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 **FRATERNITY GATHERING** 
On Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 6:30 PM

This Month: Articles 6-7 of the Rule (Please bring white Rule booklet.)

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.



THIS MONTH WE WILL CHOOSE GIFT TAGS FOR THE CHILDREN

Leader Evening Prayer: Pam Swords (Please choose a reader)

Closing Prayer: Josephine

Volunteer to share about your Patron Saint:

We will resume in the New Year

Sweet Reminder: Alessandra and Pam

(Please keep quantities small)

Volunteers for Clean-up: Dawn, Ken, and Laura

Health and Welfare: Polanco fam.; Eileen Ferrara; Pat Franz; Harry Henry; Angie Mariniello; Anthony Vasile; Diane Menditto; Cono Spinelli & Fam.; Iris Campillo; Ed Atwood; Migdania Polanco

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

Family Members: Stefani Pedone, Sara Tripodi, 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., 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: **Nov:** Rosellina **Dec:** Domenica

BIRTHDAYS: **November:** 5th Joe Coralluzzo; 10th JoAnn Rean; 12th Alicia Arana; 18th Alessandra Panuccio
December 6th Pam Swords; 12th Fr. Prem, OFM Cap.; 23rd Migdania Polanco; 29th Joann Tumminia

Correspondence: We heard from our former member **JoAnn Rean**. We thank her for sending gift cards for the Native American children. We also thank **Angie Mariniello** and her daughters, **MaryTerese** and **Jennifer** for contributing "extra" gift cards.

Calendar:

Regional Elections: Thank you to all those who helped!

November 21st: SPECIAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR FRATERNITY – 7:45 pm
DECEMBER GATHERING—FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER—will be on Wednesday, December 11th. (Thursday is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and there will be a celebration in the Church Hall.)

DECEMBER 18th: The fraternity will be in charge of the Christmas Novena on that evening. No refreshments. We will gather to pray the novena at 6:30, followed by Mass at 7:15.



**CHOOSE
GIFT TAGS
THIS MONTH**

**GIFTS FOR THE
CHILDREN
IN THE**



**BERGEN
COUNTY
HEARTS
PROGRAM**

Apostolate of Prayer list November 2024

For the health and well being of our members and families

Please keep our Seekers, Candidate, and newly professed in your prayers

Holy Father's Prayer intentions for November: For Those Who Have Lost A Child: Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

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



Rule Chapter 2: Articles 6-7 (Alessandra will facilitate the discussion this month.)

Please read Chapter 2: Articles 6-7 **in your white Rule booklets.**
Please bring your booklets to the gathering!

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

For discussion at our gathering or to comment on in your journal:

COMMENTARY (Articles 6 and 7)

Article 6: Sharing Christ's mission through life in the Church is the third point developed on the meaning of gospel living (6). By word and example the Secular Franciscans bring to those around them the living Christ they have experienced. As it were, they become a living gospel for all to read. This evangelization is based on obedience to the Holy Spirit, who inspires and forms the Church, the body of Christ. So, the Secular Franciscans foster an openness to the Spirit and creatively exercise their mission. Furthermore, they hear the call of the Spirit through loyalty, frank dialogue, and cooperation with legitimate Church authority. This obedience makes ministry authentic and consistent without stifling their creativity.

+Re-read article 6, then comment during our discussion:

- How do we, as Secular Franciscans help to rebuild the Church?
- How do we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit?
- How do we respond to what the Spirit asks of us?

Article 7. An ongoing change of heart or a continual spiritual renewal is the first condition (7) for modeling one's own thought and deeds on those of Christ. As Francis himself points out in his letter used as the prologue, if we all love the Lord with all we are, build a eucharistic community, and remove those things that prevent such a union, we become one with him, fulfill the father's will, and project his image onto the world. Thus, our daily conversion becomes a primary means for putting on Christ and conforming ourselves to him. The sacrament of reconciliation, then, is a privileged means and practical assistance for achieving this objective.

+Re-read article 7, then comment during our discussion:

- How do you seek conversion of heart each day? What tips would you give a new member?
- What is the value of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for us as Secular Franciscans?

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The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order




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

“They should go forth as witnesses and instruments of her (the Church’s) mission among all people, ...”

(OFS Rule Article 6)

For Your Information

- **PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR FRATERNITY AND FAMILIES ON NOVEMBER 21ST AT 7:45 PM. EACH MEMBER SHOULD BRING A SLIP OF PAPER WITH NAMES OF 5 DECEASED LOVED ONES (FAMILY AND FRATERNITY MEMBERS) TO BE READ AND PLACED IN A BASKET AT THE ALTAR.**
- **FRATERNITY GATHERING ON NOVEMBER 14TH:** Please bring your copy of **Evening Prayer** pages 5-8.
- **OUR SAINTS:** Will resume in the New Year.
- **Choose your gift tags for the children in the Bergen County Hearts Program this month!!** 
- **The fraternity will subsidize the purchase of the new Ritual in the New Year so that every member can order a copy.**
- **Fraternity Book Club: We will resume in January with Chapter 7 of The Breath of God.**
- Our **December** gathering (Christmas Dinner) will be on **WEDNESDAY, December 11th**, **because of the parish celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th**. Start “looking around” for the items (new or gently used) that you will contribute to our raffle.
- Please don't forget to **contribute toward our fair share** that must be paid to the Region. **All professed members and candidates** have a responsibility to contribute a full or a partial share. Each fraternity must pay \$45 per person to the region to help with regional and national expenses. **See Rosellina to contribute. (This is separate from the common fund contributions we make at the gatherings.) [See OFS Rule Article 25]**

