

## The Clarion



### St. Clare Fraternity

January 2022

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

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#### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the rising the number of COVID cases we will NOT gather in person on Thursday, January 13. We WILL gather via ZOOM. Tom will be sending more information soon. Thank you for understanding.

Thank you for continuing to support the Common Fund. Please send your donation check, payable to St. Clare Fraternity, to:  
Andrea Lipchak, ofs  
41 Tiffany Drive  
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

#### OUR FRATERNITY GATHERINGS IN 2022

If you haven't already marked your new calendars, please add these dates now! **YOU ARE THE FRATERNITY** and it is very important that you attend each and every one of our monthly Gatherings.

January 13  
February 10  
March 10  
**\*April 21**  
May 12  
June 9  
July 14  
August 11  
September 8  
October 13  
November 10  
**\*\*December 8**

**\*3<sup>rd</sup> week in April because April 14 is Holy Thursday**  
**\*\*Possible date change**

*Congratulations to our Newly Professed December 9, 2021*



Fr. Cocco, ofs, Maureen Ciano, ofs,  
Patty Derrick, ofs, Mary Ellen Tully, ofs,  
Kathleen Murphy, ofs, Fr. Rigo, ofm, cap

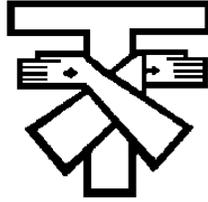
#### MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

While cultures stumble and countless people seek meaning, we see the New Year as an opportunity to give glory to God, to love Him and one another, and to be the peacemakers so desperately needed by a hurting world. To promote peace is not just a warm thought; it is an act of mercy. It isn't necessary, however desirable it may be, to broker a major international dispute to deescalate a tense situation. But consider - little things go a long way. When a conversation takes a bad turn, vilifying a person or group of people, your task as a peacemaker is to edify them. You've seen it – it happens all the time. So start today with baby steps; there's no limit to the good it will do for those around you. “Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.”

In Francis and Clare,

Tom



**JANUARY PROFESSION**

Fr. William Cocco 1/09/2020

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Connie English 1/1  
Cindy Downs 1/4  
Kevin Mumford 1/21  
Fr. Rigo 1/25

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Janice and Dick McCarthy, ofs  
Linda Sciallo, ofs  
Lucy Deiacco, ofs  
Rhona Prescott, ofs  
Pat Dubois, ofs  
Maureen Ciano, ofs  
Carolyn Protin, ofs  
Joe O'Neill, ofs  
Loretta Hanley, ofs  
Bonnie Coté, ofs  
Nicole Meringolo, ofs  
Kathleen Murphy, ofs  
Nela Wintjen, ofs  
Marty Rendon, ofs  
Judy Bennett, ofs

**Because we are not gathering in person in  
January we will hold the Rite of Drawing Patron  
Saints, Fraternity Prayer Partners, and maxims  
at our February Gathering**

*Thank  
You*

As you have noticed, our brother, Frank Rega, has retired from sending us very interesting and informative articles from different writing. Thank you, Frank, for your many years of sharing.

***PRAYER DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC***

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary,  
We, your children of every nation,  
Turn to you in this pandemic.  
Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great.  
Grant that we might deposit them at your feet,  
Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart,  
And obtain peace, healing, rescue,  
And timely help in all our needs.  
You are our Mother.  
Pray for us to your Son.  
Amen.

We pray for all of our deceased relatives and friends and especially for:

John Zell, ofs & Mary Lou Zell, ofs  
Deacon Buddy Bianco, ofs  
Deacon Bob Leonizo  
Barbara Petrisko, ofs  
Bill Farrell, ofs  
Bill Walker, ofs  
Deirdre Matthews, ofs  
Laraine Hofmann, ofs  
Florence Bianco, ofs  
Alicia Bourne, ofs

## *Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for 2022*

### **JANUARY**

#### **For true human fraternity**

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

### **FEBRUARY**

#### **For religious sisters and consecrated women**

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women, thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

### **MARCH**

#### **For a Christian response to bioethical challenges**

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

### **APRIL**

#### **For health care workers**

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

### **MAY**

#### **For faith-filled young people**

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

### **JUNE**

#### **For Families**

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

### **JULY**

#### **For the elderly**

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

### **AUGUST**

#### **For small businesses**

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

### **SEPTEMBER**

#### **For the abolition of the death penalty**

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

### **OCTOBER**

#### **For a church open to everyone**

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

### **NOVEMBER**

#### **For children who suffer**

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

### **DECEMBER**

#### **For volunteer not-for-profit organizations**

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation..