

June 2025



Our Gathering

Thursday, June 12, 2025



Now gathering at

**St. Jude
152 Tulip Dr.
Lewes**

Schedule

- ❖ Candidates meet with their instructor
- ❖ Mass (in the church at St. Jude)
- ❖ Lunch & presentation by Jacqueline Sterbach from What Is Your Voice (in the Christian Formation Bldg.)
- ❖ Business Matters
- ❖ On-going formation – Mary & Joseph by Tom Carter
- ❖ Evening Prayer

EVENING PRAYER

Thursday of the 10th Week in Ordinary Time

If using your phone, please use the *Divine Office* app.
(Printed copies will be available)

1 vol. Pg. 830

4 vol. Pg. 932

Hymn: Let All Things Now Living

1 vol. pg. 1525 #45

4 vol. pg. 931

Presider: Carolyn Protin

Antiphonarian: Marty Rendon

Reader: Beverly Stoner

2025 Theme

**The Omnipresence of the
Franciscan Way of Life**

Minister's Message

DAILY LIFE OF A FRANCISCAN

What it means to be a Franciscan in Laymen's terms – Minister's version. It is a vocation within the Catholic Church. It is a deeper commitment to a Gospel-oriented life, guided by the Franciscan charism of serving God through service to others **always**.

We make promises as Franciscans to:

- Read and live the Gospel every day – it always has a message.
- Observe the 10 Commandments.
- Observe the Beatitudes; Gospel of Matthew 5; 3-12.
- Pray the Liturgy of Hours each day faithfully – Morning/Evening.
- Do not judge anyone; lest you be judged.
- Follow Franciscan policy and procedures.
- Do not interrupt anyone when they are speaking.
- Do not talk or whisper under your breath.
- Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
- Always think before you speak and act in difficult situations; what would Jesus do?
- Be kind, always, you never know the trials and tribulations of those you encounter.

This is a summary for those who are currently considering a vocation as a Franciscan and how we should conduct ourselves. It is also a brief reminder for those professed Franciscans within our Fraternity.

With love and kindness

In Francis and Clare

Kathleen



Formation, Formation, FORMATION!!!

By Rhona Prescott, Formation Director

Let's talk Holy Spirit. It is almost Pentecost!

Part of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, is said to be the energy, the wind of God, the moving force of the Father's work on this earth. Jesus told us that the Advocate would be coming after He ascended to the Father, that He would guide us.

We Franciscans are required to have been Confirmed; to have actively requested the living presence and the power of the Trinity to come into us in Confirmation, to function with the Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit as Christians, to use the new Charisms given through this sacrament.

I sometimes wonder if we are aware that we were "born again" baptized with fire and can perform signs and wonders through His grace; that we have the keys to His Kingdom as full Christians.

It was so very long ago that we studied this sacrament, chose Saints as our middle names, tried to live as they lived, and more perfectly fulfilled the calling that God planned for us.

Let us ponder...

Do you remember?
Did you feel the wind?
Did you see the tongues of fire?

Let us think back to when we memorized the names of those gifts and fruits and maybe when we became aware of the power of God working through us.

Let us pray:

Come Holy Spirit

Fill the hearts of Thy faithful.

Kindle in us the fire of your love.

Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created.

And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

*Oh God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
didst instruct the hearts of the faithful. In the same
Spirit may we be truly wise and ever rejoice in His
consolation, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

Consider what is written in 1 Corinthians, 12:

There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences in ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophesy, to another discerning of spirits, to

another different kinds of tongues, to another interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

And, as is described in Galatians 5:22-23:

The fruits of the Holy Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

These gifts and fruits are virtues that the Holy Spirit develops in believers, signifying spiritual growth.

These are for the Confirmed, ours for the taking.

Praise be to God through Whom all blessings flow.



Looking for ideas!

Do you have one or more for on-going formation?

We want to hear from you!!!!

Please send them to Rhona!

rhonakprescott@gmail.com

Giving for June



This month we have a guest speaker, Jacqueline Sterbach from What is Your Voice, coming to share with us the impact and work this organization is doing in our local community. Let's express our gratitude for what they do in helping those who are suffering from domestic violence. Bring what you can from the following list. Items highlighted are of critical need.

Lotion (full size)

Sanitizer Wipes

Hand Soap

Trash bags (13 gal.)