Treasurer's Report

Common Fund

Balance forward: \$ 3901.60
 Income: + 37.00*
 Expenses \$ - 158.00**

 Ending Balance \$ 3780.60

*Common Fund

**Refreshments for the Transitus

Good & Welfare

Previous balance: \$ 247.75
 Fraternity Donations + 9.00

 New balance: \$256.75

Fair Share

For **2024-25** our goal will be based on
 23 professed + 1 Candidate

24 x \$45=\$1080

Current Fair Share balance:

\$410.00

**PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO
 FAIR SHARE**

We will be paying our FAIR
 SHARE in January.
 If you have not contributed,
 please do so in November
 or December.

Evening Prayer November 14, 2024 Thursday

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: Holy God We Praise Thy Name

<p>1. Holy God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow before thee; all on earth thy scepter claim; all in heaven above adore thee. Infinite thy vast domain; everlasting is thy reign.</p>	<p>2. Hark the glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising, fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord.</p>
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LEADER: Ant. 1 He is my comfort and my refuge. In him I put my trust.

Psalm 144-1 Side I Side II

<p>Blessed be the Lord, my rock † who trains my arms for battle, * who prepares my hands for war.</p>	<p>He is my love, my fortress; * he is my stronghold, my savior, my shield, my place of refuge. * He brings peoples under my rule.</p>
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<p>Lord, what is man that you care for him, * mortal man, that you keep him in mind; man, who is merely a breath, * whose life fades like a shadow?</p>	<p>Lower your heavens and come down; * touch the mountains; wreathe them in smoke. Flash your lightnings; rout the foe, * shoot your arrows and put them to flight.</p>
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<p>Reach down from heaven and save me; * draw me out from the mighty waters, from the hands of alien foes † whose mouths are filled with lies, * whose hands are raised in perjury.</p>	<p>Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:</p>
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<p>as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.</p>	
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ALL: He is my comfort and my refuge. In him I put my trust.

LEADER: Ant. 2 Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord.

Psalm 144-2 I II

<p>To you, O God, will I sing a new song; * I will play on the ten-stringed harp to you who give kings their victory, * who set David your servant free.</p>	<p>You set him free from the evil sword; * you rescued him from alien foes whose mouths were filled with lies, * whose hands were raised in perjury.</p>
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<p>Let our sons then flourish like saplings * grown tall and strong from their youth: our daughters graceful as columns, * adorned as though for a palace.</p>	<p>Let our barns be filled to overflowing * with crops of every kind; our sheep increasing by thousands, † myriads of sheep in our fields, * our cattle heavy with young,</p>
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<p>no ruined wall, no exile, * no sound of weeping in our streets. Happy the people with such blessings; * happy the people whose God is the Lord.</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: Lord, God of strength, you gave your Son victory over death. Direct your Church's fight against evil in the world. Clothe us with the weapons of light and unite us under the one banner of love, that we may receive our eternal reward after the battle of earthly life..

ALL: Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord.

LEADER: Ant. 3 Now the victorious reign of our God has begun.

Canticle: Revelation 11:17-18; 12:10b-12a

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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>
<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: See Colossians 1:23

You must hold fast to faith, be firmly grounded and steadfast in it, unshaken in the hope promised you by the gospel you have heard. It is the gospel which has been announced to every creature under heaven.

RESPONSORY

READER: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall want for nothing.	ALL: — The Lord is my shepherd, I shall want for nothing.
READER: He has brought me to green pastures.	ALL: — I shall want for nothing.
READER: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.	ALL: — The Lord is my shepherd, I shall want for nothing.

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

LEADER: Ant. If you hunger for holiness, God will satisfy your longing, good measure, and flowing over.

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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: If you hunger for holiness, God will satisfy your longing, good measure, and flowing over.

INTERCESSIONS

LEADER: Let us pray to Christ, the light of the nations and the joy of every living creature:

ALL: *Give us light, peace and security, Lord.*

READER: Brilliant Light, Word of the Father, you came to save all men,

ALL: lead the catechumens of your Church into your marvelous light.

READER: Overlook our sins, Lord,

ALL: for you are the source of forgiveness.

READER: Lord, it is your will that men use their minds to unlock nature's secrets and master the world,

ALL: may the arts and sciences advance your glory and the happiness of all peoples.

READER: Look kindly on those who have dedicated themselves to the service of their fellow men,

ALL: may they fulfill their work freely and completely.

READER: Lord, you open the way and no one can close it,

ALL: lead into your light those who have fallen asleep in the hope of resurrection.

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

Lord,

hear the evening prayers we bring before you:

help us to follow in the footsteps of your Son

so that we may produce an abundant harvest of goodness

in patience and in faith.

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.