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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 14, 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](http://stcstsprep.weebly.com)

## Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

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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

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“John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he said: ‘Behold the Lamb of God.’ The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him ‘Rabbi... where are you staying?’ He said them, ‘Come and you will see.’”

We picture this meeting, we hear the conversation, and Jesus asks us the same question, ‘what are YOU looking for?’ Take time to answer, for we are asking Him to come to us and accompany us on our journey as His disciples. It was Andrew who informed Peter and brought him to Jesus. Jesus had a special job for him. Every disciple of the Lord is another Andrew. To whom can I speak and invite to know Jesus?

## **Our Parish as a School of Prayer**

**Monday, January 15, 2024**

NO MASS

**Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

*HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 6:00 PM*

Ronald J. Shatus

**Wednesday, January 17, 2024**

**St. Anthony, Abbot**

*HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 8:30 AM*

Diane R. Leinheiser

**Thursday, January 18, 2024**

*ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:00 AM*

Charles & Mary Schlottman

**Friday, January 19, 2024**

*ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:00 AM*

Paul Chekan

**Saturday, January 20, 2024**

**Vigil for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 4:00 PM*

Robert Finlan

*HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 5:30 PM*

Josephine Arminavage

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:30 AM*

Kathleen Feeney

*HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 10:45 AM*

Joan Harkins



Sanctuary Candle in memory of  
Sean Allison



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



## **Eucharistic Devotion**

**First Monday** in February at

St. Clare from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

**(February 5th)**

**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**

Last Sunday, on the feast of the Epiphany, we heard the familiar story of the magi, who, directed by the star to Bethlehem, find the baby Jesus. Today we hear of the first disciples, who, directed by John the Baptist, encounter the adult Jesus. That initial encounter changes the entire course of their lives, for, as Andrew insists to his brother Simon, "We have found the Messiah." May our encounter with the lord, here and elsewhere, influence the way we live our lives as well.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Additional Christmas Flower Donations**

-Mrs. Joanne Panchari in memory of McMenamin & Panchari families.

-Mr. Joseph Matto & Mr. John Matto in memory of Mr & Mrs. John Matto & Miss Loretta Matto.

## **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.

<b>Mass Attendance</b>	<b>Week of 1/7/2024</b>
4:00 PM at SCA	101
5:30 PM at HC	16
8:30 AM at SCA	17
10:45 AM at HC	55

<b>WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT</b>	<b>Week of 1/7/2024</b>
Contributions - Sunday Envelope	\$ 2,693
Contributions - Other Sunday Giving	\$ 79
Total Plate	\$ 2,772
Needed to meet Church Budget	\$ 5,673
Total Contributions	\$ 146,561
YTD Budget to now	\$ 158,844
Total Over (Under) Budget	\$ (12,283)
<b>OTHER COLLECTIONS</b>	
Building Fund	\$ 103
Candles	\$ -0-
Heat & Energy	\$ 466
Cemetery	\$ -0-



## **PIEROGI SCHOOL BEGINS THIS WEEK!**

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

## **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 – 13** Parish Mission
- March 16** 1<sup>st</sup> 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** 1<sup>st</sup> Communion at SCA 10:45 AM
- May 4** 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat @ HC
- May 5** 1<sup>st</sup> Communion at HC 10:45 AM
- June 10 – 13** 1<sup>st</sup> week of Boot Camp
- June 24-27** 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Boot Camp



**Altar Server Mass – Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>  
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.



A special thank you to Jack Ketner for taking Father Bill under treacherous conditions to Holy Cross on Saturday and returning him safely to the rectory. Also a thank you to Jack and his grandson for coming out Sunday afternoon to make the sidewalks safer and cleaner.

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **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](http://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!

### **PRAYER SHAWLS**

If you are in need of a prayer shawl, we have a supply in the rectory. Please give us a call or stop in for one.

### **JEWEL WOMEN'S CENTER**

Lindell Berg the Development Coordinator from Jewel Women's Center, Schuylkill Haven will be at the Saturday evening Masses on January 20<sup>th</sup> to give a brief presentation on the Center and their Baby Bottle Campaign.

THE LORD IS  
*My Shepherd*  
I SHALL NOT WANT

### **MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS** **NOVEMBER & DECEMBER, 2023**

#### **In Memory of Dennis Durant**

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Robert Whalen  
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Sally & Mike Houseknecht  
Mary Margaret Moore

#### **In Memory of William Powell**

Joan & John Holden

#### **In Memory of Christopher Shellhammer**

Rick, Michelle, Ricky, & Patrick Stone  
Ron & Joan Greene  
Margaret & Stanley Wapinsky







## 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 17<sup>th</sup>. **“Keep Christ in Christmas”** poster winners will be announced at this time.

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

**March 10** 1<sup>st</sup> Penance Retreat @ SCA 2:00 PM Both Parishes

**March 11 -13** Parish Mission

**March 20 – April 24** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat

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

**April 28** SCA 1<sup>st</sup> Communion at 10:45 AM

**May 5** HC 1<sup>st</sup> Communion at 10:45 AM

## 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.**

## 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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If interested please contact Mrs. Erin Schoepflin, Principal, 112 South 7<sup>th</sup> St., Pottsville, PA 17901 570-622-0106.



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