

The Clarion



St. Clare Fraternity

St. Edmond Church
Rehoboth Beach, DE
MAY 2018

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

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GATHERING DATE
THURSDAY MAY 10, 2018

St. Edmond Church
409 King Charles Street, Rehoboth Beach, DE

This month, instead of Evening Prayer, we will close our gathering by praying The Crown Rosary. If you don't have a Crown Rosary, there will be a limited number of them available.

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

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

My Sisters and Brothers,

We each have different kinds of spiritual gifts, we are involved in different forms of service, and we have different ways of approaching things; but we are all united by the same Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Our diversity is a good thing and should not be viewed as a negative. Our differences are a reflection of God's infinite goodness and a demonstration of how we are each the unique handiwork of God. Rather than viewing others who are different from us as persons we should avoid, we can look at others as a way of experiencing the wonder of our God. So why do our differences oftentimes become sources of avoidance, conflict, fear, and other negative actions or feelings?

An individual I truly admired, the late Larry DiPaul, shared an experience he had on the streets of Camden, New Jersey one winter's night. He was in a hurry to get to a meeting and as he was walking hurriedly down the street, he saw a man approaching him on the same side of the street holding something in his hand. The man was in tattered clothes and his skin color was different from Larry's. Larry chose to cross the street to avoid him, thinking the man wanted to ask him for a couple of dollars or maybe even something worse.

Almost simultaneously, the man also crossed the street and came face to face with Larry. As they came together, the gentleman introduced himself as Steven, extended a cup of coffee to Larry, and said he wanted to share his hot coffee

Reminders and Announcements

1. Please bring non-perishable food items for the local Food Bank that St. Edmond Parish supports.
2. Please bring your Crown Rosary, Ritual Book, and Liturgy of the Hours
3. *May is Baby Shower Month! Please bring your items our Gathering. See the attached list of needed items for Kent County Pregnancy Help Center*

- 10:00 Inquirers will meet with their instructors
- 11:00 Mass
- 12:00 Lunch – Please bring your lunch and beverage. Dessert will be provided.
- 1:00 Marian Day of Prayer and Reflection,
Presenters: Bev and Ron Stoner

as he thought Larry was probably chilled from the winter's air. Larry immediately recognized that his avoidance and fear of this man, who seemed so different from him, was unfounded. He asked Steven to forgive him for trying to avoid him based on a stereotype he had concluded about him. Larry found himself having coffee with Jesus on that winter's night.

Let us try to recognize the differences among us as opportunities to experience the many and varied blessings of God, and let us think about how we can be a communion of different persons in mutual relationship.

Peace and Good!
Andy

This year, St. Clare Fraternity is celebrating our 10th year anniversary of Canonical Establishment. We are so very blest!

Welcome to our 6 inquirers:

*Fr. William Cocco
Marinela Davis
Loretta Hanley
Andrea Lipchak
Kevin Mumford
Pamela Russell*

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

Florence Bianco, ofs
Catherine Fischer, ofs
Linda Sciallo, ofs
Janice and Dick McCarthy, ofs
Laraine Hofmann, ofs
Nicole Meringolo, ofs
Beverly Stoner, ofs
Doris Tippett, ofs

We remember our departed relatives and friends, and especially:

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

Pray the Rosary!



Our Summer Gatherings
June, July, and September
will be held at
St. John the Apostle Church
506 Seabury Avenue
Milford, DE 19963

We will NOT meet in August
OUR FRATERNITY GATHERINGS IN 2018

May 10
June 14
July 12
No Gathering in August
September 13
October 11
November 8
December 13

MAY PROFESSION ANNIVERSARIES

Dianne Douglas	05/09/1979
Pat DuBois	05/16/2004
Florence Bianco	05/21/1989

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Loretta Hanley	5/8
Carolyn Protin	5/13
Celine Mallonee	5/20
Bonnie Coté	5/21
Janice McCarthy	5/24
Dick McCarthy	5/31

We thank our brother Frank Rega for these words from the Life of St. Clare by Celano:

Miracles after her death:

A young boy named Giacomino of Perugia did not seem to be ill, but appeared instead to be possessed by a horrible demon. Sometimes he would throw himself into the fire in desperation, other times he would writhe on the ground, and at other times he would gnaw at stones until his teeth broke. Twisting his mouth and sticking out his tongue, he would then curl up all his limbs with such ease that often he would wrap his legs around his neck. This so-called insanity tormented him twice a day, and the strength of two people could not stop him from stripping off his clothes. Medical experts were consulted but no one knew what to do. Finally the boy's father, named Guidolotto, turned to the goodness of St. Clare. He faithfully hurried to her sepulcher, bringing his son with him. "O most holy virgin," he said "O Clare, venerated the world over, I consecrate my poor son to you to beg you to cure him." Placing the child on the virgin's tomb, he obtained her help even before he had finished asking her for it. In fact, the boy Giacomino was immediately cured of that insanity and was never again tormented by any similar suffering. Praise be to God!

Pregnancy Help Center of Kent County, Inc.

Please bring donations to our May Gathering

Pregnancy Help Center of Kent County, Inc.
1991 South State Street
Dover, DE 19901
302-698-9311

Needs for the Pregnancy Help Center of Kent County, Inc.

- Gently used maternity clothing, all sizes

Gently used baby/toddler furniture:

- Pack n Play
- Strollers
- High Chairs
- Baby “bucket type” infant car seats
- Child car seats, check expiration date
- Baby play mats
- Bouncy seats
- Bassinets
- Walkers
- Cribs, must meet current standards
- Baby bath tubs
- Toddler beds

New or gently used:

- Shirts
- Pants
- Shoes
- Jackets
- Pajamas

Gift Cards

Grocery Walmart Target

New or gently used baby items:

- Receiving blankets
- Baby bath towels with hood
- Diaper bags
- Sleepers Gowns
- Outfits
- T-shirts
- Jackets
- Snow suits
- Socks, girls especially
- Baby bottles, we really need these!
- Diapers, Newborn
- WIPES, urgent need
- Bibs, infant to toddler
- Formula
- Baby food
- Baby toiletries, baby wash, shampoos, lotions