

## The Clarion



### St. Clare Fraternity

Rehoboth Beach, DE  
SEPTEMBER 2019

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

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GATHERING DATE  
**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2019**

**St. John the Apostle Church**  
**506 Seabury Avenue**  
**Milford, DE 19958**

(Next month we return to St. Edmond Church,  
Rehoboth Beach.)

**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 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 Books and your Liturgy of the Hours.
3. Please bring in 3 wash cloths and 3 bars of soap for our formation project.

- 11:00: Mass
- 12:00: Please bring your lunch and beverage. Dessert will be provided.
- 1:00: Formation – Prepare Basic Needs Gift Bags for Veterans

*Evening Prayer*  
*Most Holy Name of Mary*  
1 vol. pg. 1378 & 901  
4 vol. vol. IV, pg. 1648 & 1034  
Hymn: Immaculate Mary  
President: Jackie Boyd  
Antiphonarian: Fr. Cocco  
Reader: Pat DuBois

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This month our on-going formation will involve a hands-on lesson in helping those in need.

The social teachings of the Church frequently emphasize the importance of justice in economic matters. For example, the U.S. Bishops, in their Pastoral Letter *Economic Justice for All*, invite us as Catholics to use the resources of our faith, the strength of our economy, and the opportunities of our democracy to shape a society that better protects the dignity and basic rights of our sisters and brothers, here in our country, and all around the world.

Does our economy exist to serve the human person, or is it the other way around? How are the weakest doing in our economy? Is our economic life shaped by moral principles and ethical norms? Considering these principles offered by our Bishops, I could not help to wonder how the weakest in our world are faring in this economy of ours.

If we understand that we are stewards of the gifts given to us by God, then we need to know what it means to be a good steward. A steward is someone who takes personal responsibility for another's property or possessions. This assumes that a steward does not own the property or possessions but is responsible to take good care of them while under their custody. I then thought about all that God has provided me – my life, family, friends, faith, the earth, the air I breathe, just to name a few. Applying the standard of stewardship to these precious things that God

has placed in my custody, I had a renewed sense of responsibility for them. I cannot squander them or abuse them or ignore them. As a good and just steward, I need to take care of them, nurture them and help them to flourish!

We are all stewards of all that God has given to us, including our poor sisters and brothers. Also, the material wealth to which we have been given custody requires good stewardship on our behalf. As we consider our role as stewards, I suggest that we think about the moral principles that our Church puts forward to us concerning economic matters. We should also consider how we use our material wealth with the poor of our world. Then we should ask ourselves, "are we being good stewards?"

Peace and Good!  
Andy

St. Edmond Church  
Thursday, OCTOBER 3



Sr. Rose Mary Eve and our St. Clare Fraternity will be offering the Transitus October 3 at 3:00pm

More information will be announced at our September 12th Gathering.

OUR FRATERNITY GATHERINGS IN 2019

September 12  
Transitus - Thursday, October 3  
October 10  
November 14  
December 12

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Marinela (Nela) Davis	09/3
Vincent Bertone	09/11
Tom Carter	09/23
Kate Meire	09/24
Jackie Boyd	09/28

PROFESSION ANNIVERSARIES

Beverly Stoner	09/14/2002
Ron Stoner	09/14/2002
Linda Sciallo	09/16/1988
Mimi Farrell	09/16/1987
Andy Zampini	09/17/1991

*Have you been praying for your Prayer Partner???*

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  
Rhona Prescott, ofs  
Linda Sciallo, ofs  
Nicole Meringolo, ofs  
Lucy Deiacco, ofs  
Bonnie Côté, ofs  
Mimi Farrell, ofs  
Kevin Mumford, ofs  
Ron & Bev Stoner, ofs  
Kate Meire, ofs

If you haven't sent in your intention, forms will be available in the Hall 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  
Barbara Petrisko, ofs  
Bill Farrell, ofs



Do you know that our brother Frank Rega is a published author of many books, including *Padre Pio and America*, *St. Francis of Assisi and the Conversion of the Muslims*, *What God Is by Nature*, *Mary Is by Grace* and his latest book, *Amazing Miracles of Padre Pio*. We thank him for sharing the following:

From *Francis of Assisi* by Fortini.

On the particular day with which we are concerned it was already late spring. It was just after Francis had been advised by St. Clare and Brother Silvestro to continue in his apostolate. He was so full of spiritual enthusiasm that he devoured the road that descends from San Damiano, and continues on to the Cannara bridge, in high morning. Immediately the word spread and people hurried out to gather in the piazza before the parish church of Cannara.

As Francis spoke to them, he saw their stern faces smooth out, the dark diffidence give way to an expression of wonder. And his fervour grew because of that unexpected emotion. But the cries of the swallows distracted him and kept him from concentrating.

The flock fluttered back and forth between the river and the town gate, making such a racket that Francis, in the middle of his sermon, stopped. "My sisters," he said, "it is my turn to speak now. You have said enough already. Listen to God's word and be quiet until the sermon is over."

Immediately, and it was quite a sight, the swallows stopped flying about and settled down attentively. On the cornices of the houses, along the towers, in the arcades, the white breasts and forked tails of the now-silent birds shone out as when they gathered in September at the time of their migration.

The garrulous anxious swallows! Even after Francis died, the sound of his name could awake them to the old love. Celano tells a story about a scholar at the University of Parma, one of those skeptical and pleasure-loving types ready to laugh at the most sacred things. He was studying diligently one day but was distracted by the continual screeching of a swallow. Impatiently he gave vent to his annoyance, saying, "This must be one of the birds that disturbed Saint Francis when he was preaching, until he told them to be quiet." Then jokingly he turned to the swallow and said, "In the name of God's servant Francis, I command you to come to me and keep quiet." Scarcely had he finished the words when the swallow flew into his hands!

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### *Celebration of Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi*

*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 Sr. 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, 2019*

*Time: 3:00*

*Place: St. Edmond Church*

*401 King Charles Ave.*

*Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971*

*Note: Light refreshments will be offered after the Transitus Service*

#### *About Presenter*

*Sr. Rose Mary Eve Holter is a Sister of St. Francis of Philadelphia and is currently serving at St. Stephen's School and parish in Bradshaw, MD. Since 1980, Sr. Rose Mary Eve has been involved in the ministries of spirituality, storytelling, liturgical music and the Dances of Universal Peace. She has master degrees in spirituality and education and creates and offers retreats to adults and children.*