

# The Clarion



## St. Clare Fraternity June 2023

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### Next Gathering Date **Thursday, June 8, 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

### Beginning now and continuing through September our gatherings will be at:

**St. Jude's  
152 Tulip Dr.  
Lewes, DE 19958**

#### **EVENING PRAYER**

*(Prepare your book before our gathering)*

Thursday of the 9<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time  
1 vol. pg. 754  
4 vol. pg. 780  
Hymn: For the Fruits of His Creation  
1 vol. pg. 1521 #37  
4 vol. pg. 779  
Presider: Jackie Boyd  
Antiphonarian: Fran Butler  
Reader: Tom Carter

### Minister's Message

Sisters and Brothers of penance,

In June we venerate the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our history is rich with references to devotions to His Sacred Heart beginning with St. Justin Martyr in the second century, and notably the visions of St. Mary Margaret Alacoque in 1670. The Solemnity of the most Sacred Heart Jesus is celebrated on the Friday after the octave (eighth day) of the feast of Corpus Christi.

#### Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

In St. Francis and St. Clare,  
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**



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 our monthly support of the following organizations.

The Shepherd's Office in Georgetown, DE  
Franciscan Missions



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

**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



**Rosaries Needed**

Do you have extra rosaries that you don't use? The parish ministry, Our Lady of Tears at St. Michael the Archangel church and its mission church, Mother of Peace make rosaries for missions throughout the world. Sr. Laureen from an African mission is currently visiting the U.S. and will be taking hundreds of homemade rosaries back home with her. She is also requesting additional rosaries that folks may have but do not use. So, lets search our drawers and bring what we have to our next gathering. Nela will be collecting them.

**Formation, Formation, Formation!!**

**2023 Theme: Eucharistic Revival**



\* The annual St. Margaret of Cortona regional retreat will be held in July. The fast-approaching **deadline to register is July 1<sup>st</sup>**. See page 5 for all the information.



**June BIRTHDAYS**

Lucy Deiaco	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Elena Spitzer	8 <sup>th</sup>
Mary Moran	20 <sup>th</sup>
Linda Sciallo	21 <sup>st</sup>
Mary McKeon	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Rhona Prescott	28 <sup>th</sup>

**June PROFESSIONS**

Ellen Oneto	6/5/1960
Joe O'Neil	6/18/1961
Frank Rega	6/19/1983



## Serving Those in Need

We are collecting needed items for  
**Sussex Pregnancy Care Center in Georgetown, DE**

Please **bring to our June gathering** *whatever you are able* from the following list:

- ~ any maternity clothing, size Small (summer only)
  - ~ maternity shorts, sizes Large & Extra Large
  - ~ boy & girl clothing, size 12-24 mo. (summer only)
  - ~ diapers, size 5 & 6
  - ~ diaper bags (backpack style only)
  - ~ car seats (**only new convertible style** for birth to 60lbs)
  - ~ gift cards from Walmart to purchase car seats.
- New or very gently used only, please.

Andi Lipchak has volunteered to help make the delivery. We need 2 others to assist her with this. Contact Andi if you can help.

**Service... it's what Franciscan's do!**

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

Janice and Dick McCarthy, ofs  
 Lucy Deiaco, ofs  
 Linda Sciallo, ofs  
 Frank Rega, ofs  
 Fr. Cocco, ofs  
 Bonnie Cote, ofs  
 Marty Rendon, ofs  
 Nicole Meringolo, ofs  
 Rhona Prescott, ofs  
 Joe O'Neill, ofs  
 Judy Bennett, 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.*



## **Congratulations Fr. Rigo!!**

On May 24<sup>th</sup> he graduated from Harvard Medical School with a Master's Degree in Bioethics. Now on to King's College London!

*(Thanks to Rhona Prescott for submitting the picture)*

**Thank you, Frank Rega for these words based on The Life of St. Francis by Fortini.**

His joy never left Francis, not even when he was exhorting his listeners to repentance or when he wept over the passion of Jesus. He no longer had his troubadour's lute, but it was not necessary for his new songs of love. "At times, as we saw with our own eyes," Thomas of Celano writes, "he would pick up a stick from the ground and putting it over his left arm, would draw across it, as across a violin, a little bow bent by means of a string, and going through the motions of playing, he would sing in French about his Lord."



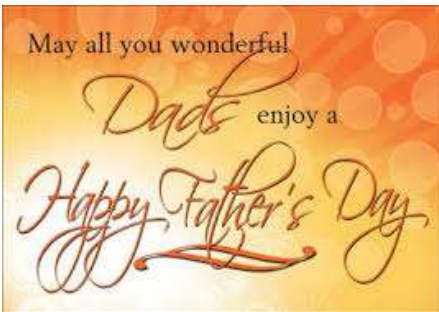
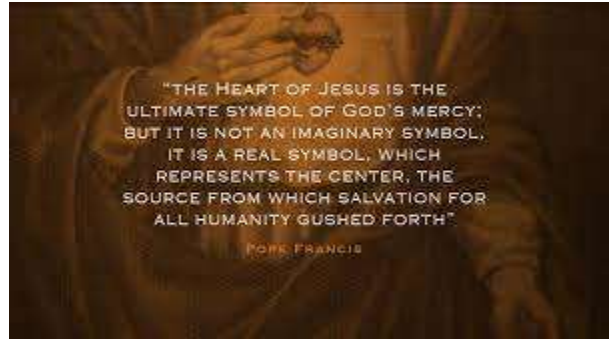
**Our Library**

The library is open for our June gathering. Be sure to contact Nela by **Wednesday, June 7th** if you want her to bring you something.

**Our Fraternity Gatherings in 2023**

***Please make note!***

- 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)



**Community Directory**

Patty Derrick and Elena Spitzer are working together to create a fraternity directory. They've mailed out forms and stamped return envelopes to all members.

Fill it out and send it back as soon as you can!! Photos of all of you are needed! We will be snapping pictures at the next couple of meetings. If you are not able to come to these meetings or you are excused, please email an **up close** photo of yourself to [elenaspitzer@gmail.com](mailto:elenaspitzer@gmail.com). Ask a family member, friend or neighbor to assist you if need be.



**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.**

**When sending in your check, include the following: Your name, email address, and the name of your fraternity.**

**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](mailto:pnoyesofs@gmail.com)**

**Theme for the retreat is – WHAT'S NEXT, DISCERNMENT AND LIFE'S CROSSROADS**

**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.