

The Clarion

St. Clare Fraternity

Rehoboth Beach, DE



2026 Theme

Preach the Gospel at all times,
and when necessary, use words.

JUNE 2026
at St. Jude's

Council Members

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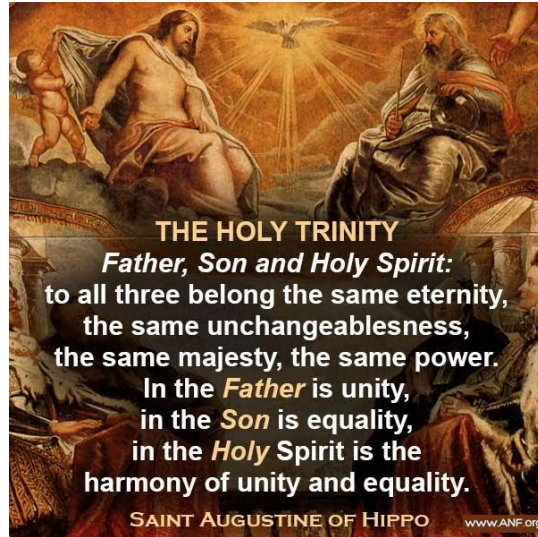
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If you are unable to attend the gathering,
send your donation check,
payable to St. Clare Fraternity,
to our temporary treasurer:
Mary Ellen (Pepper) Tully
32738 Harburg Dr.
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If work, health issues or significant
family obligations hinder you from
attending the gathering, please
contact
our vice minister,
Mary Ellen (Pepper) Tully
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Fraternity members are always welcome to attend
Council meetings on the first Thursday of each month.
Please notify a council member if you plan to attend.

Minister's Message



The Three Persons

God the Father: The Creator and ultimate source of all life. He is the unbegotten source of the Son and the Spirit.

God the Son: Jesus Christ, who is fully divine and fully human. He became incarnate to teach humanity and redeem it through his death and resurrection. He is eternally begotten of the Father.

God the Holy Spirit: The advocate, guide, and helper who dwells within believers. The Holy Spirit is eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son.

Peace to all,
Kathleen

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention JUNE 2026



The Pope's Prayer intention for the month of June is to pray for the values of sports, that all sport may promote peace, fraternity and communion.

"Lord of life, we thank you for the gift of sport, for those who glorify God through the exercise of their bodies, for the friendships born on the field and the joy of playing as a team.

You teach us that in life, as in the game, no one is saved alone. We need others to grow, to learn respect, to overcome our limits, and to celebrate together the victories we achieve."

GATHERING SCHEDULE

- ❖ Mass
- ❖ Lunch
- ❖ Business Matters
- ❖ On-Going Formation – Tom Carter: Eucharistic Miracles
- ❖ Evening Prayer

EVENING PRAYER

June 11, 2026
Friday After the Second Sunday After Pentecost
Sacred Heart
Solemnity

(Please remember to bring your Christian Prayer book, your Liturgy of the Hours Vol. 2, or your cell phone to use the Divine Office app for Evening Prayer as we are making an effort to cut down on paper use. Thank you!)

Evening Prayer I

1 vol. Pg. 663
(Vol. III) 4 vol. Pg. 625

Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (on song sheet)

President: Pat Dubois

Antiphonarian: Loretta Hanley

Reader: MaryAnna Harvie

Reminder

Fraternity members have a responsibility to contribute to the Common Fund each month. Our fraternity contributes \$45 per active member each year to the Region from this account.

The Common Fund also allows our Fraternity to donate to local causes each month, such as Shepherd's Office, Nurses and Neighbors, Primeros Pasos, etc.

Thank you for your continued contributions.

Remember:
June gathering at
St. Jude's

Future Fraternity Gatherings

2nd Thursday of each month

Please make note!

