

The Clarion



St. Clare Fraternity

FEBRUARY 2021

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

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MINISTER’S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As Secular Franciscans, we are called to incorporate prayer and doing good works into the fabric of our daily lives. We are committed to a contemplative and apostolic life!

We know that Article 4 of our Rule states: “Secular Franciscans should devote themselves especially to careful reading of the gospel, going from gospel to life and life to gospel.” And Article 8 tells us: “As Jesus was the true worshipper of the Father, so let prayer and contemplation be the soul of all they are and do. Article 13 states: “A sense of community will make them joyful and ready to place themselves on an equal basis with all people, especially with the lowly for whom they shall strive to create conditions of life worthy of people redeemed by Christ.”

Certainly, connecting with God through prayer provides the foundation for us as we do good works in our lives. Our Rule provides us with the way to live our lives as faithful Secular Franciscans. We are blessed!

Peace and Good!
Andy

Reminder

THANK YOU for continuing to support our Common Fund! Even though we are not meeting in person we are still supporting our Apostolates: St. John the Apostle Food Basket, the Franciscan Missions, and the Clermont Foundation

As we remain in this time of ‘social distancing’ please send your monthly donation to:

Kevin Mumford, ofs
100 Ivywood Knob
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

FEBRUARY 11 1:00pm

Zoom Meeting

(Zoom information will be sent later.)

Formation: Francis’ Use of Scripture to Build Fraternity

Presenter: Tom Carter, ofs

MARCH 11 11:00am

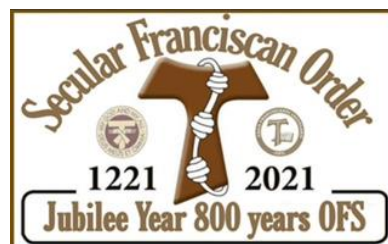
Mass and Lenten Reflection at St. Edmond Church

APRIL 8 11:00am

Mass at St. Edmond Church followed by the Chapter of Elections in the Parish Hall

OUR FRATERNITY GATHERINGS IN 2021

February 11 (Zoom)
March 11
April 8
May 13
June 10
July 8
August 12
September 9
October 14
November 11
December 9



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Natalie Blakely, ofs 2/13
Jeri Pierce, ofs 2/20

FEBRUARY PROFESSIONS

Vincent Bertone, ofs 2/11/1993
Marty Rendon, ofs 2/11/2017



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

**Florence Bianco, ofs
Janice and Dick McCarthy, ofs
Linda Sciallo, ofs
Lucy Deiacco, ofs
Laraine Hofmann, ofs
Bonnie Coté, ofs
Mimi Farrell, ofs
Rhona Prescott, ofs
Celine Mallonee, ofs
Nicole Meringolo, ofs
Carolyn Protin, ofs
Pat Dubois, ofs
Andy Zampini, ofs
Joe O'Neill, ofs
Maureen Ciano**

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
Bill Farrell, ofs
Bill Walker, ofs
Dee Matthews, ofs**

Our brother, Frank Rega, shares the following:

How Francis, like another Moses, brought water out of a rock.

Once when the blessed Francis wanted to go to a certain hermitage that he might devote himself more freely to contemplation, he obtained a donkey from a certain peasant to ride on, because he was feeling a little weak from lack of sleep, since he had spent the whole night in prayer. Since it was summer, the peasant, following the man of God up the mountain, became fatigued from the difficulty and the length of the trip; and before they had reached the place, he collapsed exhausted by a burning thirst. He called after the saint and begged him to have pity on him; he said he would die unless he would be refreshed by some drink. The holy man of God, who always had compassion on those who were suffering, got down without delay from the donkey and kneeling upon the ground, he stretched his hands toward heaven; and he did not let up in his prayers until he felt he had been heard. "Hurry," he said to the peasant, "and you will find living water over there, which Christ has just now mercifully brought from that rock for you to drink."

O how astounding is the condescension of God which readily inclines him to help his servants! The peasant drank the water, that came from the rock by the power of him who had prayed, and he drew drink from the hardest rock. There had never been a flow of water there before, and, as diligent search has proved, none could be found there afterwards. Why should we wonder that a man who is full of the Holy Spirit should show forth in himself the wonderful deeds of all the just? For, to a man who is joined with Christ by the gift of a special grace it is not something great if he does things similar to the things that have been done by other saints. (Adapted from 2 Celano Chapter 17, no. 46)

