

The Clarion



St. Clare Fraternity February 2023

"FOLLOW JESUS BY WALKING IN THE STEPS OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI, AND IMITATE HIS JOYFUL LOVE"

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Minister's Message

Sisters and Brothers of penance,

Ash Wednesday is coming soon, so it's time to dust off your Lenten prayers. Will last year's prayers work this year? Of course! The penitential prayers from your heart for yourself and for the world were heard and will most certainly rise with those of the holy ones this year. But there is no pressure - just stop for a moment (or moments) and offer them whenever you can, wherever you are. Along with prayer, fast and give alms. Fast so as to not endanger your health when it comes to food; there are other forms of fasting that have great value. Limit TV, Facebook, Twitter and other time sharks, time that could be better used in faith reading. Almsgiving is limited only by your imagination - there is need everywhere. Above all, love Him who loves you beyond comprehension.

In the love of Francis and Clare,
Tom



EVENING PRAYER

(Prepare your book before our gathering)

Thursday 5th week in Ordinary Time

1 vol. pg. 754

4 vol. pg. 780

Hymn: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 vol. pg. 1583 #175

4 vol. pg. 1750

Presider: Jeri Pierce

Antiphonarian: Marty Rendon

Reader: Beverly Stoner

Next Gathering Date

Thursday, February 9, 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, Rite of Extraction of Saints and receiving a maxim & prayer partner, Evening Prayer

We will continue studying Pope Francis's Fratelli Tutti. Kathleen Murphy will present chapter 5, *A Better Kind of Politics*. If you would like to read this chapter and do not have a book, you can find it at this link.

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.pdf



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

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

Janice and Dick McCarthy, ofs
Linda Sciallo, ofs
Lucy Deiaco, ofs
Bonnie Coté, ofs
Rhona Prescott, ofs
Frank Rega, ofs
Nicole Meringolo, ofs
Joe O'Neill, ofs
Kathleen Murphy, ofs
Bev and Ron Stoner, ofs
Patty Derrick, 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

Formation, Formation, Formation!!

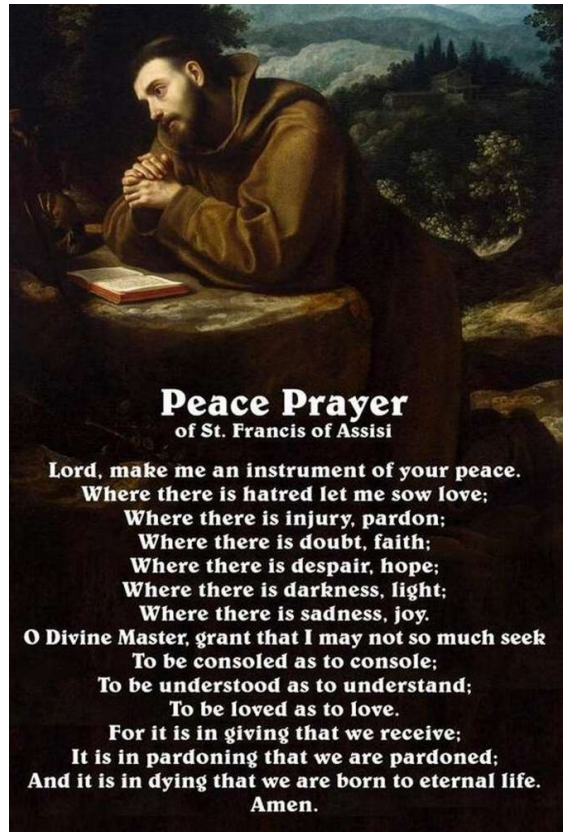
2023 Theme: **Eucharistic Revival**



YOU are invited to regional's annual Day of Reflection for inquirers and candidates. See *attached flyer*.

Our fraternity is blessed with two Candidates (Cindy Downs & Delizabeth Diaz-Martinez) and three prospective members (Mary-Anna Harvie, Mary McKeon & Sandy Paulen) entering Orientation this month. Please, keep these sisters in prayer! See *the attached flyer* that outlines The Path to Profession which the National Fraternity developed.

We all know of the Peace Prayer that has been attributed to our holy father Francis. If you've not yet memorized it, you're encouraged to. It's a powerful prayer to lean on as we aim to be "Christ like".



Our Fraternity Gatherings in 2023

Please make note!

March 9
April 13
May 11
June 8
July 13
August 10
September 14
October 12
November 9
December 14

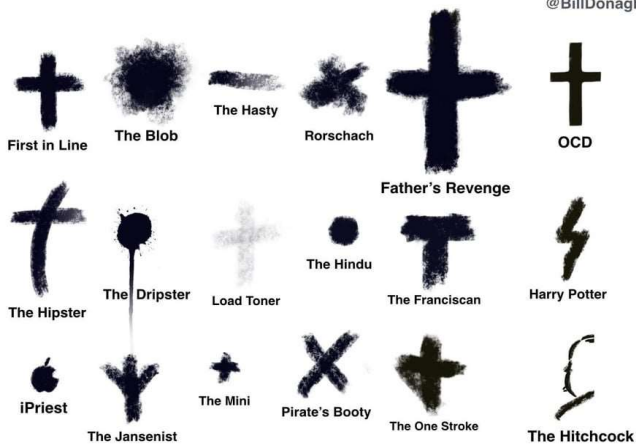


Laughing With St. Sarah
(Patron saint of laughter)

Genesis 21:6: "And Sarah declared, 'God has brought me laughter. All who hear about this will laugh with me.'"

A Catholic Guide to Ashes, *Extended Edition*

@BillDonaghy



From the National Fraternity



Receive a daily email featuring, *in monthly rotation*, The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order, the Admonitions of St. Francis, an article from the OFS General Constitutions, Little Flowers of St. Francis, a Franciscan quote and additionally, the Franciscan Saint of the day.

To subscribe, send a **blank** email to:
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If you don't succeed there, send a request to kdwofs@gmail.com

A gentle reminder...

If you are unable to attend our gathering, contact our Vice Minister, Marty Rendon and let him know.
302-227-8163





St. Margaret of Cortona OFS Region

Annual Day of Reflection for Inquirers and Candidates

Embracing the Gospel Life: Conversion, Commitment, Belonging



Join us for this day of spiritual teaching and reflection. All OFS Welcome!

The Day of Reflection is especially designed for inquirers and candidates to learn more about our Franciscan spirituality and way of life, and to reflect and seek discernment about their decision to accept and profess into the vocation of the Secular Franciscan Order.

If you are an OFS member, you are welcome to attend to refresh and renew your OFS vocation commitment.

When: Saturday, March 11, 2023

Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Cost: \$50.00 lunch included

**Where: Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America
1400 Quincy Street N.E. | Washington, DC 20017**

Register at Signup Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094DAAA72EAAF94-dayofreflection>

You can pay for your registration online or in person at the seminar. This event fills up very quickly. **Registration deadline is March 5, 2023.**



Our Presenter: **Fr. Russel Murray, OFM Ph.D. STL STD Holy Name College**

Fr. Russel is an accomplished and experienced theologian in our Franciscan faith. He has a vibrant and full vocation as he is a frequent speaker at conferences through out the country and around the world. He has worked from Russia to Rome, and served in important positions at universities including St. Bonaventure University. Currently, in addition to many other responsibilities, he works with the Poor Clares, as well as leading tours of Assisi twice a year.

Learn more about Fr. Russel at <https://hnp.org/russel-murray-marks-25-years-as-a-friar/>

PATHWAY TO PROFESSION

