

June 2024



Our Gathering

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Agenda

- ❖ Inquirers meet with their Instructor
- ❖ Mass (**in the church**)
- ❖ Lunch & Fellowship (**in Religious Ed. Bldg.**) (*bring your own food & drink*)
- ❖ Business matters
- ❖ On-going Formation – Liturgy of the Hours by Pepper Tully
- ❖ Evening Prayer

REMEMBER



June thru September

We are meeting at:

St. Jude's
152 Tulip Dr.
Lewes

New – *Be sure to sign in when you arrive.*

EVENING PRAYER

Feast of St. Anthony**(Evening Prayer will be distributed)**

Presider: Loretta Hanley
Antiphonarian: Mary-Anna Harvie
Reader: Andrea Lipchak

2024 Theme

Gospel to Life – Life to Gospel

Minister's Message

The Feast of Corpus Christi, also known as the Solemnity of the most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, is celebrated all over the World by Churches and their congregations the Sunday after Trinity Sunday. St. Edmond's parish in Rehoboth Beach was no exception. We were well represented! Father Cocco, the Knights, a handful of our Franciscans and many, many parishioners were part of the procession and celebration. It was a spectacular event to behold. As we processed, with the Blessed Host in full display, we sang hymns and prayed through the streets of Rehoboth, onto the Boardwalk and back. There was such a reverence to behold. Onlookers stopped and bowed their heads with respect. I may venture to say that may have been a first for many to see. It was an honor to be a part of this Holy and public display of our Catholic faith. As Franciscans, we are called to spread the Word of God. Going as a group had an immense and spiritual meaning for me. We ARE all God's children. And as such, we will never know what effect or impact we may have on those who have lost their way and for those who don't even know Him. Our Tau Cross is our Habit. Even wearing our Tau in public, an act that simple, can begin a conversation.

Blessings and Peace to All!

Kathleen

A GENTLE REMINDER...

IF WORK, HEALTH REASONS OR
SIGNIFICANT FAMILY OBLIGATIONS
HINDER YOU FROM ATTENDING THE
GATHERING, PLEASE CONTACT OUR VICE
MINISTER, PEPPER TULLY
973-809-2344
PEPPER32738@GMAIL.COM

We pray for all our fraternal sisters and brothers and for the special intentions of:

Janice & Dick McCarthy, ofs
Linda Sciallo, ofs
Ron & Bev Stoner, ofs
Bonnie Coté, ofs
Rhona Prescott, ofs
Judy Bennett, ofs
Pat DuBois, ofs
Nicole Meringolo, ofs
Nela Wintjen, ofs
Kathleen Murphy, ofs
Joe O'Neill, ofs
Mimi Farrell, ofs
Carolyn Protin, 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 Hoffman, ofs
Florence Bianco, ofs
Celine Mallonee, ofs
Alicia Bourne, ofs
Fr. Ronald Pecci, ofm
Lucy Deiaco, ofs
Maury Robb, ofs
Dianne Douglas Barbacano, ofs



June BIRTHDAYS

Elena Spitzer	6/8
Mary Moran	6/20
Linda Sciallo	6/21
Mary McKeon	6/22
Rhona Prescott	6/28

June PROFESSIONS

Ellen Oneto	6/5/1960
Joe O'Neill	6/18/1961
Frank Rega	6/19/1983



Pennies & Nickels



Thank you...

for your continued support of our Common Fund.

Individual donations to the common fund will now be recorded. Please, be sure to use an envelope and place your name on it.

If interested, at the end of the year you can receive a statement reflecting your contributions.

If you are ever unable to attend the gathering, send your donation check, payable to St. Clare Fraternity, to our treasurer:

**Andrea Lipchak, OFS
41 Tiffany Drive
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971**

Formation, formation, formation!!

by our formation director, Rhona



Keep a lookout!

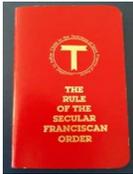
Monthly, Rhona will be sending to our email inboxes an item to enrich our spiritual journey.

Council Corner

from Thursday, June 6th

In addition to what is in the newsletter, the following are a few topics your council was focused on this month:

- Archiving for the fraternity.
- Understanding our responsibilities more.
- Discussion on where to send our food donations.



The Rule - What we have promised

Chapter Two
The Way of Life

11. Trusting in the Father, Christ chose for himself and his mother a poor and humble life, even though he valued created things attentively and lovingly. Let the Secular Franciscans seek a proper spirit of detachment from temporal goods by simplifying their own material needs. Let them be mindful that according to the gospel they are stewards of the goods received for the benefit of God's children.

Thus, in the spirit of 'the Beatitudes,' and as pilgrims and strangers on their way to the home of the Father, they should strive to purify their hearts from every tendency and yearning for possession and power.

Reflection- Simple living also takes shape by reducing material needs, by curbing a thirst for possessions and the domineering power that comes from ownership, and by using all God's gifts in a spirit of generosity, justice, and moderation. Gospel poverty for Secular Franciscans, then, consists in acquiring possessions justly, keeping needs to a minimum, and using what they have as custodians for the generous benefit of others. In this way they live for the kingdom of God and not for this world according to the charter for happiness given in the "Beatitudes".

