

The Clarion



St. Clare Fraternity

MAY 2021

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

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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:

Andrea Lipchak, ofs
41 Tiffany Drive

Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

FYI – we will gather on May 13. Save a stamp and bring your donation to our Gathering!

Regional Fair Share: Our annual Regional Fair Share is due. This contribution is used to assist needy fraternities around the world. Thank you for your continued support.

May 13 St. Edmond Church

11:00am: Mass

12:00pm: Marion Reflection

Presenter: Rhona Prescott, ofs

(We will stay in the Church for the presentation.)

OUR FRATERNITY GATHERINGS IN 2021

May 13

June 10

July 8

August 12

September 9

October 14

November 11

December 9

Congratulations to our new Council!



Andrea Lipchak, Treasurer, Judy Bennett, Councilor, Kate Meire, Secretary, Marty Rendon, Councilor, Tom Carter, Minister, Fr. Rigo, OFM, Spiritual Assistant, Kevin Mumford, Vice Minister, Nela Wintjen, Formation Director

MINISTER’S MESSAGE

My Brother and Sisters

Such a glorious month! May is the month of our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, she who intercedes for us in our many challenges. Consider a special devotion to her during this month, perhaps praying the Regina Coeli during the times that we would ordinarily pray the Angelus. We’ve had a few changes during the last few weeks, not least of which is the election of a new fraternity council. Our sincere thanks for the leadership of the previous council, and I’m sure I speak for all the newly elected council members when I ask for your prayers that we may serve you as well as they did. Covid-19 has certainly upended the world as we knew it. The culture in our country, our Church, and our Fraternity has taken hits in ways we could not have anticipated, but we are resilient and with God’s grace we will come through this, perhaps with new

strengths. A major challenge has been for us to maintain our fraternal contact, something that we may have taken for granted before, and although our love for one another hasn't diminished, face-to-face meetings will be most welcome when the all-clear has sounded. Don't hesitate to call or email Sisters and Brothers, if only to say hello. You can be assured that many would like to hear a friendly Franciscan voice. In the meantime, persevere in prayer like Franciscans every day!

In St. Francis and St. Clare,
Tom

MAY PROFESSION ANNIVERSARIES

Dianne Douglas Barbacano	5/09/1979
Pat DuBois	5/16/2004
Florence Bianco	5/21/1989

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Loretta Hanley, ofs	5/8
Carolyn Protin, ofs	5/13
Celine Mallonee, ofs	5/20
Bonnie Coté, ofs	5/21
Janice McCarthy, ofs	5/24
Dick McCarthy, ofs	5/31



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 Deiaco, ofs
Laraine Hofmann, ofs
Bonnie Coté, ofs
Mimi Farrell, ofs
Rhona Prescott, ofs
Celine Mallonee, ofs
Nicole Meringolo, ofs
Pat Dubois, ofs
Ron & Bev Stoner, ofs
Carolyn Protin, ofs
Jim Mullen, ofs
Joseph O'Neill, ofs
Frank Rega, ofs
Loretta Hanley, ofs
Nela Wintjen, 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
Bill Farrell, ofs
Bill Walker, ofs
Dee Matthews, ofs

As we pray to our Blessed Mother in May, let us also remember that this is the Year of St. Joseph.

Prayer to St. Joseph after the Rosary

*To you, O blessed Joseph,
do we come in our tribulation,
and having implored the help of your most holy
Spouse,
we confidently invoke your patronage also.*

*Through that charity which bound you
to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God
and through the paternal love
with which you embraced the Child Jesus,
we humbly beg you graciously to regard the
inheritance
which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,
and with your power and strength to aid us in our
necessities.*

*O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,
defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;
O most loving father, ward off from us
every contagion of error and corrupting influence;
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us
and from heaven assist us in our struggle
with the power of darkness.*

*As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril,
so now protect God's Holy Church
from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;
shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,
so that, supported by your example and your aid,
we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness,
and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.*

Amen.

