

The Clarion

St. Clare Fraternity

Rehoboth Beach, DE



2026 Theme

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

JULY 2026 **at St. Jude's**

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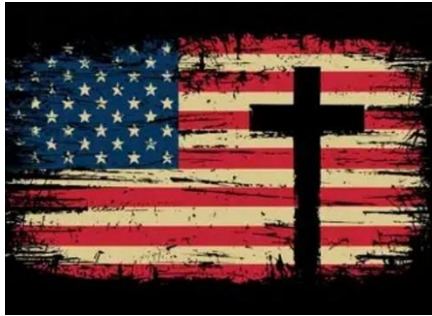
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**If you are unable to attend the gathering,
send your donation check,
payable to St. Clare Fraternity,
to our temporary treasurer:
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**If work, health issues or significant
family obligations hinder you from
attending the gathering, please
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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 Declaration of Independence references God four times. Here's what each one says, what Jefferson believed, and why it still matters today.

The Four Divine References

The Declaration of Independence, ratified on July 4, 1776, weaves references to a higher power into four separate passages. Each serves a different rhetorical purpose, and together they frame the colonists' case for independence as something grounded in a moral order beyond any king or parliament.

“Laws of Nature and Nature's God” The very first sentence invokes this phrase to justify the rights to separate from Britain. It frames independence not as an act of rebellion but as something the natural and divine order entitles them to.

“Endowed by their Creator” The famous second paragraph declares that all people are endowed by their Creator with “certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. By placing these rights in a Creator rather than in government, the authors made these rights impossible for any government to legitimately revoke.

“Supreme Judge of the World” Near the closing, the signers appeal “to the Supreme Judge of the World for the rectitude of our intentions, essentially calling on a divine authority to witness that their motives are just.

“Divine Providence” The final sentence pledges “a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence” expressing trust that a higher power would sustain their cause.

Our Founding Fathers believed and had faith in God. God bless America!

Kathleen

GATHERING SCHEDULE

- ❖ Mass
- ❖ Lunch
- ❖ Business Matters
- ❖ On-Going Formation – Father Jude Winkler – Book of Revelation
PLEASE BRING YOUR BIBLE TO OUR GATHERING
- ❖ Evening Prayer

OFS Evening Prayer July 2026

(Please remember to bring your Christian Prayer book, your Liturgy of the Hours Vol. 3, 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!)

Thursday in the 14th week of Ordinary Time or Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

1 vol. Pg. 830
(Vol. III) 4 vol. Pg. 932

Hymn: Let All Things Now Living (on song sheet)

Presider: Mary Moran

Antiphonarian: Mary McKeon

Reader: Kate Meire



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

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

No July Professions
No August Professions

July Birthdays

Judy Bennett	7/5
Ron Stoner	7/11
Fran Butler	7/18

August Birthdays

Frank Rega	8/14
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Remember:
June gathering at
St. Jude's

Future Fraternity Gatherings

2nd Thursday of each month

Please make note!

2026

August 13 (St. Jude)
September 10 (St. Jude)
October 8
November 12
December 10
January 14, 2027
February 11, 2027

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, etc.

Thank you for your continued contributions.



Formation, Formation, FORMATION!

It seems that our world is becoming more difficult to navigate these days, and we are all becoming more stressed.

My favorite devotional, "Jesus Calling" gave me this, just a couple of days ago, and I am sharing:

"The world is too much with you. Your mind leaps from problem to problem, tangling your thoughts in anxious knots. When you think like that, you keep Me out of your world view and your mind becomes darkened. Though I yearn to help, I will not violate your free will. I stand silently in the background of your mind, waiting for you to remember that I am with you. When you turn from your problems to My Presence, your load is immediately lighter. Circumstances may not have changed, but we carry your burdens together. Your compulsion to fix everything gives way to deep, satisfying connection with Me. Together we can handle whatever this day brings."

Isaiah 41:10: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

Psalms 34:19: A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all."

