

The Clarion



St. Clare Fraternity

St. John the Apostle Church
Milford, DE
JULY 2018

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

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GATHERING DATE
THURSDAY JULY 12, 2018



Our Summer Gatherings

**St John the Apostle Church
506 Seabury Avenue
Milford, DE 199**

11:00: Rite of Admission followed by Mass

12:00: *International Food Festival*

1:30: Evening Prayer

Evening Prayer

Thursday of the 14th Week in Ordinary Time
Week 2 of Psalter

1 vol. pg. 830

4 vol. pg. 932 vol. III,

Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King

1 vol. – #14, pg. 1513 4 vol. – pg. 896

Presider: Jackie Boyd

Antiphonarian: Frances Butler

Reader: Tom Carter

ATTENDANCE AT THE GATHERINGS – All active members should make every attempt to attend the Gathering every month. If you are unable to attend due to illness, work or family obligations, please contact Carolyn Protin at 302-424-2441. If you are professed and miss a Gathering please send your check for the Common Fund, payable to St. Clare Fraternity, to
Mimi Farrell, ofs
68 E. Darby Circle, Dover, DE 19904

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Farrell will be calling to ask that you bring your favorite International dish to share. Please don't forget! If you have any questions, contact Bill at 302-697-3706.

We will NOT hold the monthly raffle but we will have the Common Fund collection.

We will close our summer gathering with Evening Prayer so please remember to bring your Liturgy of the Hours.

Reminders

1. Please bring non-perishable food items for the local Food Bank that St. John the Apostle Church supports.

2. Please bring your Ritual Books and Liturgy of the Hours



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The scriptures remind us of our basic need for food. We know Jesus fed five thousand with bread and fish and while the initial supply of food seemed extremely limited, there were leftovers at the end of the day.

There are many people and organizations such as Catholic Relief Services working to end hunger in our world. It is said that there is a sufficient supply of food available in the world to adequately feed the world's population - it is a matter of an uneven distribution of the "loaves and fishes". We can get involved in the solution to end hunger in the world through education, advocacy and action! I refer you to the CRS website to learn how you can get involved.

Just as we need food to feed our body, we need food to feed our soul. The sacrament of the Eucharist provides the spiritual nourishment we need. How blessed we are to have this gift! According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "The Eucharist is our daily bread. The power belonging to this divine food makes it a bond of divine union. Its effect is then understood as unity, so that gathered into His Body and made members of Him, we may become what we receive..."

As we reflect on the importance of food in our lives, let us pay attention to the millions of hungry in our temporal world – we can never forget about them. Also, let us praise and thank God for the gift of the Eucharist, and let us be nourished by it in a way unlike any other!

Peace and Good!
Andy



OUR FRATERNITY GATHERINGS IN 2018

July 12
No Gathering in August
September 13
October 11
November 8
December 13

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Judy Bennett	07/05
Ron Stoner	07/11
Frances Butler	07/18
Fr. Ron Pecci	07/24



Please don't forget to let your Prayer Partner that you have his/her name! That way they can let you know of any special intentions.

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

Florence Bianco, ofs
Catherine Fischer, ofs
Rhona Prescott, ofs
Janice and Dick McCarthy, ofs
Linda Sciallo, ofs
Carolyn Protin, ofs
Pamella Russell
Nicole Meringolo, ofs
Mary Moran, ofs
Kate Meire, ofs
Mimi & Bill Farrell, ofs

If you haven't sent in your intention, forms will be available in the Hall before Mass.

We pray for our deceased relatives and friends and especially:

John Zell, ofs
Mary Lou Zell, ofs
Deacon Buddy Bianco, ofs
Deacon Bob Leonizo

Our brother Frank Rega shares the following:

Life of St. Clare by Celano

More miracles after her death:

Valentino of Spello was so unfortunate on account of his epilepsy that six times a day, he would fall over wherever he happened to be. Furthermore, plagued by contractions in one of his legs, he was unable to walk normally. He was brought to the sepulcher of St. Clare on the back of a donkey and he stayed there for two days and three nights. On the third day, without anyone touching him, his leg shook with a great uproar and he was immediately cured of both illnesses.

A young Frenchman who was part of the Curia's retinue was overcome by raving madness, which struck him dumb and contorted his body monstrously. No one could hold him down and he writhed horribly in the hands of anyone who tried to detain him. His countrymen tied him down to a bier with ropes and brought him to the Church of St. Clare against his will. They placed him before her tomb and he was immediately cured through the faith of those who had brought him there.



Prayer to St. Francis for Fidelity to the Rule

Holy Father, loving and most beloved St. Francis,
I beseech you by the holy wounds of our Lord Jesus
Christ, which were imprinted on your body, assist me
to govern the five senses of my body according to the
will and pleasure of almighty God.

Intercede for me, so that I may be most faithful in the
observance of your Rule of Penance.

Obtain for me contrition and devotion, faith, hope,
and charity, patience, and purity of body and soul,
together with the grace of persevering in the service
of our Lord; so that after this life I may merit to
come to you, and with you to enjoy eternal happiness,
which I hope through your intercession to obtain
from Christ our Lord.

Amen.

From the Secular Franciscan Companion

God
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