. & REC	Kara Travers
Beacon friars	Fr. Giles	PAGE FAMILY INTENTIONS	Silvio & Rachel Travia Family.
Zoila Blacio	Marianne Gray	Padre Pio Friary friars	Sara Tripodi
Pete Blake.	Linda & Tim Griffith	Padre Pio Pr. Grps. Int.	Maria Trovini
BLESSING BOARD INTS.	Carlos & Rosa Guerrero	Marie Palazzone	Ukraine (all intentions)
BOYCE FAMILY INTS.	Flora Hand	Fr. Christopher Panagopolis, TOR	USA
BROS. & SISTS. OF PRAYER	Hank's intentions	Angela Panuccio	Anthony Vasile
Br. Daved Buer, OFM,	Elaine Hedtke	Anna Panuccio	Marie Vasta (All intentions)
Ralph Calise (Linda)	Harry Henky & Rosemarie	Helen Parciasepe	Victims of abuse
Pat Cantelmo	Ralph & Frances Henry.	Jan Parker	Victims of fires, floods, storms
Cardinals/Conclave	Holy Name Resp. Care Dept.	Paul and Sean (sp. int.)	Victims of gun violence
John Casale	The Homeless & the Lonely	PEACE	Victims of terrorism
Josephine Cavallo (family)	Hospital Intentions	Serafina & Stefani Pedone	Victims of violence & hatred
CIOFS Formation Secretariat	Hurr, flood, fire, and earthq victs	Fr. Robert Pérez, OFM Cap.	Viv and hub
Cathy Champon	Immigrant & refugee children	Perú	Vocations
Church in Nicaragua	IPRAY INTENTIONS	POOR CLARE prayer list	Bill & Carmel Watson Fam.
Lucille Clapps	Iraqi and Coptic Christians	John and Marianne Previty	Carol Wickersheim
Colleen.	Ryan L.	PRIESTS, FRIARS & SISTERS	Fr. Robert Williams, OFM Cap
Madge Cooke	Lapsed OFS members	PUBLIC FIGURES	Anna Z's sp. intentions
Joe Coralluzzo's ints.	Muriel Lechenbusch	Q committee	
Steven Cornfield	Peggy Ledger	REC	
Ronnie Crispino	Bro. Lombardo (sp. Int.)	Regina Pacis (all ints.)	
Denise Cubita	Madge (Sp. intention)	Region sp. Int.	
Sara (Rosa) Daddario (Pam)	Carl Magnifico (Kathy and fam.)	Ada Rivera's intentions	
May D'Arminio	Dcn. Joe Mantineo (Misty)	RJ (family)	
Deacon Joe's group int.	Sr. Margaret	Roman Catholic Church	
Deceased family members	Angie Mariniello	Maddie Romaine	
Vincenzo Demaio	Maria Rosaria (and fam.)	Maria Rosario (family).	
Eleanor DeRiso	Mary Anne and Jim	Madeline Rousseau	
Anne DeRose (Joan and Jane)	Elide Marino	Bernie Saccaro (Anne)	
Disa (family)	Tom Mason (Vickie)	Baby Sam.	
Mark Diverio	Hank Meditz (Liz)	Filomena Savoia	
Sue Diverio	Fr. Meena (Sp. Int)	San Damiano Frat. Ints.	
Divine Mercy Fraternity Ints.	Charity Menditto and fam	Fred Schaeffer, OFS	
Dolores's Intentions	Diane Menditto (sp. Int.)	Peggy Southwell	
Dwayne	Michael M.	Frank Spina	
Earthquake victims	Middle Eastern Christians	St. Anne's Frat. Ints.	
Elda	MILITARY: LIVING & DECEASED	St. Francis Youth	
Trish Endweiss	Ministry of Caring	St. Anthony of Padua Frat Intentions	
Bro. Alex Escalera, OFM Cap.	Misty's ints.	St. Joan of Arc OFS Region	
FB friends/followers	Pat Moclaire (Sp. Int.)	St. John Vianney frat.	
Karen Ferrari (sp. ints.)	MOG lapsed and excused	St. Jos. Maint. Dept.	
Maria Ficken	Jeanette Mortorano	St. Thomas More Frat. ints.	
Bob Fitzsimmons (Patty)	Mother Seton Grp. Ints.	Lucy Stamilla	
Flora's intentions	Bill and Anne Mulqueen	Stigmata Provincial Council & friars	
+Pope Francis	Nan	Mary Stronach (Bob)	
Pat Franz	Nancy	Tara Suplicki	
FRAZZA FAMILY INTS.	NEC	Megan Swords	



Ongoing Formation for May

Rule Chapter 2: Articles 12-14 (Alessandra will lead the discussion.)