Multipurpose Cleaners

Dish Detergent

Laundry Detergent

Bleach

Toilet Paper

Shampoo

Body Wash

Tampons



To the following folks who
have volunteered to bring
desserts this month,
THANK YOU!!

Nicole Meringolo
Sandy Garber
Mary-Anna Harvie



June BIRTHDAYS

Elena Spitzer	8 th
Mary Moran	20 th
Mary McKeon	22 nd
Rhona Prescott	28 th

July BIRTHDAYS

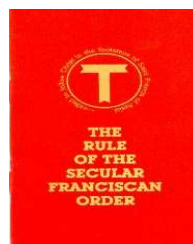
Ron Stoner	11 th
Frances Butler	18 th

June PROFESSIONS

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

July PROFESSIONS

None



The Rule – What we have promised

Chapter Two - *The Way of Life*

22. The local fraternity is to be established canonically. It becomes the basic unit of the whole order and a visible sign of the Church, the community of love. This should be the privileged place for developing a sense of Church and the Franciscan vocation and for enlivening the apostolic life of its members.

Reflection – The local fraternity is the basic living organism of the whole Secular Franciscan Order and a visible sign of the whole Church in miniature. Hence, its beginning and development is guided by Church authority, for it is the center for spiritual growth, apostolic out-reach, and loving union among members. This paragraph calls the members to relate with one another more personally and intensely and stresses the ties with the local bishop.

From Gospel to Life
The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order with commentary
Benet A. Fonck, OFM (coordinator)



No one is to be called an enemy, all are your benefactors, and no one does you harm. You have no enemy except yourselves.

Francis of Assisi

The first pontiff from the United States
Pope Leo XIV



Prayer for Pope Leo

(From the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops)

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favorably on your servant Leo,
whom you have set at the head
of your Church as her shepherd;
grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those
over whom he presides
so that, together with the flock
entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen



Pope Leo receiving the Ring of the Fisherman
from Cardinal Tagel of the Philippines

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

Sandy Paulen, ofs
Fran Butler, ofs
Jackie Boyd, ofs
Bonnie Coté, ofs
Kathleen Murphy, ofs
Carolyn Protin, ofs
Rhona Prescott, ofs
Judy Bennett, ofs
Nicole Meringolo, 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
Diane Barbacano, ofs
Dick McCarthy, ofs
Linda Sciallo, ofs
Janice McCarthy, ofs



Secular Franciscans Summer Program at St. Bonaventure University

"The Franciscan Way of Bold Hope:
Caring When It's Hardest to Care"

David B. Couturier, O.F.M. Cap.

Via Zoom

June 14, 21, 28, 2025

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (EST)

Register at the link below:

https://sbu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bxEDgyS5OhNUdgO

We are living in a time when the great democracies of the world are pulling back from their great commitment to care for those who are most vulnerable in society today. Some have called it a "crisis of care." As Secular Franciscans, we have been caring directly and communally for the poor since Francis of Assisi first founded the Order in the 13th century. This three-part series will review the history and spirituality of Franciscan "caring when it's hardest to care." The Zoom presentations will be:

1. "The Courage to Care: Embracing Hope in Difficult Times": Exploring the Secular Franciscan call to love and serve even when faced with suffering, division, or despair.
2. "Wounded Healers: A Franciscan Theology of Disability and Care": Seeing disability through the lens of Franciscan spirituality—how vulnerability, interdependence, and dignity shape a compassionate practice of care.
3. "Franciscan Transformative Care: Rebuilding Communities of Hope": Drawing from the Franciscan tradition to create healing, inclusive, and hope-filled communities—especially in times of crisis and marginalization.

A GENTLE REMINDER...

*IF WORK, HEALTH REASONS OR SIGNIFICANT
FAMILY OBLIGATIONS HINDER YOU FROM
ATTENDING THE GATHERING,
PLEASE CONTACT OUR
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Future Fraternity Gatherings

2nd Thursday of each month

Please make note!

2025

July 10th (St. Jude's)

August 14th (St. Jude's)

September 11th (St. Jude's)

October 9th

November 13th

December 11th

2026

January 8th

February 12th

March 12th

April 9th

May 14th

June 11th



Pennies & Nickels



Thank you...

for your continued support of our Common Fund.

If you are 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)



"Well, it's like this, Sister, we prayed to St. Anthony and he helped us find them."

