

The Clarion



St. Clare Fraternity

St. Jude the Apostle Church
Lewes, DE
JUNE 2022

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

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

June 9 St Jude the Apostle Church

11:00am: Mass TBA
12:00pm: Lunch
1:00pm: Ongoing Formation: Fratelli Tutti
Chapter 3
Presenter: Maureen Ciano
Evening Prayer

Reminders

ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS ARE TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND OUR MONTHLY GATHERINGS.

If you are unable to attend do to illness, work, or family emergency, please contact Marty Rendon (302) 227-8163

Thank you for your continued support of our Common Fund. If you are unable to attend, kindly send your donation check, payable to St. Clare Fraternity, to:
Andrea Lipchak, ofs
41 Tiffany Drive
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971



Evening Prayer

Thursday Weekday, Week 2

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Hymn: Let All Things Now Living

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Presider: Judy Bennett

Antiphonarian: Natalie Blakely

Reader: Vincent Bertone

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

More reasons to rejoice! Jesus has ascended to the Father, and the Holy Spirit has descended, fulfilling Jesus' promise, "I will not leave you orphans." How glorious to be the object of God's love, a love with no reservation or limit. He will always love us no matter what, but...to enter His Kingdom there is a condition attached – we must love him in return. That may seem an easy task, but it's not. When we love someone, we work to please them, we avoid offending them, we come bearing gifts, right? Of course. And since God is our true love, we try extra hard in every way to be worthy children. He has given us the sacraments and sent the Holy Spirit to help us. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people. Enkindle in us the flame of your love.

In St. Francis and St. Clare,
Tom

OUR FRATERNITY GATHERINGS IN 2022

June 9
July 14
August 11
September 8
October 14
November 10
December 8

JUNE PROFESSION ANNIVERSARIES

Ellen Oneto, ofs	06/05/1960
Joe O'Neill, ofs	06/18/1961
Frank Rega, ofs	06/19/1983

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Lucy Deiaco, ofs	06/02
Anne Betschart	06/13
Mary Moran, ofs	06/20
Linda Sciallo, ofs	06/21
Rhona Prescott, ofs	06/28

Please continue to pray for all of our sisters and brothers
and for the special intentions of:

Lucy Deiaco, ofs
Bonnie Coté, ofs
Rhona Prescott, ofs
Janice and Dick McCarthy, ofs
Linda Sciallo, ofs
Loretta Hanley, ofs
Joe O'Neill, ofs
Carolyn Protin, ofs
Nicole Meringolo, ofs
Ron & Bev Stoner, ofs
Judy Bennett, ofs
Frank Rega, ofs

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
Laraine Hofmann, ofs
Florence Bianco, ofs
Alicia Bourne, ofs
Celine Mallonee, ofs

Please remember the Memorial Mass for our sister
Celine Mallonee will be on

Thursday, June 23
11:00am
St. Jude Church

The following is a repeat of one of many stories our
brother, Frank Rega, shared with us, reminding us to
always be "Happy in God". It is based on the Life of
St. Francis by Fortini.

His joy never left Francis, not even when he was
exhorting his listeners to repentance or when he wept
over the passion of Jesus. He no longer had his
troubadour's lute, but it was not necessary for his
new songs of love. "At times, as we saw with our own
eyes," Thomas of Celano writes, "he would pick up a
stick from the ground and putting it over his left
arm, would draw across it, as across a violin, a little
bow bent by means of a string, and going through the
motions of playing, he would sing in French about his
Lord."

Artists who depict the saint from Assisi sunk in
meditation over grinning skulls or bent to gaze sadly
at the earth that encloses the dead, do not understand
this part of Francis' spirit. He was heaven-drunk. His
life was a hymn of joy, a flight into the sun. Nor did
he allow his friars to wear peevish and sad faces in
public, saying, "It is not becoming for a servant of
God to show himself sad or upset before men, but
always he should show himself honorable. Examine
your offenses in your room and weep and groan
before your God. When you return to your brothers,
put off your sorrow and conform yourself to the
rest."

The new knights were to always be joyous in the
Lord. He put this principle in the rule: "They should
let it be seen that they are happy in God, cheerful and
courteous, as is expected of them, and be careful not
to appear gloomy or depressed like hypocrites." The
Chapters held by the friars were always enlivened, as
Giordano of Giano wrote, by a *fraterna jocunditas*,
"brotherly cheerfulness."