Please read Chapter 2: **Articles 12-14** in your white Rule booklets.
Please have your booklets with you at our gathering.

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

Commentary

Article 12: The result of simple living in gospel poverty is freedom to seek and share the great treasure of the kingdom: loving God and neighbor (12).

Article 13: Hand in hand with simple living is coming to recognize that in Christ all are equally brothers and sisters (13). There is no room for prejudice or exclusiveness in the Franciscan way of life. In fact, the sense of community and the will toward community compel the Secular Franciscans to discover Christ in everyone, especially the lowly and poor and disadvantaged.

Article 14: The natural consequence to simple living and a sense of community is selfless service (14). Secular Franciscans expend themselves by using their special talents, competence, and responsibility. Thus, they bring to others the experience of God and the hope for achieving their full humanity.

For Discussion with the fraternity:

+Re-read article 12 and the commentary:

--What do you think "set themselves free means?"

- How do you set yourself free to love God?
- How do you set yourself free to serve others?

+Re-read article 13 and the commentary

--How do you see Christ in others?

- What is challenging about accepting everyone as a "gift of the Lord and an image of Christ?"

+Re-read article 14 and the commentary

--What does carrying out our responsibilities effectively mean to you?

- How do you use your talents in service to others?
- How do you set priorities in your service to others and to the fraternity?

Quotes taken from:

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The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order



Artist--Sister Victoria Masil of
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Charity

*"...Secular
Franciscans...are
called to build a
more fraternal and
evangelical
world..."*

(OFS Rule Article 14)

For Your Information

- This month Domenica will share a little about **St. Frances of Rome**
(Due to Fraternity elections in June, Mimma will share her saint in July)
- **You may contribute to the 2025 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. Therefore, according to your means, please donate a full share, a partial share, or even more than one share. (***See Article 25 of our Rule.***)
- **Book Club: May 14th** on Zoom at 7PM: **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE DUE TO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.**—Book Club members will be sent the Zoom link. We will discuss **Chapter 11 of the Breath of God**
- **Ceremony of Introduction and Welcoming:** We will officially welcome **Alicia and John** at our May gathering. This marks their entry into the time of discernment traditionally called Inquiry.
- **Brunch June 1st** Our guest speaker will be Rocco Mazza who heads up the Bergen County Hearts Program. (We donate gifts to the children in the program every Christmas. Rocco will fill us in on the work being done there.) Tickets are still \$25 per person and available at our gathering.
- **Fraternity Elections:** will be held at our June gathering. **Every active, professed member** should be in attendance on the night of the election to make up the voting quorum. **Mark June 12th on your calendar today!**
Slate of nominees: Minister-Tony; Vice Minister-Domenica; Secretary-Dawn; Treasurer-Maureen; Formation Director-Rosellina; Councilor-Mimma
- *Nominations will also be accepted from the floor on the night of the election.*

Treasurer's Report

<u>Common Fund</u>	<u>Good & Welfare</u>	<u>Fair Share</u>
Balance forward: \$ 2956.60	Previous balance: \$ 19.75	We have submitted our
Income: 44.00*	Fraternity Donations 19.00	Fair Share for 2024
Expenses \$ - 0.00		
Ending Balance \$ 3,000.60	New balance: \$ 38.75	For 2025-26 our goal will be based on
		23 professed + 1 Candidate
		23 x \$45=\$1,035.00
		Paid so far for 2025=\$140

*Fraternity common fund

Please donate toward 2025
Fair Share at any time!
(See Rosellina)

Evening Prayer May 8, 2025, Thursday, Third Week of Easter
 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: Jesus Christ is Risen Today (sing together)

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia! our triumphant holy day, alleluia! who did once, upon the cross, alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!	Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia! unto Christ, our heav'nly King, alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, alleluia! sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!
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LEADER: Ant. 1 The Lord God has given him the throne of David his father, alleluia.

