

## September 2024

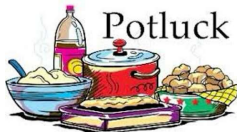


### Our Gathering

**Thursday, September 12, 2024**

#### Agenda

- ❖ Candidates meet with their instructor
- ❖ Mass (**in the church**)
- ❖ On-going formation (Hospitality) – by Rhona Prescott



#### Potluck

**(in the building attached to the church)**

- ❖ Business matters
- ❖ Evening Prayer

**September is our last meeting at:**

St. Jude's  
152 Tulip Dr.  
Lewes

**We will return to St. Edmond's next month!**

#### *A GENTLE REMINDER...*

*IF WORK, HEALTH REASONS OR  
SIGNIFICANT FAMILY OBLIGATIONS  
HINDER YOU FROM ATTENDING THE  
GATHERING, PLEASE CONTACT OUR  
VICE MINISTER, PEPPER TULLY  
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#### **2024 Theme**

## Gospel to Life - Life to Gospel

### Minister's Message

Many years ago, Pope Pius XII, when meeting with a fellow Secular Franciscan Priest who he had just made the Archbishop of Bulgaria, made a statement: 'The Church is in need of Saints.' That Archbishop was Father Angelo Roncalli, who eventually became Pope and then St. John XXIII. And like him, we have a commission not just from the Holy Father, but from God to be Saints. The only question is, how will we respond?

Peace and Many Blessings,  
Kathleen



#### EVENING PRAYER

Thursday, Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

If you are using your phone, please use the Divine Office app.

If you are using your Christian Prayer or the LOH books, please see below.

*(A few printed copies will be available)*

1 Vol. Pg. 902

4 Vol. Pg. 1041

Hymn: For the Fruits of His Creation

1 Vol. pg. 1521, Number 37

4 Vol. pg. 1040

Presider: Carolyn Protin  
Antiphonarian: Marty Rendon  
Reader: Beverly Stoner

# Formation, Formation, FORMATION!!!

By Rhona Prescott, Formation Director

## The Franciscan Charisms

Did you know that we Franciscans are blessed to have special charisms? We, in fact have seven of them. Rarely discussed, but an essential part of our "calling" are seven special ways we Franciscans live, in relation to others.

The charisms are:

- \* On-going conversion
- \* Upholding the dignity of every human person
- \* Family
- \* Dynamic orthodoxy
- \* Evangelization
- \* Hospitality
- \* Joy

In September, at our gathering, we are going to engage in HOSPITALITY! Hospitality is simply the nurturing and feeding of all creatures, especially one another, on all levels. Be it giving food, shelter, a kind word, a sharing of our faith, a simple smile, maybe a hug, or anything that shows concern for each other and all things.

Our annual PICNIC this month is an outward demonstration of the inward charism of hospitality. We are going to feed one another and show our brothers and sisters that we care for each other. Some cultures I know, say that "food is love". I refer to my own Italian culture, the Polish, and Jewish cultures, as well.

Give this some thought and consider bringing a special food item to feed a few others. Also consider mingling and chatting with a brother or sister you do not normally friend.

Let the Holy Spirit and our Seraphic Father Francis guide you to light up another one with heartfelt hospitality. Bring something special to eat and bring yourselves to share.



**September food donations will go to the Shepherd's Office In Georgetown**

***They request the following:***

- Jars of Peanut Butter, Jellies & Nutella.
- Dry cereal (without added sugar)
- Peanut Butter or Cheese Crackers,
- Protein Bars & Fruit Cups.
- Cans of Chili, Lasagna, Ravioli,
- SpaghettiOs, Mac & Cheese.

**Only cans with flip tops or easy open, please!**

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

Janice and Dick McCarthy, ofs  
Linda Sciallo, ofs  
Bonnie Coté, ofs  
Nicole Meringolo, ofs  
Pat Dubois, ofs  
Rhona Prescott, ofs  
Carolyn Protin, ofs  
Patty Derrick, ofs  
Kathleen Murphy, ofs  
Judy Bennett, ofs  
Sandy Paulen, ofs  
Jackie Boyd, 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 Deiac, ofs  
Maury Robb, ofs  
Dianne Douglas Barbacano, ofs

# Let's Celebrate

## Rite of Admission

August 8, 2024

Welcome to the family, sisters!



