# The Clarion



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

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# 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/papafrancesco 20201003 enciclica-fratellitutti.pdf

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

#### 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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



Thank you for continuing to support the Common Fund. Because we did not meet in January, please donate for both January and February.

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

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

The annual Fair Share payment to the regional fraternity will be due soon. Please, donate a little more to the common fund if you are able.

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Our Lenten journey begins February 22<sup>nd</sup> when we humbly go and receive ashes. May this holy time produce the conversion we seek.

The ashes bespeak the emptiness hiding behind the frenetic quest for worldly rewards. They remind us that worldliness is like the dust that is carried away by a slight gust of wind. Sisters and brothers, we are not in this world to chase the wind, our hearts thirst for eternity. Lent is the time granted us by the Lord to be renewed, to nurture our interior life and to journey towards Easter, towards the things that do not pass away, towards the reward we are to receive from the Father. Lent is also a journey of healing. Not to be changed overnight, but to live each day with a renewed spirit, a different "style". Prayer, charity, and fasting are aids to this. Purified by the Lenten ashes, purified of the hypocrisy of appearances, they become even more powerful and restore us to a living relationship with God, our brothers, and sisters, and ourselves.

> - Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis, Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, Basilica of Santa Sabina



Please bring nonperishable food items to donate to the food bank St. Edmond's parish supports



Our community raffle is back for February! 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

One man's trash is another man's treasure so bring your treasures to our gathering!

No books, please!



# February BIRTHDAYS

Natalie Blakely, OFS 2/11 Jeri Pierce, OFS 2/20

## February PROFESSIONS

Vincent Bertone, OFS 2/11/1993 Marty Rendon, OFS 2/11/2017

# 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!!

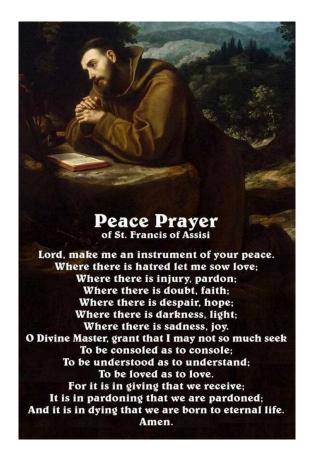
2023 Theme: Eucharistic Revival



**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





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.

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# 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

