

The Clarion



St. Clare Fraternity

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

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GATHERING DATE
THURSDAY AUGUST 8, 2019



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

ATTENDANCE AT THE GATHERINGS – All active Franciscans are to make every effort to attend our monthly Gathering. If you are unable to attend due to illness, work or family emergency, 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

1. Please bring non-perishable food items for the local Food Bank that St. John the Apostle Church supports.
2. Please bring your Ritual Book & Liturgy of the Hours

11:00: Mass
12:00: Please bring your lunch and beverage.
Dessert will be provided
1:00: Formation – Seculars and the Virtue of
Charity
Presenter: Barbara Countryman, ofs

Evening Prayer

St. Dominic, Pastor
Evening Prayer II
1 vol. pg. 1430 & 1221
4 vol. pg. 1770 & 1303 (vol. IV)
Hymn: The King of Love My Shepherd Is
1 vol. #175 pg. 1583 4 vol. pg. 1764
Presider: Jackie Boyd
Antiphonarian: Tom Carter
Reader: Frances Butler

Our brother, Bill Farrell, died suddenly on Friday, July 26. All services will be held on Saturday, August 3 at St. Francis DeSales Church 35 New Road Lenni, PA 19014 Visitation on Saturday, August 3 after 10:00am followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00am.

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Humility can be defined as an emptying of self - the recognition that what really matters is putting our relationship with God at the center of our lives.

We are called to be humble people. The Encyclopedia of Catholicism says “humble people recognize their limitations as well as the possibilities of the lives God has given them and they are willing to work within these personal parameters in order to be the unique creatures God has created them to be.”

How does humility fit into this picture of our modern culture? It doesn't seem to fit well at all. As is often the case, the message we hear in the scripture is

counter-cultural. It challenges us to live a Gospel-life and not a Madison Avenue-life. It challenges us to give a preferential option to the poor, to respect the dignity of all human life, to care for God's creation, to pray and to reflect.

False pride is a trap that is easy to get caught up in. Do I pray to be humble and hope that someone will see me praying? Do I give to the poor out of love for my less fortunate sisters and brothers or do I give for a tax deduction? Do I say that I respect life but choose which lives I respect? The intent of our actions is the key. Doing these things for the honor and glory of God needs to be the focus. Emptying ourselves and letting God in.

Jesus provides us with the best example of what it means to be humble. He "emptied himself and took the form of a slave." (Phil 2:6-8) He taught us to love God and to love our neighbor. He taught us to pray "thy will be done".

The famous quote from Micah sums up what we are called to do as humble people of God, which is "to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with your God."

Peace and Good!
Andy

OUR FRATERNITY GATHERINGS IN 2019

August 8
September 12
October 10
November 14
December 12

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Deirdre Matthews	8/3
Frank Rega	8/14
Joe Smith	8/23

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

Janice and Dick McCarthy, ofs
Florence Bianco, ofs
Andy Zampini, ofs
Nicole Meringolo, ofs
Linda Sciallo, ofs
Lucy Deiaco, ofs
Mimi Farrell, ofs
Bonnie Coté
Bev & Ron Stoner, ofs

We pray for our deceased relatives and friends and especially:

John Zell, ofs & Mary Lou Zell, ofs
Deacon Buddy Bianco, ofs
Deacon Bob Leonizo
Barbara Petrisko, ofs
William Farrell, ofs

Our brother, Frank Rega, shares the following:

From Francis of Assisi by Fortini

One evening Francis and Brother Pacifico arrived together in Trevi, the master and the disciple. Here too there had been a war and the city was reduced to a heap of ruins. A short distance from the crumbling walls stood a small, out-of-the-way church, and Francis went to it to mourn and to pray. Brother Pacifico was to leave him alone and return the following morning.

Biographers say the night was filled with infernal spirits, the only victors in war, who thundered about the territory like its masters. Francis heard a swarm of them on the roof, rampaging and making a great noise. He hastened to the threshold and drove them away – undoubtedly with words about the power of the Spirit to change those whose pride drives them to violence.

At daybreak, Brother Pacifico, who had spent the night in the nearby lepers' hospital, returned. Francis did not answer when he called him; and Pacifico saw him prostrate before the altar, lost in ecstasy. And Brother Pacifico, awe-struck and admiring, had a vision. He saw the heavens open. And there he saw many thrones, and among them was one of great splendor, adorned with precious stones – the throne of Lucifer, the rebel angel cast out of Paradise for his demonic pride. And a voice said to Pacifico, "This throne belonged to one of the fallen angels, but now it is reserved for the humble Francis."

August 2

Our Lady of the Angels of Portiuncula

