

# The Clarion



St. Clare Fraternity

May 2023

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## Next Gathering Date

**Thursday, May 11, 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 (presented by Bev & Ron Stonner), Evening Prayer

**This is our last gathering at St. Edmond's until fall. Next month (June) we begin meeting at St. Jude's.**

## EVENING PRAYER

**(Prepare your book before our gathering)**

Thursday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter  
1 vol. pgs. 754 & 535  
4 vol. pgs. 1171 & 853  
Hymn: Immaculate Mary  
(On song sheet)  
Presider: Vincent Bertone  
Antiphonarian: Natalie Blakely  
Reader: Jackie Boyd

## Minister's Message

Sisters and Brothers of penance,

Regina Coeli! Queen of Heaven! "Son, behold your Mother; Mother, behold your son." With these few words, Jesus bequeathed his mother to us in an act of charity we can hardly fathom. Imagine – we are under her care, she, Mother and Queen Mother. We ask for her intercession through many prayers; O, Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions. . . and we thank her once again for her fiat when the angel of the Lord came to her. It's no wonder our Seraphic Father Francis had such a dedication to our Mother. Totus tuus ergo sum, et omnia mea tua sunt (St. Pope John Paul II). During blessed Mary's month please pray for her intercession that we may have peace in the world, in our country, in our homes, and in our hearts.

In St. Francis and St. Clare,  
Tom



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



The Clairmont Foundation in Haiti is no longer operating. We are looking for another charity (preferably local) to contribute to from our common fund. **If you have an idea, please give it to any council member by May 30<sup>st</sup>.**

**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**

## Formation, Formation, Formation!!

**2023 Theme: Eucharistic Revival**

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\* "It is important to read the Rule daily."

*Rita Colleran, Regional FD - Letter to our fraternity after her recent visit.*

If your little red rule book is tucked away in the dark, bring it out and make reading it a part of your daily prayers.

\* The annual St. Margaret of Cortona regional retreat will be held in July. See page 5 for all the information.

\* An on-going formation opportunity for Secular Franciscans is happening (via Zoom) in June. Brought to us by St. Bonaventure University. See page 6 for details.



*Mary,  
beloved of Francis & Clare,  
Pray for us!!*



### May BIRTHDAYS

Loretta Hanley	5/8
Carolyn Protin	5/13
Delizabeth Diaz-Martinez	5/17
Bonnie Cote	5/21
Janice McCarthy	5/24
Dick McCarthy	5/31

### May PROFESSIONS

Dianne Barbacano	5/9/1979
Patricia Dubois	5/16/2004

## **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



## **Serving Those in Need**

In years past we've collected items of need for the Kent County Pregnancy Ctr. This year we're focusing our efforts close to our fraternity home.

### **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  
Nicole Meringolo, ofs  
Rhona Prescott, ofs  
Carolyn Protin, ofs  
Patty Derrick, ofs  
Cindy Downs  
Marty Rendon, ofs  
Bev & Ron Stoner, ofs  
Pat DuBois, ofs  
Elena Spitzer, ofs  
Joe O'Neill, 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

Nela Wintgen and her husband Jeff, were recently on pilgrimage in Europe. Look what they found in Cardano, Italy!



*Remember  
your prayer partner  
in your daily prayers.*



### Our Library

The library is open for our May gathering. Be sure to contact Nela by **Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** if you want her to bring you something.

### Our Fraternity Gatherings in 2023

***Please make note!***

- June 8 (St. Jude's, Lewes)
- 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)



The First Rosary

**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.**

**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)**

**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.

**The theme for the regional retreat is being worked on – Stay tuned.**

# **Secular Franciscans: From Gospel to Life: Jesus in the New Testament**

**June 3, 10 & 17, 2023, Noon-1:30 p.m. ET (Zoom only)**

**With Fr. David B. Couturier, O.F.M. Cap.  
Executive Director, Franciscan Institute &  
Franciscan Institute Publications  
St. Bonaventure University**

This mini course over three Saturdays will provide Secular Franciscans with a faithful and contemporary view of Jesus, as He is presented in the Letters of Paul and the Synoptic Gospels.

We will present Jesus in His Jewish historical context, providing a fresh look at the stories we know so well. In understanding how Jesus spoke in Jewish terms, we will be able to appreciate His words, thoughts and commands more deeply. His parables will come alive.

This course is free of charge. The Zoom link will be sent to registrants.

[Click Here to Register](https://sbu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5otr1IQCVYP94eq) [https://sbu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5otr1IQCVYP94eq](https://sbu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5otr1IQCVYP94eq)

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