Rhona Prescott, Formation Director

Our Formation Presenter for July: Fr. Jude Winkler

Fr. Jude Winkler was born in Hamburg, NY.

In 1971, he entered the Conventual Franciscan Friars.

He studied at St. Hyacinth College and Seminary (Granby, MA) and Rome (theology and Biblical studies).

In 1984, he returned to the States and taught at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

In 1988, he was asked to be the Director of Formation for men studying for the priesthood.

In 1992, he began work on the evangelization effort of his province (writing, adult ed, parish missions, retreats for religious, etc.).

In 2010, he moved to Rome, Italy, to be part of the leadership team of his Order.

He returned to the States in 2023 and is currently part of the staff at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City, MD.

In short, Father Jude is a prolific author for all ages, a scripture scholar, and a well-respected speaker on Biblical theology with a nice touch of humor.



Franciscan Saint(s) of the Month

Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin
Third Order Secular,
First Spouses Canonized Together

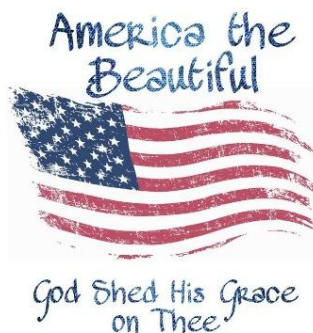
Pope Leo's Prayer Intention **JUNE 2026**



The Pope's Prayer intention for the month of June is
for respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life
in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

**Please bring your Bible to our gathering this
month for the Book of Revelation formation.**



DONATIONS

Desserts for



Loretta Hanley
Kate Meire
Mary-Anna Harvie

Shepherd's Office

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

More men's white t shirts, L and XL
White men's socks
Fast food \$10 gift cards



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

Coming Up:
Feast of Our Lady of Angels (Santa Maria degli Angeli)
Sunday, August 2
Portiuncula

At the little church (Portiuncula) of Our Lady of Angels in Assisi, St. Francis first recognized his vocation in 1208; it is also the location of his death on October 2, 1226.

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

Fran Butler, ofs
Jim Mullen, ofs
Bonnie Côté, ofs
Nicole Meringolo, ofs
Judy Bennett, ofs
Carolyn Protin, ofs
Kathleen Murphy, ofs
Rhona Prescott, ofs
Pepper Tully, ofs
Sandy Paulen, ofs
Mary-Anna Harvie, ofs
Marilyn Butler-Murphy
Ron & Bev Stoner, ofs
Sandy Garber

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 Deiacco, ofs
Maury Robb, ofs
Diane Barbacano, ofs
Dick McCarthy, ofs
Linda Sciallo, ofs
Janice McCarthy, ofs

Pope Leo XIV Proclaims Franciscan Jubilee Year
Commemorates 800th Anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi's Death

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027, as a "Special Year of St. Francis" to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint's death. During this time of grace, a decree, issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See, grants to the faithful the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence until January 10, 2027.

During this Jubilee Year, the faithful may receive a plenary indulgence for themselves, or for the soul of the deceased, by fulfilling the following conditions. Those, including the elderly, the sick, and who, for serious reasons, cannot leave their homes, can obtain the plenary indulgence by spiritually joining in the Jubilee celebrations and offering their prayers, pains, or sufferings to God.

Plenary Indulgences During the Jubilee Year

- Receive sacramental confession within about eight days before or after
- Participate in Holy Mass and receive Holy Communion
- Make a pilgrimage to a Franciscan church or place dedicated to St. Francis
- Recite the Profession of Faith (Creed)
- Pray the Our Father
- Offer prayers for the Intentions of the Holy Father

Pope Leo's Prayer for the Special Year of St. Francis

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago
went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace,
intercede for us before the Lord.

You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano,
teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation
that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war
and misunderstanding,
give us the courage to build bridges
where the world raises up boundaries.

In this time afflicted by conflict and division,
intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers:
unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ.

Amen