

The Clarion



St. Clare Fraternity

St. John the Apostle Church
Milford, DE
JUNE 2020

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

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Reminder

During this time of ‘social distancing’, if at all possible, please remember to contribute to the Common Fund. Kindly send your donation to Kevin Mumford, ofs 100 Ivywood Knob Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971



June 11 – 1:00pm Zoom Gathering
More information to follow

If Covid-19 Guidelines allow us to Gather in July, August, & September we will meet at:
St. John the Apostle Church
506 Seabury Avenue
Milford, DE 19963

When we gather again, we will collect the needed items for the Kent County Pregnancy Help Center. More information to follow.



MINISTER’S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul encouraged them “to mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, and live in peace.” Have you ever faced a situation when mending, encouraging, agreeing, and peacemaking did not immediately come to mind? But rather, you experienced anger, divisiveness, conflict and withdrawal?

Being at peace has been described as being in “right relationship” with God, our sisters and brothers and with creation. Paul’s advice to the Corinthians confirms our need to be at peace. This is not always easy to do, especially in a time when we are so divided. But we are called to be peacemakers; to take the first step toward reconciliation.

This month we celebrate The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. As you experience Mass, albeit virtually, listen to the greeting at Mass this week, and you will recognize it as the closing sentence of Paul’s letter to the Corinthians: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you

As we contemplate our connection to our triune God, let’s think about our lives, our relationship with God, and with our sisters and brothers and with creation. And as we reflect, consider Paul’s words “to mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, and live in peace.” It is a sound formula for being in right relationship with God and for finding peace in our lives. Are you willing to try?

Peace and Good!
Andy

OUR FRATERNITY GATHERINGS IN 2020

June 11 (Zoom Gathering, 1:00pm)

July 9

August 13

September 10

October 8

November 12

December 10

JUNE PROFESSION ANNIVERSARIES

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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Lucy Deiaco, ofs	06/02
Anne Betschart	06/13
Mary Moran, ofs	06/20
Doris Tippett, ofs	06/18
Linda Sciallo, ofs	06/21
Rhona Prescott, ofs	06/28

Please continue to pray for all of our sisters and brothers and for the special intentions of:

Florence Bianco, ofs
Lucy Deiaco, ofs
Bonnie Coté, ofs
Rhona Prescott, ofs
Janice and Dick McCarthy, ofs
Linda Sciallo, ofs
Anne Betschart
Joe O'Neill, ofs
Laraine Hofmann ofs
Jim Mullen, ofs
Joe O'Neill, ofs
Mimi Farrell, ofs
Ron & Bev 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 Leonzio
Barbara Petrisko, ofs
Bill Farrell, ofs
Bill Walker, ofs
Dee Matthews, ofs

We thank our brother Frank Rega for sharing the following:

From Celano's First Life of St. Francis.

At that time, when, as has been said, the venerable father Francis preached to the birds, going about the cities and towns and everywhere scattering the seeds of his blessings, he came to the city of Ascoli. There, when he preached the word of God very fervently, as was his custom, almost all the people were filled with such great grace and devotion, through a change brought about by the right hand of the Most High, that they trampled on one another in their eagerness to hear and see him. For at that time thirty men, clerics and lay, received the habit of religion from him.

So great was the faith of the men and women, so great their devotion toward the holy man of God, that he pronounced himself happy who could but touch his garment. When he entered any city, the clergy rejoiced, the bells were rung, the men were filled with happiness, the women rejoiced together, the children clapped their hands; and often, taking branches from the trees, they went to meet him singing.

The wickedness of heretics was confounded, the faith of the Church exalted; and while the faithful rejoiced, the heretics slipped secretly away. For such great signs of sanctity were evident in him that no one dared to oppose his words, while the great assembly of people looked only upon him. In the midst of all these things and above everything else, Francis thought that the faith of the holy Roman Church was by all means to be preserved, honored, and imitated, that faith in which alone is found the salvation of all who are to be saved. He revered priests and he had a great affection for every ecclesiastical order.

The people would offer Francis bread to bless, which they would then keep for a long time; and upon eating it, they were cured of various illnesses. So also they very often cut off parts of his tunic in their very great faith, so much so that he sometimes was left almost naked. And what is more wonderful, if the holy father would touch any object with his hand, health returned to many by means of that object.

