

The Clarion



St. Clare Fraternity

St. Jude the Apostle Church
Lewes, DE
JULY 2021

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

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Important Reminders

ATTENDANCE AT THE GATHERINGS – All active members should make every attempt to attend the Gathering every month. If you are unable to attend due to illness, work or family obligations, please contact Kevin Mumford at 302-245-4247

If you are unable to attend our Gathering, please send your donation for the Common Fund to:

Andrea Lipchak, ofs
41 Tiffany Drive
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

**Our Summer Gathering location will be:
St. Jude the Apostle Church
152 Tulip Drive
Lewes, DE 19958-1689**

Please bring your Ritual Books and your Christian Prayer/Liturgy of the Hours

July 8 St Jude the Apostle Church
(Enter the church through the side door.)

11:00am: Mass in the main Church

(Our lunch and Gathering will be in the education building. Please enter the side door by the parking lot.)

12:00pm: Lunch (No sharing of food, please!)

1:00pm: Rite of Admission: Cindy Downs and
D'elizabeth Dias-Martinez

Ongoing Formation: The Secular Franciscan Order
Presenter: Marty Rendon

Evening Prayer

Thursday of the 14th Week in Ordinary Time

1 vol. pg. 830

4 vol. vol. III, page 932

Hymn: Let All Things Now Living

1 vol. pg. 1525 #45 4 vol. pg. 931

Presider: Nela Wintjen

Antiphonarian: Kate Meire

Reader: Marty Rendon

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

We are exhorted by Jesus to know that good trees bear good fruit and bad trees bad fruit (Matthew 7). It seems that our culture has produced more than enough bad trees and fewer good trees, hence the falling away and the affliction of modernism which has led to what some call post-Christian America. But take heart! We Franciscans are a branch of a most glorious tree, the Church founded by Christ, and as such we are charged to bear the good fruits of penance, prayer and service. And let us not forget the fruits of witnessing. Our Church is not, and should not, be invisible. Let people know that you're Catholic! “Go and bear fruit that will last.” (John 15)

Peace and All Good,
Tom



OUR FRATERNITY GATHERINGS IN 2021

July 8
August 12
September 9
October 14
November 11
December 9

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Judy Bennett, ofs	07/05
Ron Stoner, ofs	07/11
Frances Butler, ofs	07/18

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
Janice and Dick McCarthy, ofs
Linda Sciallo, ofs
Joe O'Neill, ofs
Laraine Hofmann ofs
Celine Mallonee, ofs
Nicole Meringolo, ofs
Carolyn Protin, ofs
Ron & Bev Stoner, ofs
Fr. William Cocco, ofs
Frank Rega, ofs
Loretta Hanley, ofs
Jim Mullen, ofs
Mimi Farrell, ofs
Rhona Prescott, ofs
D'elizabeth Diaz-Martinez

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



Our brother, Frank Rega, ofs, sent us this story.

Thank you, Frank!

From the Legend of St. Margaret of Cortona, written
by her Confessor.

One night during Advent, the handmaiden of Christ
was praising God, when she beheld above her cell an
Angel of fiery countenance, having six wings, who
sweetly and readily blessed her and her cell.
Afterwards, the Lord Christ said to Margaret: "Thou
art she who wages a great war against Mine enemy.
And I say to thee that my people, turning their
thoughts from Me, have forgotten Me, neither do
they care aught for Me.

Then Margaret asked: "My Lord, what shall I do
that I may live to the end in Thee? For because of the
great sweetness I have tasted I am become bold, and
do not consider Thy greatness with due fear, nor do I
think of my own lowliness." The Lord replied: "My
child, keep a pure mind. And because thy prayer was
pleasing to Me when thou didst pray that thou
mightest be subject to all creatures, I command thee
henceforth to subject thyself not only to Me but to all
creatures in so far as it will redound to My glory, and
for love of Me to hold thyself contemptible in the
sight of all mankind, imitating My example; for I
made Myself subject to all men and willed that they
should hold Me in contempt. And this humble
lowering of thyself will exalt thee amongst the blessed
who are in heaven.

And be thou white in thine innocence and ruddy in
thy love; for thou art the *third light granted to the
Order of My beloved Francis*. He is the first light,
shining in the Order of the Friars Minor; the Blessed
Clare is the second light, shining in the Order of the
Nuns; and thou are the third light, in the Order of
the Penitents.

But when this glorious colloquy was over, a little
while afterwards Margaret's guardian Angel stood
by her and said: "The Angel of the Seraphic choir
who came down to thee has left thee the fire of love
and the splendor of the high knowledge of God."

From *A Tuscan Penitent*, Fr. Cuthbert, Tau Cross
Books, PP. 122-123.