

The Clarion



**St. Clare Fraternity
Rehoboth Beach, DE**

2026 Theme

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

**OCTOBER 2026
*at St. Edmond's***

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**If you are unable to attend the gathering,
send your donation check,
payable to St. Clare Fraternity,
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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.**



**Our newsletter editor, Mary-Anna continues to recover from her
recent fall, broken thumb and shoulder injury. Keep her in prayer! Until she is
ready to resume her duties Elena will be filling in.**

Minister's Message



The love that our God has for mankind is almost too hard to believe. He made us in His image and likeness. He sent His Son to redeem mankind. The lengths that Jesus went to in proving his love for us was unprecedented. He humbled Himself, lowered Himself and sacrificed His life for you and me. St. Francis of Assisi is the embodiment of that example. Francis was so captivated by Christ's suffering and humility that he wept openly over his own sins and the world's indifference to divine love. Everyone is worthy of God's love. I close with – do small things for all, with great love.

Kathleen

Formation, formation, FORMATION

We have the best formation director of all time: St Francis, himself. Printed in Bonaventure's "Life of St Francis", the only biography authorized by the Franciscan Order, I quote from this, today, about Francis' "Salutation of the Virtues". "Hail, Queen Wisdom! May the Lord save thee with thy sister holy pure simplicity. O Lady, holy poverty, may the Lord save thee with thy sister, holy humility! O Lady, holy charity, may the Lord save thee with thy sister holy obedience!" "He who possesses one (of the virtues) and does not offend the others, possesses all; and he who offends one, possesses none and offends all; and every one of them confounds vices and sins". "Holy wisdom confounds Satan and his wickedness. Pure holy simplicity confounds all the wisdom of this world and the wisdom of the flesh". "Holy humility confounds pride and all of the men of this world and all things that are in the world". "Holy charity confounds all diabolical and fleshly temptations and all fleshly fears". "Holy obedience confounds all bodily and fleshly desires and keeps the body mortified to the obedience of the spirit and to the obedience to all the men of this world". Wisdom, simplicity, poverty, humility, obedience: for Francis, they are all related, so that when one welcomes them into one's life, these shining virtues dwell together as family. (2 Peter 1: 5-6) Supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control with endurance, and endurance with poverty. May all of you continue your journey with St Francis and come to the joy of heaven.

Rhona

**Reminder: Our October gathering will be at
St. Edmond**

GATHERING SCHEDULE

- ❖ Mass
- ❖ Lunch
- ❖ Business Matters
- ❖ Evening Prayer

OFS Evening Prayer **October 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 27th week of Ordinary Time

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

Hymn: For the Fruits of His Creation
1 vol. pg. 1521 Number 37
4 vol. pg. 1040

Presider: Marty Rendon
Antiphonarian: Pauletta Riley
Reader: Pepper Tully

Franciscan Saint of the Month



October 4th
Solemnity of our Seraphic Father Saint Francis

The oldest surviving depiction of Saint Francis is a fresco near the entrance of the Benedictine abbey of Subiaco, painted between March 1228 and March 1229. He is depicted without the stigmata, but the image is a religious image and not a portrait.



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention
October 2026

The Pope's Prayer intention for the month of October is
For mental health ministry

Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Transitus of St. Francis

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

Saturday, October 3rd
12:00 pm
St. Edmond Church
Reception with light refreshments to follow in hall

Donations for The Shepherd's Office

Cold temperatures will be here before we know it! We can help stock the shelves now with the following:

Sweat Pants
Sweat Shirts
Thick Socks
Winter Hats (that can cover ears)
Winter Gloves
McDonald's \$10 gift cards

Remember:

October gathering at
St. Edmond

Future Fraternity Gatherings

2nd Thursday of each month

Please make note!

2026-2027

**October 8
November 12
December 10
January 14, 2027
February 11, 2027
March 11, 2027
April 8, 2027
May 13, 2027**

**All above gatherings will be
held at St. Edmond**

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 Côté	10/14/2010
Carolyn Protin	10/16/1991
Judy Bennett	10/16/1994
Barbara Grider	10/20/1991

November Professions

Elena Spitzer	11/10/2011
Kate Meire	11/30/2001

October Birthdays

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

November Birthdays

Ellen Oneto	11/23
Barbara Grider	11/26

We pray for our deceased relatives and friends and especially:

John Zell, ofs
Mary Lou Zell, ofs
Deacon Buddy Bianco, ofs
Deacon Bob Leonzio
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
Bonnie Côté, ofs
Nicole Meringolo, ofs
Judy Bennett, ofs
Carolyn Protin, ofs
Kathleen Murphy, ofs
Rhona Prescott, ofs
Mary-Anna Harvie, ofs
Ron & Bev Stoner, ofs
Sandy Paulen, ofs
Maureen Ciano, ofs
Pat Dubois, ofs



Pauletta Riley

Barbie Grider

Are bringing treats to our gathering.

Thank You!



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

**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
Cafe Napoli
4391 Kirkwood Highway
Wilmington, DE 19808

Update:

***A passenger van will now be used instead of car-pooling.
Mary McKeon will be sending an itinerary to all who are
attending.***

More information
at the
October gathering