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The Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2024

MASS TIMES

(Please check bulletin for changes)

Saturdays: 4:00 PM @ St. Clare
5:30 PM @ Holy Cross

Sundays: 8:30 AM @ St. Clare
10:45 AM @ Holy Cross

Tuesdays: 6:00 PM @ Holy Cross

Wednesdays: 8:30AM @ Holy Cross

Thursdays: 8:00 AM @ St. Clare

Fridays: 8:00 AM @ St. Clare

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 3:15 PM to 3:45 PM or call the rectory to schedule an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Prospective parents are expected to attend an instruction session. Please call the parish office to make arrangements and schedule an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Preparations should be made one year in advance to schedule and plan your wedding.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

PREP/CCD classes are offered for our public grade school children. Classes are held Wednesday evenings 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Parish registration is recommended for all individual persons and families who worship regularly and who intend to participate actively in the life of our parish by sharing their time, talents and treasure. Registration is necessary for celebrating Marriage and Baptism, as well as for the issuing of Sponsor Certificates.

Director of Religious Education Dorothy Frie

Parish Religious Education Website stcstsprep.weebly.com

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Mrs. Wendy S. Krisak, MA, MCC, LPC Direct: 1-800-791-9209

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A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

The Epiphany of the Lord ~ January 7, 2024

“You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit. It was not made known to people of other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”

On this day when we commemorate the coming of the Magi, the Wise Men, with three gifts, and their discovery of Mary with the child, we ask what that means for me today. Saint Paul speaks of three things. We are coheirs' of the gift of grace and redemption. We are, as he states in his letters, 'members of the body of Christ', and copartners.

We have been gifted, but also become responsible to bring what has been given to others. This responsibility is an awesome task for which we are held accountable. We learned the three kings returned home, and have heard nothing more about their experience. That cannot be what is expected of us, who discover the presence of the Lord and the protection of His Mother.

Our Parish as a School of Prayer

Monday, January 8, 2024

The Baptism of the Lord
NO MASS

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

NO MASS

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

NO MASS

Thursday, January 11, 2024

NO MASS

Friday, January 12, 2024

NO MASS

Saturday, January 13, 2024

Vigil for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 4:00 PM

Sean Allison

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 5:30 PM

Gene & Joan Lonergan

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:30 AM

Edward Chaklos

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 10:45 AM

Mr. & Mrs. Carl J. Valentine

Father Bill is away this week directing the retreat for the 1st and 2nd Theologians of St. Charles Seminary which includes Allentown, Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Lincoln, NE. Please pray for Father to inspire our seminarians to become wonderful priests; which includes James, Jeff, Tyle, Dominic, Kolbe, Tyler, and Ahn.



St. Clare of Assisi does have a handicap lift accessible from Mill Street with an attendant for all weekend Masses.



Eucharistic Devotion

Second Monday in January at St. Clare from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
(January 8th)

Tuesdays - Holy Cross following 6:00 PM Mass to 7 PM.

Fridays - St. Clare following 8:00 AM Mass until 10:30 AM.

From the Pastor's Desk

Today we recall the magi, who, drawn by the star, journeyed from distant lands to find the newborn king of the Jews and present him with their finest gifts. We each make our own journey to the Lord, and when we come to celebrate the Eucharist we offer our finest gifts – our prayers, our lives, our future – to Him whose birth we have just marked. Let us in turn welcome all those who are making their journeys from near and far to worship the Lord.

An apology from Father – Father regrets he took ill the week before Christmas and was still ill the week of Christmas. Especially because Masses had to be cancelled. Those Masses will be rescheduled to be offered by Father.

Father's illness reminds us of the priest shortage that affects us and that Priests get sick too. Let's work on keeping everyone healthy throughout this winter.

Second Collection

This week's second collection will be for the Building Fund. Next week's second collection will be for the Heat and Energy.



Thank you to the Sunday (Christmas Eve) decorating crew: Mary Ann Durant, Patti Hale, Frankie Uhrin, Danny Tresize, Joe Corby, Jack & Cookie Ketner, Jo-Ellen & Ray Gipe, Joe Melincavage, Bob & Ginger Brusok and Rich DeWitt. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Winter has arrived

Please note that in the event of inclement weather, that delays or cancels schools and other public activities, the parishes will do the same.

In the event of a school delay for the Pottsville or St. Clair School District, Mass will be delayed the same length of time.

In the event of cancellation for the school districts, Mass will also be cancelled.

Please note one should be concerned about driving conditions and their safety. It is not a sin to miss Mass because of snowy or icy weather. It is better to be safe. In the event of weather over the weekend, Father Bill will do his very best to make it for all Sunday Masses, however if he feels the roads are not safe for his driving there will be no Mass at New Philadelphia.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

Are you interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister? We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to provide Communion to local nursing homes. Training will be provided. If interested please notify the rectory.



