

# The Clarion



## St. Clare Fraternity October 2023

### Our Gathering

**Thursday, October 12, 2023**

#### Agenda

- 10am** – Prospective members meet with instructor.
- 11am** – Mass (in the church)
- 12pm** – Lunch (*bring your own food & drink*)
- 1pm** – On-going formation (Video by Bishop Robert Barron on the Eucharist), Business matters & Evening Prayer

**Our gatherings will now be held at  
St. Edmond church until June 2024**

**409 King Charles Ave.  
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



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

### Minister's Message

Sisters and Brothers of penance,



The Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi, observed by over 300,000 Secular Franciscans around the world, is a unique, solemn, but not sad occasion. Our Seraphic Father has passed into the glory of the Beatific Vision for which he had longed from the beginning of his extraordinary communion with God. Nearly eight hundred years later we recount this moment, joining with the brothers who were there, seeing the Poverello embracing Sister Death: "Let me lie there after I am dead for the length of time it takes one to walk a mile unhurriedly."

Saint Francis, pray for us.  
In Francis and Clare,  
Tom

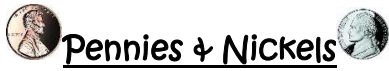


### EVENING PRAYER

(Try to prepare your book ahead of time)

Thursday of the 27<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

1 vol. pg.901  
4 vol. pg. 1041  
Hymn: This Day God Gives Me  
1 vol. pg. 1512 #12  
4 vol. pg. 838  
Presider: Nicole Meringolo  
Antiphonarian: Jim Mullen  
Reader: Joe O'Neill



Our regional fraternity asks us to periodically have a financial audit made. One has recently been completed by an independent CPA and a letter of satisfaction was sent to our regional minister, Bob Longo.

**Thank you...**

for your continued support of our 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**



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



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**

**You're encouraged to contact one or more of our brothers and sisters below who have asked for our prayer.**  
**Let's express our concern and support!**

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

- Janice & Dick McCarthy, ofs
- Linda Sciallo, ofs
- Frank Rega, ofs
- Bonnie Coté, ofs
- Kathleen Murphy, ofs
- Rhona Prescott, ofs
- Mary-Anna Harvie, ofs
- Mimi Farrell, ofs
- Marty Rendon, ofs
- Joe O'Neill, ofs
- Bev and Ron Stoner, ofs
- Judy Bennett, 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
- Lucy Deiaco, ofs



## October BIRTHDAYS

Jerry Krauss	10/3
Sandy Paulen	10/6
Fr. William Cocco	10/10

## October PROFESSIONS

Jim Mullen	10/8/2015
Jeri Pierce	10/8/2015
Jackie Boyd	10/9/2009
Frances Butler	10/9/2009
Mary Moran	10/9/2009
Tom Carter	10/9/2014
Connie Kemp-English	10/10/2013
Nicole Meringolo	10/13/2011
Natalie Blakely	10/14/2010
Bonnie Cote	10/14/2010
Carolyn Protin	10/16/1991
Judy Bennett	10/16/199



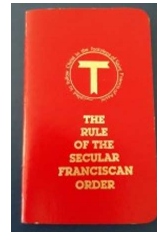
## Our OFS Library

The library is open for our October gathering!

Be sure to contact Nela by **Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>** if you want her to bring you something.

Nelaad2239@hotmail.com  
302-727-2919

*Remember  
your prayer partner  
in your daily prayers.*



## The Rule - What we have promised

### Chapter 2 The Way of Life

4. The rule and life of the Secular Franciscans is this: to observe the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by following the example of Saint Francis of Assisi, who made Christ the inspiration and the center of his life with God and people.

Christ, the gift of the Father's love, is the way to him, the truth into which the Holy Spirit leads us, and the life which he has come to give abundantly.

Secular Franciscans should devote themselves especially to careful reading of the gospel, going from gospel to life and life to the gospel.

**Reflection-** Jesus Christ is the center and inspiration of our lives as Franciscans.

He is the way, the truth, and the life. In him we live and move and have our being. He clarifies our thinking with his teaching. He directs our actions with his value system. He moves our hearts with the power of his presence in our lives. Therefore, to observe the gospel means that we live Jesus, that we make his life and teachings and values our own, just as Francis of Assisi did.

*Called to Proclaim Christ*

*Short Reflections on the SFO Rule*

*Benet A. Fonck, OFM*



Our brother, Marty Rendon, shares this painting with us. It is believed to be the most authentic image of Francis.

## Fraternity Celebration of the Transitus



Fr. Cocco had a relic of St. Francis brought to the parish for veneration. Our brother Joe O'Neill brought it forward in the opening procession.



Carolyn, Fr. Cocco and Judy Bennett



Fraternity members and parishioners coming forward to venerate the relic.

## Feast of St. Francis



The fraternity gathered for breakfast after the celebration of mass

## Future Fraternity Gatherings

*Please make note!*

**2023**

November 9  
December 14

**2024**

January 11  
February 8  
March 14  
April 11  
May 9



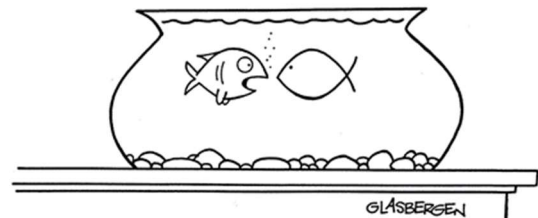
Looking Ahead...

***\* Save the Date\****

St. Margaret of Cortona Regional Fraternity  
**Chapter of Mats**  
September 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 2024  
Claggett Center in Adamstown, MD

## Laughing With St. Sarah

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"Can't we talk about something besides religion for a change?"

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