

The Clarion



St. Clare Fraternity April 2023

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Next Gathering Date

Thursday, April 13, 2023

Agenda

10am – Prospective members and Candidates meet with instructors.

11am – Mass (in the church)

12pm – Lunch (**bring your own food & drink**)

1pm – Business matters, On-going formation, Evening Prayer

The regional formation director, Rita Colleran will be visiting us.

EVENING PRAYER

(Prepare your book before our gathering)

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

1 vol. pgs. 429 & 444

4 vol. pgs. 531 & 603

Hymn: Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er

1 vol. #112, pg. 1554

4 vol. pg. 536

Presider: Bev. Stoner

Antiphonarian: Andy Zampini

Reader: Judy Bennett

Minister's Message

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Penance,

What a glorious time! The greatest celebration of the Church is upon us, and no doubt your hearts are overflowing with spiritual gifts that we pray many others might be given the grace to find. While some may see Easter as an opportunity for a special brunch, we have the Bread of angels. Digressing, I remember as a little kid that I was given a chocolate bunny, thinking it was the greatest gift a kid could get, only to find it was hollow, perhaps a metaphor for life without our Triune God. Pray for those who feel there is something missing, that they may come to know Him.

I pray that your Lent was a time of inspired penance, an Easter filled with copious joy, a renewal of sustaining faith, and a celebration of God's love for you and all those you love. Rejoice!

Here's a little something from Assisi.

<https://www.timetravelturtle.com/assisi-good-friday-easter/>

In Francis, Clare, and the joy of the Resurrection,
Tom



**Remember to bring your Christian Prayer
Liturgy of the Hours and your
brown Ritual book**



Pennies & Nickels

Thank you...

for continuing to support the Common Fund.

If you are ever unable to attend the gathering, send your donation check, payable to St. Clare Fraternity, to our treasurer:

**Andrea Lipchak, OFS
41 Tiffany Drive
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971**

A Gentle Reminder...

If work, health reasons or significant family obligations hinder you from attending the gathering contact our Vice Minister, Marty Rendon and let him know.
302-227-8163



We're having our raffle this month.
We need quality items!
Please bring what you can.

Why do we do this? To raise funds for the three organizations we support each month.
The Shepherd's Office in Georgetown, DE
The Clermont Foundation in Haiti
Franciscan Missions



Formation, Formation, Formation!!

2023 Theme: Eucharistic Revival



The annual St. Margaret of Cortona regional retreat will be held in July. See page 4 for all the information.

An on-going formation opportunity for Secular Franciscans is happening (via Zoom) in June. Brought to us by St. Bonaventure University. See page 5 for details.



Please bring non-perishable food items to donate to the food bank St. Edmond's parish supports



April BIRTHDAYS

Andi Lipchak	4/4
Beverly Stoner	4/6
Patty Derrick	4/15

April PROFESSIONS

Janice McCarthy	4/15/1984
Richard McCarthy	4/15/1984
Rhona Prescott	4/20/2010

Please continue to pray for all our fraternal sisters and brothers and for the special intentions of:

Janice & Dick McCarthy, ofs
Lucy Deiacco, ofs
Linda Sciallo, ofs
Frank Rega, ofs
Joe O'Neill, ofs
Marty Rendon, ofs
Mimi Farrell, ofs
Bev Stoner, ofs
Delizabeth Diaz-Martinez
Carolyn Protin, ofs
Bonnie Coté, ofs
Kathleen Murphy, ofs



We pray for our deceased relatives and friends and especially:

John Zell, ofs
Mary Lou Zell, ofs
Deacon Buddy Bianco, ofs
Deacon Bob Leonzio
Barbara Petrisko, ofs
Bill Farrell, ofs
Bill Walker, ofs
Dee Matthews, ofs
Laraine Hoffman, ofs
Florence Bianco, ofs
Celine Mallonee, ofs
Alicia Bourne, ofs
Ron Holland, ofs
Fr. Ronald Pecci, ofm

Remember your prayer partner in your daily prayers.



Our Library

The library is closed this month due to our librarian being away on pilgrimage.

Our Fraternity Gatherings in 2023

Please make note!

May 11
June 8 (St. Jude's, Lewes)
July 13 (St. Jude's, Lewes)
August 10 (St. Jude's, Lewes)
September 14 (St. Jude's, Lewes)
October 12
November 9
December 14



Laughing With St. Sarah

(Patron saint of laughter)



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2023 St. Margaret of Cortona Annual Regional Retreat July 21 – 23, 2023



**Loyola on the Potomac Retreat House
9270 Loyola Retreat Rd, Faulkner, MD 20664
Phone: 1 301 392-0800**

Check-in time after 4 PM on Friday – Check-out time after lunch on Sunday.

The cost per person is \$275 (all single rooms) all meals are included.

We ask attendees to bring a small snack to share at our Friday and Saturday evening socials.

A non-refundable deposit Check, for \$175, is required. Make check payable to:

St. Margaret of Cortona Region – The deadline to send your deposit check is July 1, 2023.

Mail check to: Peter Noyes

1904 Atkisson Road

Joppa, MD 21085-1811

**If you have questions concerning cost or non-refundable deposits,
contact Peter at: pnoyesofs@gmail.com**

Our weekend facilitator will be Fr. Charley Miller, OFM, Holy Name College, Silver Spring, Md.



Fr. Charley has a master's degree in Counseling, Theology, and Social Work. He has special training in clinical pastoral work, family and marriage therapy, spiritual direction, and substance abuse counseling. Fr. Charley has experience in marriage and family counseling and spiritual direction for the last 35 years.

He has been in parish work for almost fifty years and spent eleven years in formation work with the young OFM Franciscan friars. Fr. Charley says he would like to think that he approached all these from a Franciscan perspective.

The theme for the regional retreat is being worked on – Stay tuned.

Secular Franciscans: From Gospel to Life: Jesus in the New Testament

June 3, 10 & 17, 2023, Noon-1:30 p.m. ET (Zoom only)

**With Fr. David B. Couturier, O.F.M. Cap.
Executive Director, Franciscan Institute &
Franciscan Institute Publications
St. Bonaventure University**

This mini course over three Saturdays will provide Secular Franciscans with a faithful and contemporary view of Jesus, as He is presented in the Letters of Paul and the Synoptic Gospels.

We will present Jesus in His Jewish historical context, providing a fresh look at the stories we know so well. In understanding how Jesus spoke in Jewish terms, we will be able to appreciate His words, thoughts and commands more deeply. His parables will come alive.

This course is free of charge. The Zoom link will be sent to registrants.

[Click Here to Register](https://sbu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5otr1IQCVP94eq) https://sbu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5otr1IQCVP94eq

For additional information and other summer course offerings go to:
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