Thank you to everyone who donated items to the **Giving Tree** and the collection for **Servants to All**. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Mass Attendance	Week of 12/24/23
4:00 PM at SCA	232
5:30 PM at HC	189
8:30 AM at SCA	120

Mass Attendance	Week of 12/31/23
4:00 PM at SCA	183
5:30 PM at HC	109
8:30 AM at SCA	132
10:45 AM at HC	129

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT	Week of 12/24/2023
Contributions - Sunday Envelope	\$ 5,136
Contributions - Other Sunday Giving	\$ 1,404
Total Plate	\$ 6,540
Needed to meet Church Budget	\$ 5,673
Total Contributions	\$ 138,953
YTD Budget to now	\$ 147,498
Total Over (Under) Budget	\$ (8,545)
OTHER COLLECTIONS	
Building Fund	\$ 185
Candles	\$ 46
Heat & Energy	\$ 214
Cemetery	\$ -0-

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT	Week of 12/31/2023
Contributions - Sunday Envelope	\$ 4,530
Contributions - Other Sunday Giving	\$ 306
Total Plate	\$ 4,836
Needed to meet Church Budget	\$ 5,673
Total Contributions	\$ 143,789
YTD Budget to now	\$ 153,171
Total Over (Under) Budget	\$ (9,382)
OTHER COLLECTIONS	
Building Fund	\$ 1,786
Candles	\$ 108
Heat & Energy	\$ 81
Cemetery	\$ -0-

Mass Attendance	Christmas 2023
4:00 PM at SCA	647
7:00 PM at HC	212
9:00 PM at SCA	227
9:00 AM at HC	157

Christmas Collection	\$16,816.00
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Additional Christmas Flower Donations

-Mrs. Frances Strausser in Memory of Bill Strausser and Heenan Family



**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES FOR
ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH
HOLY CROSS PARISH**

- January 21** Christian Unity Prayer Service @
2:00 PM
- January 21** PREP Movie Night "THE STAR" @
4:00 PM
- February 17** Confirmation Retreat @ Nativity
10:00 AM – 2:30 PM
- March 3** Breakfast at ICC Hall 8:00 AM –
11:30 AM
- March 11 – 12** Parish Mission
- March 16** 1st Penance SCA & HC @ St. Clare of
Assisi @ 10:00 AM
- April 14** Meat Bingo to benefit SCA held at St.
Clair Lions Club
- April 25** Confirmation @ 4:30
- April 28** 1st Communion at SCA 10:45 AM
- May 5** 1st Communion at HC 10:45 AM
- June 10 – 13** 1st week of Boot Camp
- June 24-27** 2nd week of Boot Camp



PIEROGI SCHOOL BEGINS

We will begin making pierogies for Lent
Monday, January 15th – Peelers
Wednesday, January 17th – Makers/Pinchers
9:00 AM



Help is needed to take down the Christmas decorations on Saturday January 13th. Many hands make light work. See you on Saturday at 8:30 AM.



**Altar Server Mass – Saturday, April 13th
2024**

**11:00 AM – Cathedral Church of St.
Catharine of Siena, Allentown**

All altar servers throughout the diocese are invited to attend this special Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert. This Mass is to bless and thank all those serving in this important ministry. Participants are invited to bring and vest in their parish's altar server robes. A reception for altar servers and their families will be held after the Mass.

Week of Christian Unity

Since 1904 our Catholic faith has prayed for the unification of all Christian Churches. In 1946 Protestant Churches joined us in prayer for this noble cause.

On **Sunday January 21st at 2:00 PM**, join us here at St. Clare of Assisi with other members of the various congregations of the churches of St. Clair.

A period of fellowship will follow in the hall. We are in need of some people willing to organize the light social. Please call the rectory if you are able to help 570-429-0370.



A word of thanks to all those who wore their Ugly Sweater to church last weekend. One of the greatest gifts that God could give us is the ability to laugh

PREP EVENTS

January 21 Movie Night at SCA @ 4:00 PM for all PREP students with the movie "THE STAR". Members of Knights of Columbus will be making Pizza for the children.

RSVP would be appreciated to enable the Knights to know how many pizzas need to be baked.

Call the Rectory at 570-429-0370 by January 17th. "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster winners will be announced at this time.

January 31 – March 6^h 1st Penance students begin class at SCA (both parishes) from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM.

March 10 1st Penance Retreat @ SCA 2:00 PM
Both Parishes

March 20 – April 24 1st Communion students begin class from 6:00 – 7:30 each at their own parish.

March 20 & April 3 Confirmation students begin class from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM at SCA for both parishes.

April 10 & April 17 Confirmation students will have class from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM at HC for both parishes.

April 21 SCA 1st Communion Retreat

April 25 Confirmation at St. Pat's at 4:30 PM

April 28 SCA 1st Communion at 10:45 AM

May 5 HC 1st Communion at 10:45 AM

COOKS WITH COLLARS starting January 12!
Father Bill needs your help!

Father Bill will represent St. Clare of Assisi in COOKS WITH COLLARS, an online cooking competition to raise funds for parishes and Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Allentown. Visit www.cookswithcollars.com to see your favorite priests from around the Diocese creating delicious kitchen concoctions. Vote early and

vote often (deadline February 12) for our Diocesan top chef! All voting proceeds benefit our parish. Thanks for making Father Bill and St. Clare of Assisi a winner!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

St. Clair Ecumenical Food Pantry

Holy Apostles Church is assuming the responsibilities for the distribution of non-perishable food items once a month. There will be a collection box on the front porch of our rectory for any parishioner wishing to donate a canned good or non-perishable food item.

PLEASE NO EXPIRED FOOD ITEMS.



December 26th was the feast of St. Stephen, the 1st Christian Martyr. We remembered him in front of our altar so we too can bear witness to our faith.

NATIVITY HAPPENINGS

Nativity is currently accepting inquiries for enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year. Individual meetings, school tours and shadow days are being scheduled for possible enrollment. Please contact Mrs. Jennifer Daubert in the Development Office with any enrollment questions.

Open House and Registration: Registration for the 2024-2025 school year at Nativity is scheduled for Sunday, January 28, 2024 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM at the school. Faculty, staff, administration and coaches will be available to answer questions. Tours of the school will be given and tuition assistance drawings will be available that afternoon for those who register. Please contact Jennifer Daubert at 570-622-8110 with any questions.



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