2026

July 9 (St. Jude)

August 13 (St. Jude)

September 10 (St. Jude)

October 8

November 12

December 10

January 14, 2027

June Professions

Ellen Oneto 6/05/1960

Joe O'Neill 6/18/1961

Frank Rega 6/19/1983

No July Professions

June Birthdays

Elena Spitzer 6/8

Mary Moran 6/20

Mary McKeon 6/22

Rhona Prescott 6/28

Sandy Garber 6/30

Enid (Jessie) Dunning 6/30

July Birthdays

Judy Bennett 7/5

Ron Stoner 7/11

Fran Butler 7/18

*Please pray for our Inquirers as they participate in their
retreat in July.*

*Sandy Garber,
Marilyn Butler-Murphy
and Pauletta Riley*

Formation, Formation, FORMATION!

I have been immersed in a book about our Seraphic Father, Francis, by St Bonaventure called *The Life of St Francis of Assisi*. It was donated by Pauletta Riley, and will be installed in our library for all of you to read.

Many of the legends we hear about Francis are clarified and covered in depth and greater accuracy, as well as the true intensity of Francis' journey to sainthood. Although Bonaventure joined the order after Francis died, he was healed by St Francis, in person, of a deadly illness around age 12 and became a Franciscan in heart from that time on. Bonaventure took his vows at age 22, after Francis' death, and added Francis' life history to the plethora of books he had already produced. He became the 7th Minister General of the Order, renewing and steering them to the moderate and intellectual course that brought them to be the most prominent Catholic religious order until the forming of the Jesuits.

One of the facets of Francis' saintly life, said Bonaventure, was his investigation of Holy Scripture. Having no human teaching in this area (not unlike our generation), Francis understood with marvelous acuteness, the profound meanings of Bible rhetoric. He penetrated and then taught the most hidden things of the holy mysteries where theological science entered and remained not and retained everything in his mind. When asked if he thought that the more learned of his Order should study deeper he said: "Assuredly it pleases me that while they follow the example of Christ, of whom we read; that He gave Himself more to prayer than to reading, they should not, on that account, neglect the study of prayer. Nevertheless, I would not have them study in order to know how they ought to speak, but in order that they may do the things which they hear, and when they have done them, that they may set them before others. I would have my friars to be disciples of the Gospel...that they may grow...in purity and simplicity...which our Divine Master joined together with His blessed mouth... He spoke to them...concerning patience, poverty, and faithful obedience to the Holy Roman Church, preferring the Holy Gospel to all other laws and institutions."

And so we have his call "from Gospel to Life and life to Gospel."

I entreat all of you to take up your Bibles, read and pray, and to obtain Divine Wisdom. It is like the way our Seraphic Father did. There is a technique called Lectio Divina that I use and find very helpful. It is very simple, truly inspired and through it, the Holy Spirit speaks to me directly and in the here and now. He makes Biblical jargon come clear.

Try it. Maybe we should have interactional teaching and the doing of this.

If you are interested, talk to Kathleen or myself. Council can make it happen. I do believe that Francis would smile and Jesus would clap!

Rhona Prescott, Formation Director

Franciscan Saint of the Month

**St. Anthony of Padua
Doctor of the Church**



DONATIONS

Desserts for



Rhona Prescott
Pepper Tully
Kathleen Murphy

Shepherd's Office

Shepherd's Office is in need of these items
this month:

Inexpensive sunglasses
White t shirts
Men's boxer shorts
\$10 fast food gift cards

Again this month, we are asking for donations to Primeros Pasos/First Steps
Early Learning Center in Georgetown

Glue Sticks
Play Dough
Beads (bracelet making)
Card Games (not board games)
Markers
Poster Board (for making group projects)

Lemonade Stand supplies:
Cups, Sugar, Lemonade mix,
Frozen strawberries and blueberries
Honey (natural sweetener)



Thank you... for your continued support of our Common Fund.

Each month we donate
\$200 to Shepherd's Office in Georgetown, DE
\$50 to Nurses & Neighbors in Rehoboth, DE

We pray for all our fraternal sisters and brothers and their intentions:

Fran Butler, ofs
Jim Mullen, ofs
Bonnie Coté, ofs
Nicole Meringolo, ofs
Judy Bennett, ofs
Carolyn Protin, ofs
Kathleen Murphy, ofs
Rhona Prescott, ofs
Pat Dubois, 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 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