Sandy Paulen, Diane Zell, Mary-Anna Harvie, Mary McKeon



Front L-R: Fr. Pushparaj, OFM Cap., Br. Michael Meza, OFM, Cap. Sandy Paulen, Diane Zell, Mary-Anna Harvey, Mary McKeon, Fr. William Coco, OFS

Back L-R: Kathleen Murphy, OFS -Minister, Rhona Prescott, OFS -Formation Director

## September BIRTHDAYS

Nela Wintjen	9/3
Vincent Bertone	9/10
Maureen Ciano	9/22
Tom Carter	9/23
Kate Mere	9/24
Jackie Boyd	9/28
Diane Zell	9/28

## September PROFESSIONS

Linda Sciallo	9/16/1988
Andy Zampini	9/17/1991
Bev Stoner	9/14/2002
Ron Stoner	9/14/2002

## Something to Ponder...

By Bev & Ron Stoner

### TAKE A BEAUTY BREAK

(from Franciscan Media)

#### Reflect

Philosopher Alfred North Whitehead asserted that the aim of the universe is toward the production of beauty. St. Mother Teresa counseled that our calling is to do something beautiful for God. Each of us can add beauty to the universe by intentionally bringing joy, laughter, creativity, and healing to other's lives.

#### Act

Today take a beauty break to notice all the beauty around you. Notice places where you can add joy around you. Ask God to give you the wisdom and courage to do something beautiful for Him in every situation in which you find yourself.

#### Thought Questions

What beauty can we add to the lives around us? Where can we stop to take a beauty break in this magnificent world and share our joy with others?



**PRIMEROS PASOS**  
Early Childhood Learning Center

Georgetown, DE

It's time to begin collecting items!

Bring your donations to our

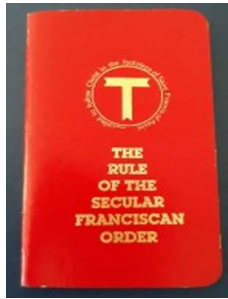
### October gathering

The center is requesting the following items:

- Diapers – sizes 3, 4, 5, 6
- Pull-ups – sizes 4T – 5T
- Baby wipes (non-scented for sensitive skin)
- Walmart Gift Cards
- Composition Books
- Laundry Detergent - All (Free & Clear)
- Washable markers
- Dry Erase Markers



Our May donations delivered by Kathleen Murphy & Judy Bennett



## The Rule – What we have promised

Chapter Two  
The Way of Life

14. Secular Franciscans, together with all people of good will, are called to build a more fraternal and evangelical world so that the kingdom of God may be brought about more effectively. Mindful that anyone “who follows Christ, the perfect man, becomes more of a man himself,” let them exercise their responsibilities competently in the Christian spirit of service.

**Reflection-** The natural consequence to simple living and a sense of community is self-less service. Secular Franciscans expend themselves by using their special talents, competence and responsibility. Thus, they bring to others the experience of God and the hope for achieving their full humanity.

*Excerpt from:*

*From Gospel to Life*

*The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order*

*With Commentary*

### An Opportunity From The National Fraternity

Receive a daily email featuring, in monthly rotation, The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order, the Admonitions of St. Francis, an article from the OFS General Constitutions, the USA National Statutes, Little Flowers of St. Francis, a Franciscan quote, and additionally, the Franciscan saint of the day. (This is not a discussion list.)

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## Looking Ahead...

### Transitus

Again, this year our St. Clare Fraternity will be presenting the Celebration of Transitus, the remembrance of the passage of St. Francis of Assisi from this earthly life with Sister Death into the eternal life with God. The word Latin “transitus” means passage or crossing. Please mark your calendars now -

**October 3, 3:00pm, St. Edmond Church.**

The service will be followed

by a reception in the Parish Hall.

There will be more information at our

September 12<sup>th</sup> Gathering.

**“Remember when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received – only what you have given.”**

**-St. Francis of Assisi**

### 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](https://groups.google.com) and request to be added to “NAFRACentenaryContacts”.

### Secular Franciscans and Moral Dilemmas in Secular Culture

**October 26, 2024 9:30 - 3:30pm**

**Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America  
1400 NE Quincy St., DC**

Fr. Charley Miller OFM presenting with discussion. He will discuss the traditions and values in Church teaching and why, then discuss current-day issues and how we as Franciscans approach them. Lunch is provided. Registration info coming soon.

## Future Fraternity Gatherings

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month

Please make note!

### 2024

October 10<sup>th</sup>  
November 14<sup>th</sup>  
December 12<sup>th</sup>

### 2025

January 9<sup>th</sup>  
February 13<sup>th</sup>  
March 13<sup>th</sup>  
April 10<sup>th</sup>  
May 8<sup>th</sup>  
June 12<sup>th</sup> (St. Jude's)  
July 10<sup>th</sup> (St. Jude's)  
August 14<sup>th</sup> (St. Jude's)  
September 11<sup>th</sup> (St. Jude's)



**Thank you...**

for your continued support of our Common Fund.

**Please, place your offering in an envelope with your name on it. Know that this information is held confidentially ONLY by our treasurer and minister.**

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**

## Laughing With St. Sarah

(Patron saint of laughter)



## Council Corner

from Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

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

- We will now be donating \$200. monthly to Shepherd's Office in Georgetown, DE And, continuing to donate \$100. monthly to Franciscan Missions
- There was brainstorming about how to gather outside of regular fraternity gatherings.



## Tom's Tidbits

A new monthly piece to the newsletter by Tom Carter

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