

The Clarion



St. Clare Fraternity September 2023

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Next Gathering Date

Thursday, September 10, 2023

Agenda

10am – Prospective members and Candidates meet with instructors.
11am – Mass (in the church)
12pm – *International Food Festival*
1pm – Business matters & Evening Prayer

Our September gathering will be at:

St. Jude's

152 Tulip Dr.

Lewes, DE 19958

After mass we meet in the Parish Life

Ctr attached to the church.

EVENING PRAYER

Triumph of the Cross

1 vol. pg. 1256

4 vol. pg. 1396

Hymn: O Cross of Christ

1 vol. pg.1572 #150

4 vol. pg. 1391

Presider: Nicole Meringolo

Antiphonarian: Kate Meire

Reader: Mary Moran

Minister's Message

Brothers and Sisters of penance,

We Franciscans pray the Franciscan Crown Rosary which commemorates the seven joys of Mary, but in September the Church remembers the Seven Sorrows of Mary. This devotion originated with St. Bridget of Sweden, a Secular Franciscan, in the mid 1300's. The Seven Sorrows of Mary are important for us to know and pray, as they are all based in scripture and help us recall Mary's role in salvation history. There has been a resurgence of this devotion due to the apparition of Our Lady of Kibeho that took place in 1980 in Rwanda. The apparition was approved by the Church in 2001.

The Seven Sorrows of Mary:

The Prophecy of Simeon

The Flight into Egypt

The Loss of Jesus in the Temple

The Carrying of the Cross

The Crucifixion of Jesus

Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross

Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

It is said that Mary also revealed to St. Bridget seven promises to those who will pray these sorrows. After reading the promises, you may want to implement this devotion in your own prayer life.

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/content/the-seven-sorrows-of-mary>

In the love of Francis and Clare,
Tom



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



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

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
- Pat DuBois, ofs
- Loretta Hanley, ofs
- Jim Mullen, ofs
- Carolyn Protin, ofs
- Marty Rendon, ofs
- Jerri Pierce, ofs
- Ellen Oneto, ofs
- Rhona Prescott, ofs



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



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 Deiacco, ofs

Beloved Fr. Rigo

So long... Fair well... Until we see you again!





September BIRTHDAYS

Nela Wintjen	3 rd
Vincent Bertone	10 th
Maureen Ciano	22 nd
Tom Carter	23 rd
Kate Meire	24 th
Jackie Boyd	28 th
Diane Zell	28 th

September PROFESSIONS

Bev Stoner	9/14/2002
Ron Stoner	9/14/2002
Linda Sciallo	9/16/1988
Andy Zampini	9/17/1991



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*



Our OFS Library

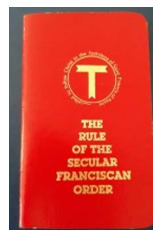
The library is open for our September gathering!

Be sure to contact Nela by **Wednesday, September 13th** if you want her to bring you something.

Nelaad2239@hotmail.com
302-727-2919

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



The Rule - What we have promised

Chapter 1

The Secular Franciscan Order (OFS)

3. The present rule, succeeding "Memoriale Propositi" (1221) and the rules approved by the Supreme Pontiffs Nicholas IV and Leo XIII, adapts the Secular Franciscan Order to the needs and expectations of the Holy Church in the conditions of changing times. Its interpretation belongs to the Holy see and its application will be made by the General Constitutions and particular statutes.

Reflection- The past rules were "prescriptive": spelling out concrete practices that show how deep and lasting a person's commitment was. The rule of Paul VI is "descriptive": spelling out those basic principles that give rise to practice.

Both are valid approaches, but the second is more in keeping with the thinking of Vatican II and the rapidly changing needs of contemporary society.

The SFO Rule is based on this approach. It gives the basics on "what-it-means-to-be-Franciscan"; it outlines the faith convictions for living the gospel in the spirit of St. Francis, leaving the details of practical action to particular statutes and personal initiative. As such, it is not so much a "how-to-do-it" approach to Franciscan living with concrete practices given in detail.

Called to Proclaim Christ

Short Reflections on the SFO Rule

Benet A. Fonck, OFM

Future Fraternity Gatherings

Please make note!

2023

September 14 (St. Jude's, Lewes)
October 12
November 9
December 14

2024

January 11
February 8
March 14
April 11
May 9



Community Directory

The directory is almost complete as last touches are being made. When it is finished, Elena will email it to the community.

If you would like a hard copy and do not have a printer, we can make one for you. Let me know!

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Looking Ahead...

The Transitus of St. Francis

St. Edmond Church
October 3rd
3:00pm
Reception afterwards
(more on pg. 5)

The Feast of St. Francis

Mass celebrated for our fraternity.
St. Edmond Church
October 4th
8:30am

*Remember
your prayer partner
in your daily prayers.*



Laughing With St. Sarah

(Patron saint of laughter)





TRANSITUS

On October 3 St. Clare Fraternity will be celebrating Transitus in St. Edmond Church. This moving prayer service is celebrated all over the world. Please make every effort to attend. More information to follow.

The following announcement will, hopefully, be in several Church Bulletins:

Each year on October 3, Franciscans and lovers of St. Francis all over the world gather to celebrate the Transitus, the remembrance of his passage from earthly life with Sister Death into the arms of Extravagant Love. In a spirit of remembering and deep reverence, you are invited to come and share in the graces of Francis' Transitus to everlasting life where our Holy Brother Francis continues to love, teach, and intercede for us.

Date: October 3, 2023

Time: 3:00

Place: St. Edmond Church

401 King Charles Ave.

Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Fr. William Cocco, OFS, will be presiding

Note: Light refreshments will be offered after the Transitus Service in the Parish Hall.