Psalm 132 I Side I Side II

O Lord, remember David * and all the many hardships he endured, the oath he swore to the Lord, * his vow to the Strong One of Jacob.	“I will not enter the house where I live * nor go to the bed where I rest. I will give no sleep to my eyes, * to my eyelids I will give no slumber till I find a place for the Lord, * a dwelling for the Strong One of Jacob.”
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At Ephrathah we heard of the ark; * we found it in the plains of Yearim. “Let us go to the place of his dwelling; * let us go to kneel at his footstool.”	Go up, Lord, to the place of your rest, * you and the ark of your strength. Your priests shall be clothed with holiness: * your faithful shall ring out their joy. For the sake of David your servant * do not reject your anointed.
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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.
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ALL: The Lord God has given him the throne of David his father, alleluia.

LEADER: Ant. 2 Jesus Christ is supreme in his power. He is King of kings and Lord of lords, alleluia.

Psalm 132 II I

The Lord swore an oath to David; * he will not go back on his word: "A son, the fruit of your body, * will I set upon your throne.	If they keep my covenant in truth * and my laws that I have taught them, their sons also shall rule * on your throne from age to age."
For the Lord has chosen Zion; * he has desired it for his dwelling: "This is my resting-place for ever, * here have I chosen to live.	I will greatly bless her produce, * I will fill her poor with bread. I will clothe her priests with salvation * and her faithful shall ring out their joy.
There David's stock will flower: * I will prepare a lamp for my anointed. I will cover his enemies with shame * but on him my crown shall shine."	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.	

LEADER: Psalm Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, you chose to suffer and be overwhelmed by death in order to open the gates of death in triumph. Stay with us to help us on our pilgrimage; free us from all evil by the power of your resurrection. In the company of your saints, and constantly remembering your love for us, may we sing of your wonders in our Father's house.

ALL: Jesus Christ is supreme in his power. He is King of kings and Lord of lords, alleluia.

LEADER: Ant. 3 Lord, who is your equal in power? Who is like you, majestic in holiness? Alleluia

I II

We praise you, the Lord God Almighty, * who is and who was. You have assumed your great power, * you have begun your reign.	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.
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.	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!
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: Lord, who is your equal in power? Who is like you, majestic in holiness? Alleluia

READER: READING: 1 Peter 3:18, 22

The reason why Christ died for sins once for all, the just man for the sake of the unjust, was that he might lead you to God. He was put to death insofar as fleshly existence goes, but was given life in the realm of the spirit. He went to heaven and is at God's right hand, with angelic rulers and powers subjected to him.

RESPONSORY

READER: The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.	ALL: – The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.
READER: When they saw the risen Lord, alleluia, alleluia,	ALL: – Alleluia, alleluia
READER: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.	ALL: --The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

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

LEADER: Ant. I am the living bread come down from heaven; anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; the bread that I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world, alleluia.

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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: I am the living bread come down from heaven; anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; the bread that I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world, alleluia.

INTERCESSIONS

LEADER: Christ rose from the dead as the firstfruits of those who sleep. In our joy let us praise him, and say:
ALL: Firstborn from the dead, hear our prayer.

READER: Lord Jesus, remember your holy Church, built on the apostles and reaching to the ends of the earth,
ALL: and let your blessing rest on all who believe in you.

READER: You are the healer of soul and body, **ALL:** come to our aid, and save us in your love.

READER: Raise up the sick and give them strength, **ALL:** free them from their infirmities.

READER: Help those in distress of mind or body, **ALL:** and in your compassion lift up those in need.

READER: Through your cross and resurrection, you opened for all the way to immortality, **All:** grant to our deceased brothers and sisters the joys of your kingdom.

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,
In this holy season we come to know the full depth of your love.
You have freed us from the darkness of error and sin.
Help us to cling to your truths with fidelity.
We ask 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.**