Called to Proclaim Christ, Short Reflections on the SFO Rule

Benet A. Fonck, OFM



Pepper Tully
Fr. Cocco
Kate Meire

You have volunteered to bring dessert to our June gathering.
THANK YOU!!

OUR FOOD DONATION
COLLECTION THIS MONTH WILL
GO TO:

SHEPHERD'S OFFICE
IN GEORGETOWN

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE
NON-PERISHABLE, INDIVIDUAL,
HEALTHY SNACKS SUCH AS:
NUTS
DRIED FRUIT
GRANOLA/PROTEIN BARS
CRACKERS
FRUIT CUPS

Remember
your prayer partner
in your daily prayers





Looking Ahead...

St. Margaret of Cortona Regional Fraternity

2024 Chapter of Mats

September 6th – 8th

Claggett Center in Adamstown, MD

The Next 800 Years

Exploring where we have been, where we are now & where we are going

All are encouraged to attend!

See details at the regional website.

<https://saintmargaretofcortona.org/upcoming-events/>

If you have not been to a Chapter of Mats, I highly recommend experiencing it!! It's a time of great joy being with so many fellow Franciscans.

I (Elena) have registered and would love to see you there!!



National Zoom Webinar

800th Anniversary of St. Francis' receiving the Stigmata

**Sunday, October 6, 2024
3PM EST (60-75 minutes)**

Preliminary plans include:

- *A talk on the Stigmata by Dr. Darlene Pryds, Assoc. Prof. of Christian Spirituality and History at the Franciscan School of Theology
- *A panel discussion featuring members of our national leadership. This will provide us with multiple perspectives on how Francis' experience connects to our lives as Secular Franciscans today.

The invitation to register for the Zoom event will be sent out about a month beforehand via our regional ministers and regional formation directors. If you would like the registration information to be sent directly to you, please go to groups.google.com and request to be added to "NAFRACentenaryContacts". (The group name is also visible in the "To" list of this email.)

Our New Regional Councilor

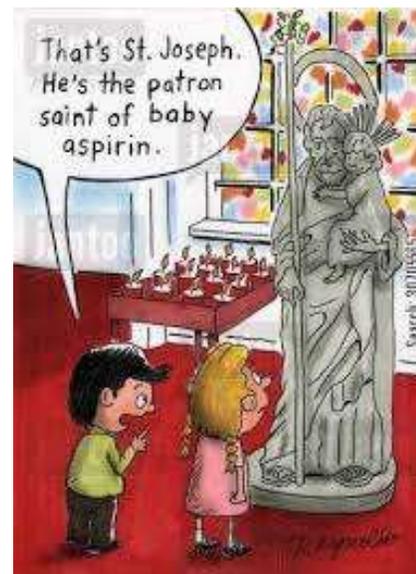


Hi, I'm Tobius (Toby) Harkleroad.

The formal responsibilities that the regional council has given me are to preside at any elections that your fraternity holds and to make a fraternal visit every three years, but **my most important responsibility is to walk with you and your fraternity**, to hear your needs and to share your voice with the regional council, and to assist you as much as possible in leading a vibrant fraternal life and active ministry with our brothers and sisters.

Laughing With St. Sarah

(Patron saint of laughter)



Future Fraternity Gatherings

2nd Thursday of each month

Please make note!

2024

July 11th (St. Jude's)

August 8th (St. Jude's)

September 12th (St. Jude's)

October 10th

November 14th

December 12th

2025

January 9th

February 13th

March 13th

April 10th

May 8th

June 12th (St. Jude's)

Council Members

Minister: Kathleen Murphy 301-535-7011

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Treasurer: Andrea Lipchak 302-644-4434

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Councilor: Tom Carter 302-344-1414

Councilor-Newsletter: Elena Spitzer 301-471



Do you have something that you believe is
“for the good of the community”?
Please send it to me, Elena for consideration for
the newsletter.

What is a Chapter of Mats?

Our Father Francis knew it was important for his brothers to gather at intervals to listen to one another and renew their enthusiasm and commitment to spreading the gospel and rebuilding the Church. In 1221, St. Francis called his brothers to a general chapter. The number of brothers had grown so large that they had to bring mats to sleep on. Some say 5,000, and some say 3,000 friars assembled and lived in huts or tents made of these reed mats. It was a joyful reunion and an opportunity to share their experiences on the road. Francis himself called this gathering a Chapter of Mats.

The name has great significance for us. It was the first time St. Francis assembled all his brothers from Italy and beyond to gather as one body. And for us, it is a time to assemble all Secular Franciscans from all fraternities within St. Margaret of Cortona Region to share and seek the Holy Spirit's guidance for the path we are to take in the coming years.

Anne Mulqueen, 

To all the father's in our fraternity -

Happy Father's Day!