

The Clarion



St. Clare Fraternity

St. Edmond Church
Rehoboth Beach, DE
October 2021

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

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GATHERING DATE
THURSDAY October 14, 2021
St. Edmond Church

ATTENDANCE AT GATHERINGS
ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS 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.

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

Andrea Lipchak, ofs
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Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

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(Please remember to bring your Ritual Book and your Christian Prayer Liturgy of the Hours.)

- 10:00am: Candidates and Inquirers meet with their instructors
11:00am: Mass in the Church
12:00pm: Lunch (Please do not bring desserts or any other food for sharing per COVID guidelines)
1:00pm: Ongoing Formation: Form of Life and Apostolic Activity
Presenter: Andrea Lipchak

EVENING PRAYER

Thursday, Week IV

1 vol. pg. 973

4 vol. pg. 1175

Hymn: O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1 vol. pg. 1586 (#182) 4 vol. pg. 1174

Presider: Tom Carter

Antiphonarian: Fr. Cocco

Reader: Pat Dubois

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Some believe that we are living in a time of uneasiness and discord, and many are dealing with unfamiliar and unwanted levels of anxiety. Perhaps this is a good time to remember that we are to render unto Caesar that which is unavoidable in our day-to-day life in the world, and to God the best part. St. Pio said, “Pray, hope and don’t worry,” and we do well to take his advice. Countless self-help books advise us on how to worry less and find peace, and we must wonder how many one must read in order to find the ‘one’ that has what we need. Perhaps “Pray, hope and don’t worry” is better. In prayer, we surrender to God’s providence. After prayers of praise and thanksgiving a good prayer to offer might be: ‘Lord, I don’t know what may happen today, whether pleasant or unpleasant things, whether I shall be happy or sad, in consolation or in grief – it will all be as you please. I abandon myself to your providence and I submit to all your wishes.’ Remember our Seraphic Father’s greeting: “May the Lord give you peace.”

In Francis and Clare,

Tom

OUR FRATERNITY GATHERINGS IN 2021

October 14
November 11
December 9

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Jerry Krauss	10/03
Fr. William Cocco	10/10

OCTOBER PROFESSIONS

Celine Mallonee	10/08/2015
Jim Mullen	10/08/2015
Jeri Pierce	10/08/2015
Jackie Boyd	10/09/2009
Frances Butler	10/09/2009
Mary Moran	10/09/2009
Tom Carter	10/09/2014
Connie Kemp English	10/10/2013
Nicole Meringolo	10/13/2011
Natalie Blakely	10/14/2010
Bonnie Coté	10/14/2010
Carolyn Protin	10/16/1991
Judy Bennett	10/16/1994



OCTOBER PRAYER REQUESTS

Janice and Dick McCarthy, ofs
Mimi Farrell, ofs
Bev & Ron Stoner, ofs
Lucy Deiaco, ofs
Linda Sciallo, ofs
Celine Mallonee, ofs
Bonnie Coté, ofs
Rhona Prescott, ofs
Marty Rendon, ofs
Mary Moran, ofs
Judy Bennett, ofs
Pat Dubois, ofs
Maureen Ciano
Kathleen Murphy

We pray for our deceased relatives and friends
and especially:

John & Mary Lou Zell, ofs
Deacon Buddy Bianco, ofs
Deacon Bob Leonzio
Barbara Petrisko, ofs
Bill Farrell, ofs
Bill Walker, ofs
Dee Matthews. ofs
Laraine Hofmann, ofs
Florence Bianco, ofs

Our brother, Frank Rega offers this reflection

Meat appears as fish.

It happened one time while Francis was at Alessandria in Lombardy, he was invited by a devout man to dinner and asked that according to the Gospel he eat of everything *that was placed before him*. At this time there was a deceitful poor man standing at the door, asking that for the love of God alms be given to him. Francis, the friend of God, hearing the man place the words "the love of God" in his petition, joyfully picked up the capon leg that was placed before him, put bread with it, and sent it to the man. But that unhappy man kept what was given to him, in order that by it he might bring disgrace upon the saint.

The next day when the people were gathered together, Saint Francis preached with the whole crowd intent on him. At this point the miserable man arose, looked at Francis maliciously and, showing everyone the meat which he had saved, he shouted: "Look, what kind of man this Francis is whom you honor as a saint! Look at the meat he gave me when he was eating a short time ago." They all turned on this ill-disposed man and accused him being possessed by a demon. For what he insisted was the meat of a capon, appeared to all, by a miracle of God, as a fish. That wretched man, astounded and confounded by the miracle, asked the holy man's pardon in front of everyone, exposing what an abominable will he had. After the rebel turned back to his senses, the meat returned to its original nature.

Francis of Assisi, the Prophet, Early Documents, pp. 846-7.

FRANCISCAN CROWN (or Seraphic Rosary)

A Rosary consisting of seven decades in commemoration of the seven joys of the Blessed Virgin (the Annunciation, Visitation, Birth of our Lord, Adoration of the Magi, Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple, the Resurrection of Our Lord, and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin and her Coronation in heaven), in use among the members of the three orders of St. Francis.

The Franciscan Crown dates back to the year 1422. Wadding tells us that a young novice who had that year been received into the Franciscan Order had, previous to his reception, been accustomed to adorn a statue of the Blessed Virgin with a wreath of fresh and beautiful flowers as a mark of his piety and devotion. Not being able to continue this practice in the novitiate, he decided to return to the world. The Blessed Virgin appeared to him and prevented him from carrying out his purpose. She then instructed him how, by reciting daily a rosary of seven decades in honour of her seven joys, he might weave a crown that would be more pleasing to her than the material wreath of flowers he had been wont to place on her statue. From that time the practice of reciting the crown of the seven joys became general in the order.

The manner of reciting the Franciscan Rosary is as follows: The Apostles' Creed, the Our Father, and three Hail Marys having been said as usual, the mystery to be meditated upon is introduced after the word *Jesus* of the first Hail Mary of each decade, thus: "Jesus, whom thou didst joyfully conceive", "Jesus, whom thou didst joyfully carry to Elizabeth", and so on for the remaining five decades, which are given in most manuals of Franciscan devotion. At the end of the seventh decade two Hail Marys are added to complete the number of years (72) that the Blessed Virgin is said to have lived on earth.

There are other ways of reciting the Crown but the one given seems to be in more general use. The plenary Indulgence attached to the recitation of the Franciscan Crown, and applicable to the dead, may be gained as often* as the crown is recited.

It is not required that the beads be blessed, or in fact that beads be used at all, since the Indulgence is not attached to the material rosary, but to the recitation of the prayers as such. In 1905 Pope Pius X, in response to the petition of the Procurator General of the Friars Minor, enriched the Franciscan Crown with several new Indulgences that may be gained by all the faithful. Those who assist at a public recitation of the Franciscan Crown participate in all the Indulgences attached to the Seraphic Rosary that are gained by the members of the Franciscan Order. It is required, however, that beads be used and that they be blessed by a priest having the proper faculties. A translation of the pontifical Brief is given in "St. Anthony's Almanac" for 1909.

*According to *Norms for Indulgences*, promulgated by the Apostolic Penitentiary in 1988, #21.1, "A plenary indulgence may be gained only once on any day." As far as we are aware, this has not been altered and there is only one exception: #21.2, A member of the faithful may, however, gain a plenary indulgence at the hour of death, even after having gained one already on the same day."

