

## The Clarion



### St. Clare Fraternity

St. John the Apostle Church  
Milford, DE  
JUNE 2018

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

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GATHERING DATE  
**THURSDAY JUNE 14, 2018**



**Our Summer Gatherings**  
**St. John the Apostle Church**  
**506 Seabury Avenue**  
**Milford, DE 19963**

**ATTENDANCE AT THE GATHERINGS** – All active members should make every attempt to attend the Gathering every month. If you are unable to attend due to illness, work or family obligations, please contact Carolyn Protin at 302-424-2441. If you are professed and miss a Gathering please send your check for the Common Fund, payable to St. Clare Fraternity, to  
Mimi Farrell, ofs  
68 E. Darby Circle, Dover, DE 19904

#### **Reminders and Announcements**

1. Please bring non-perishable food items for the local Food Bank that St. John Church supports.

2. Please bring your Ritual Books and Liturgy of the Hours

11:00 Mass

12:00 Lunch – Please bring your lunch and beverage. Dessert will be provided.

1:00 Commitment to the Franciscan Rule  
Presenter: Andy Zampini

#### **Evening Prayer**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time  
Week 2 of Psalter

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Hymn: With the Saints and Lights of Heaven  
(St. Clare Hymn – on song sheets)

Presider: Judy Bennett

Antiphonarian: Vincent Bertone

Reader: Natalie Blakely

#### **MINISTER'S MESSAGE**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we continue to focus on our Rule, I thought the following printed in *Up To Now* entitled “Pray The Rule” by Liam McCarthy, OFM was very relevant.

O Lord, our God, we intend to make present the charism of our Seraphic Father Francis in the life and mission of the Church, in various ways and forms but in life-giving union with one another. By our profession, we pledge ourselves to live the Gospel in the manner of St. Francis by means of our Rule approved by the Church (Arts. 1-3). Help us, we pray, so that daily we may:

- observe the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by following the example of St. Francis, going from gospel to life and from life to the gospel (Art. 4);
- seek to encounter the living and active person of Jesus Christ in our brothers and sisters, in sacred scripture, in the Church and in the Eucharist (Art. 5);
- go forth as witnesses and instruments of the Church's mission among people, proclaiming Christ by our life and words (Art. 6);

- conform our thoughts and deeds to those of Christ by the radical interior change which the Gospel calls "conversion," making use of the sacrament of reconciliation on the way to renewal (Art. 7);
- let prayer and contemplation be the soul of all we are and do (Art. 8);
- imitate the Virgin Mary's complete self-giving in her openness to your every word and call (Art. 9);
- faithfully fulfill the duties proper to our various circumstances in life (Art. 10);
- seek the proper spirit of detachment and purify our hearts from every tendency and yearning for possession and power (Art. 11);
- acquire the purity of heart needed to set ourselves free to love God and our brothers and sisters (Art. 12);
- accept all people as your gift, Lord, and an image of Christ (Art. 13);
- exercise our responsibilities competently in the Christian spirit of service (Art. 14);
- be in the forefront of promoting justice by the testimony of our human lives and by courageous initiatives (Art. 15);
- esteem work both as a gift and as a sharing in the creation, redemption and service of the human community (Art. 16);
- cultivate the Franciscan spirit of peace, fidelity and respect for life in our families, striving to make it a sign of a world already renewed in Christ (Art. 17);
- respect all creatures, animate and inanimate "as bearing the imprint of the Most High" (Art. 18);
- be bearers of peace and messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, as immersed in the resurrection of Christ, we serenely tend towards Sister Death and our ultimate encounter with you, our Father (Art 19).

All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Brother. Amen.

A wonderful way to appreciate our Franciscan way of life!  
Peace and Good!  
Andy



### OUR FRATERNITY GATHERINGS IN 2018

June 14  
July 12  
**No Gathering in August**  
September 13  
October 11  
November 8  
December 13

### JUNE PROFESSION ANNIVERSARIES

Ellen Oneto, ofs	06/05/1960
Deirdre Matthews, ofs	06/08/1985
Joe O'Neill, ofs	06/18/1961
Frank Rega, ofs	06/19/1983

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Lucy Deiacco, ofs	06/02
Ronald Holland, ofs	06/12
Barbara Petrisko, ofs	06/12
Anne Betchart	06/13
John Downing, ofs	06/16
Doris Tippett, ofs	06/18
Mary Moran, ofs	06/20
Linda Sciallo, ofs	06/21
Rhona Prescott, ofs	06/28



Please continue to pray for all of our sisters and brothers who are unable to be with us and for the special intentions of:

Florence Bianco, ofs  
Lucy Deiaco, ofs  
Catherine Fischer, ofs  
Rhona Prescott, ofs  
Janice and Dick McCarthy, ofs  
Nicole Meringolo, ofs  
Linda Sciallo, ofs  
Kate Meire, ofs  
Joe O'Neill, ofs  
Celine Mallonee, ofs

If you haven't sent in your intention, forms will be available in our Meeting Room before Mass.

We pray for our deceased relatives and friends and especially:

John Zell, ofs  
Mary Lou Zell, ofs  
Deacon Buddy Bianco, ofs  
Deacon Bob Leonzio

We thank our brother Frank Rega for sharing the following:

From the Life of St. Clare Virgin by Celano

Alessandrina della Fratta, who was from the Perugia diocese, was oppressed by an extremely cruel demon. He had her so completely in his power that he would make her circle like a bird over a steep cliff leading up from the riverside. Then he would make her go down along a very slender tree branch that hung out over the Tiber and hang there in mid air as if she were playing games. On top of all this, because of her sins, she had completely lost the use of her left side and her hand had shriveled up, but the medications that had been tried time and time again offered no improvement.

With a contrite heart, she went to the tomb of the glorious Virgin Clare and, invoking her praise, was cured of that triple jeopardy with a single remedy. Indeed, her gnarled hand straightened out, the left side of her body was restored to health, and she was freed of that diabolical possession. During this same period of time, another woman from the same town who went to the Saint's sepulcher was blessed by being freed of the devil and cured of various aches and pains.

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### Upcoming Fraternity Event

#### Transitus

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

St. Edmond Church

3:00pm

Please....

...Mark your calendars now. Our Fraternity will continue our tradition of celebrating the Transitus followed by a reception. More information will be forthcoming.

