

## The Clarion



### St. Clare Fraternity

St. Jude Church  
SEPTEMBER 2021

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

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GATHERING DATE  
**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**

Our summer Gathering location:  
St. Jude the Apostle Church  
152 Tulip Drive  
Lewes, DE 19958-1689

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

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

**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 Kevin Mumford at 302-245-4247.**

If you are unable to attend our Gathering, please send your donation check, payable to St. Clare Fraternity, for the Common Fund to:

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

**September 9 St Jude the Apostle Church**  
**(Please enter the church through the side door.)**

10:00am: Candidates and Inquirers meet with their instructors.  
11:00am: Mass in the Church  
12:00pm: Lunch (No sharing of food, please!)  
1:00pm: Ongoing Formation: General Constitution, Articles 1-8  
Presenter: Kate Meire, ofs

(Lunch and ongoing formation will be in the Christian Formation Building, same as last month.)

*Rite of Admission August 12, 2021  
Congratulations Delizabeth and Cindy!*



Nela Wintjen, ofs, Formation Director  
Delizabeth Diaz-Martinez, ofs, Fr. William Cocco, ofs,  
Fr. Rigo Azanwi, ofm, cap, Cindy Downs, ofs  
Tom Carter, ofs, Minister

### *Evening Prayer*

St. Peter Claver Common of Pastors  
1 vol. pg. 1430  
4 vol. pg. 1770  
Hymn: The King of Love My Shepherd Is  
1 vol. pg. 1583 (#175) 4 vol. pg. 1764  
Presider: Vincent Bertone  
Antiphonarian: Natalie Blakely  
Reader: Jackie Boyd

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Brothers and Sisters of Penance,

Everyone recalls that this was our original name when we were formed by St. Francis, and we are called to penance, whether sacramental or in daily devotions. In the uneasiness of the world sometimes we can be wrapped up in events that draw our focus away from the virtues of charity and penance. From the Catechism of the Catholic Church on penance: "Scripture and the Fathers insist on all three forms - fasting, prayer, and almsgiving." The first two are easily understood, but almsgiving is more than it appears at first glance. Consider: to give alms is to give of one's self, often more welcome than money. A smile, a kind word, reassuring someone who is anxious; the opportunities to share are many. We are joyful and for good reason, so share the joy! Also keep in mind that offering penance for others is virtuous and great charity. Finally, as a Fraternity, we should be in touch with our Sisters and Brothers, "Just thought I'd check to see how you're doing" is a good start, whether by phone, email, or text. Seeing each other once a month is pleasant, but hurried conversations over lunch is not enough. Jesus wrote His love song on our hearts, we need to sing it.

All Peace and Good

Tom



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nela Wintjen	09/03
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
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  
Lucy Deiaco, ofs  
Florence Bianco, ofs  
Linda Sciallo, ofs  
Bonnie Coté, ofs  
Rhona Prescott, ofs  
Joe O'Neill, ofs  
Kate Meire, ofs  
Mimi Farrell, ofs  
Anne Betschart  
Nicole Meringolo, ofs  
Carolyn Protin, ofs  
Nela Wintjen, ofs  
Marty Rendon, ofs  
Delizabeth Diaz-Martinez, 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  
Laraine Hofmann, ofs

## OUR FRATERNITY GATHERINGS IN 2021

September 9  
\*October 14  
November 11  
December 9

\*Beginning in October, we return to St. Edmond Church.

Our brother Frank Rega shares the following:

From "A Letter to the Entire Order" by St. Francis.

In the name of the most high Trinity and holy Unity:  
the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

To all my reverend and dearly beloved brothers: to Brother A., the General Minister of the Order of Friars Minor, its lord, and the other general ministers who will come after him, and to the ministers, custodians, humble priests of this same brotherhood in Christ, and to all simple and obedient brothers, from the first to the last: Brother Francis, a worthless and weak man, your very little servant sends his greetings in Him Who has redeemed and washed us in His most precious blood. When you hear His name, the name of that Son of the Most High, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is blessed forever, adore His name with fear and reverence, prostrate on the ground!

Listen, sons of the Lord and my brothers, pay attention to my words. Incline the ear of your heart and obey the voice of the Son of God. Observe His commands with your whole heart and fulfill His counsels with a perfect mind. Give praise to Him because He is good; exalt Him by your deeds; for

this reason He has sent you into the whole world: that you may bear witness to His voice in word and deed and bring everyone to know that there is no one who is all-powerful except Him. Persevere in discipline and holy obedience and, with a good and firm purpose, fulfill what you have promised Him. The Lord God offers Himself to us as to His children.

Kissing your feet, therefore, and with all that love of which I am capable, I implore all of you brothers to show all possible reverence and honor to the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in Whom that which is in heaven and on earth has been brought to peace and reconciled to almighty God.

Let everyone be struck with fear,  
let the whole world tremble,  
and let the heavens exult  
when Christ, the Son of the living God,  
is present on the altar in the hands of a priest!  
O wonderful loftiness and stupendous dignity!  
O sublime humility!  
O humble sublimity!  
The Lord of the universe,  
God and the Son of God,  
so humbles Himself  
that for our salvation  
He hides Himself  
under an ordinary piece of bread!  
Brothers, look at the humility of God,  
and *pour out your hearts before Him!*  
Humble yourselves  
that you may be exalted by Him!  
Hold back nothing of yourselves for yourselves,  
that He Who gives Himself totally to you  
may receive you totally!



**OCTOBER 3**