

The Clarion

St. Clare Fraternity Rehoboth Beach, DE



2026 Theme

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

SEPTEMBER 2026
at St. Jude's

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If you are unable to attend the gathering,
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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 – September 2026



Our daily life as a Secular Franciscan revolves around service. Our faith must be visible in how we live, in how we speak, forgive, make decisions and treat one another. Our faith in Jesus must be personal. It certainly was for St. Francis. His whole life was an example of doing what was necessary, then doing what was possible and before he knew it, he was suddenly doing the impossible. Helping those in need, practicing our faith, kindness to all, patience and understanding. We never look down on anyone, unless we are lending them a hand to help them up. Our faith and love of one another can move mountains.

I want to personally invite and strongly encourage all Franciscans to attend the **Transitus Service** on Saturday, October 3rd at St. Edmond's Church from 1:30 - 3:00.

It is a solemn and honorable tribute to celebrate St. Francis.

SPREAD THE WORD!

A reception in the church hall follows afterwards.

Kathleen

Formation, formation, FORMATION

I can always tell when Autumn is near. The locusts begin singing, jellyfish start stinging and songbirds slowly migrate. No matter what the temperature be or rainfall yield, change and adjustment beckons.

The words “autumn” and “fall” are often used interchangeably, but there are subtle differences. Autumn denotes a time of harvest and thanksgiving; fall speaks to the magnificent color of leaves to soon drop. We will likely experience both. Poets have memorialized this time. William Cullen Bryant described autumn as “Autumn, the year’s last loveliest smile”. Alan Lightman wrote “A life is a moment in season. A life is one snowfall. A life is one autumn day”. Both thoughts denote beauty in change.

Our Heavenly Father also spoke to this season in a little more depth. He speaks to hope, continuation of life and eternity. In Genesis 8:22, He says, “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.” In Ecclesiastes 3:1, He tells us “To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven”, and in verses 3:11: “He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart, yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.” So, I, in the autumn of my own life, ponder deeply, what this season has in store for me, what He is teaching me now, what I may change while on this earth, and what to express in my thanksgiving to Him and to follow what He says to my heart, in this coming season. Enjoy this fascinating season and listen to the silence.

Rhona Prescott Formation Director

PS: A pilgrimage to the Franciscan Shrines in Delaware is coming up,
sponsored by the St. Clare Fraternity.

It is free for us and a Plenary Indulgence can be had with the visits and usual prayers
and Confession within 8 days of the visit.

See last page of The Clarion for details.

Information and sign up at September gathering. .

Reminder: Our October gathering will be at
St. Edmond

GATHERING SCHEDULE

- ❖ Mass
- ❖ Lunch – Family Reunion/Annual Picnic/International Food Festival
- ❖ Business Matters
- ❖ Evening Prayer

OFS Evening Prayer September 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 23rd week of Ordinary Time

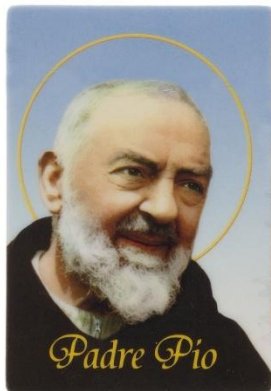
1 vol. Pg. 902
(Vol. IV) 4 vol. Pg. 1041

Hymn: Let All Things Now Living
1 vol. pg. 1525 Number 45
4 vol. pg. 895

Presider: Sandy Paulen
Antiphonarian: Rhona Prescott
Reader: Carolyn Protin

New Spiritual Assistant - Brother Tim Rubeling OFM Cap.





Franciscan Saint of the Month

September 23

St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina
Priest, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin

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



The Pope's Prayer intention for the month of September is
For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water,
a vital resource,
so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Transitus of St. Francis

We will ritually remember
the passing of St. Francis of Assisi
from this life to God.

Saturday, October 3
1:30 pm

St. Edmond Church
Reception to follow in hall

Remember:
September gathering at
St. Jude's

October gathering at
St. Edmond

Future Fraternity Gatherings
2nd Thursday of each month
Please make note!
2026-2027

October 8 (St. Edmond)
November 12
December 10
January 14, 2027
February 11, 2027
March 11, 2027

September Professions

Beverly Stoner	9/14/2002
Ron Stoner	9/14/2002

October Professions

Jim Mullen	10/08/2015
Jeri Pierce	10/08/2015
Frances Butler	10/09/2009
Tom Carter	10/09/2014
Mary Moran	10/09/2009
Nicole Meringolo	10/13/2011
Natalie Blakely	10/14/2010
Bonnie Coté	10/14/2010
Carolyn Protin	10/16/1991
Judy Bennett	10/16/1994

September Birthdays

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

October Birthdays

Sandy Paulen	10/6
Fr. William Cocco	10/10

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

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
Marty Rendon, ofs
Mary-Anna Harvie, ofs
Patty Derrick, ofs
Ron & Bev Stoner, ofs
Sandy Paulen, ofs

DONATIONS



This month is our Picnic/
Family Reunion/
International Food Festival

Thank you to all who contributed lunch
for our celebration!



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

Shepherd's Office

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

BABY WIPES. Desparate need here for personal hygeine.

Men's razors...neerly as desparate.

deodorant

toothpaste

calamine lotion

nail clippers

Mc Donald \$10 gift cards

**St. Clare Fraternity Pilgrimage to Franciscan
Shrines in Wilmington**

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

8 hour round-trip from St. Edmond to
Sacred Heart Oratory
St. Paul RC Church
St. Francis of Assisi Capuchin Friary

Lunch at
Cheesecake Factory
Christiana Mall

More information and sign up
at the
September gathering