

## *The Clarion*



### *St. Clare Fraternity*

St. John the Apostle Church  
Milford, DE  
**AUGUST 2018**

**“FOLLOW JESUS BY WALKING IN THE STEPS OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI,  
AND IMITATE HIS JOYFUL LOVE”**

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*Rite of Admission  
July 12, 2018  
Congratulations!*

**No Gathering in August!**



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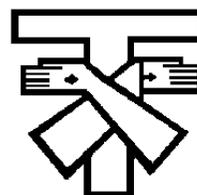
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### **OUR FRATERNITY GATHERINGS IN 2018**

September 13  
October 11  
November 8  
December 13



## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Our brother, Frank Rega, shares the following:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This month, we celebrate the feast of our Fraternity's patron saint, Clare. St. Clare, "the enlightened one", and "the little plant of the most blessed Francis", provides us the perfect example of how to live the Gospel ideals of St. Francis.

As Secular Franciscans, we are so blessed to have the example of St. Francis and St. Clare both of whom made Christ the inspiration and center of their relationship with God and with God's people.

Let us appreciate the special gift of our vocation as Secular Franciscans and meditate on how the life of St. Clare can guide us as we strive to live our Rule each and every day!

Peace and Good!  
Andy

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Dee Matthews	08/03
Frank Rega	08/14
Joe Smith	08/23

Please continue to pray for all of our sisters and brothers who are unable to be with us and for the special intentions of:

Janice and Dick McCarthy, ofs  
Pat DuBois, ofs  
Florence Bianco, ofs  
Catherine Fischer, ofs  
Linda Sciallo, ofs  
Lucy Deiac, ofs  
Rhona Prescott, ofs  
Jim Mullen, ofs  
Bill Farrell, 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

Life of St. Clare by Celano.

Of the blind man who was enlightened.

Giacomello, the son of a woman of Spoleto, had been struck blind at the age of 12. He could follow someone if guided, but without a guide, he was unable to walk without placing himself at a personal risk. Once, in fact, having been left by a young boy just a short time before, he fell down, breaking his arm and cutting his head. One night as he was sleeping near the bridge in Narni, a woman appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Giacomollo, why don't you come to me in Assisi and you will be cured." And when he awoke the next morning, he tremulously related his vision to two other blind men.

They answered, "We've heard that a nun died recently in Assisi and people say that her tomb is honored by the Lord through the grace of healing and many miracles!" As soon as he heard this, he set laziness aside and promptly began his journey. That night near Spoleto, he saw the same vision again. Even faster than before, he literally flew as he prepared everything so he could hurry off to save his sight.

As soon as he reached Assisi, he found such a great crowd of people at the virgin's mausoleum that there was no way he could get up to the tomb. He placed a stone beneath his head and, even though he was upset that he could not get in, he very faithfully fell asleep outside the door. There, for the third time, the voice said to him, "Giacomo, if you can get in then the Lord will bless you." So when he awoke he tearfully pleaded with the crowds, and shouting and doubling his prayers, begged them to let him through for the love of God. As soon as they let him pass, he threw off his shoes and humbly touched the tomb; then he dozed off. "Get Up!" Blessed Clare said to him, "Get up for you are cured." As soon as he got up, all blindness was shaken off and the haze over his eyes dissipated. Thanks to St. Clare, he could clearly see a glimmer of light. Praising the Lord as well as St. Clare, he invited everyone to bless God for the wonder of this great prodigy.

*August 2*  
*Our Lady of the Angels of Portiuncula*

