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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 21, 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

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“Jonah had gone but a single day’s walk announcing, ‘Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed.’ When the people of Nineveh believed God they proclaimed a fast... When God saw their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil he had threatened... Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God, ‘This is the time of fulfillment, the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.’”

Two preachers, the same message. The people of Nineveh repented. Jesus called the Galileans to repentance. The message is the same for us today. Are we listening? Our world burdened by hate, war, promiscuity, family breakdown, is perhaps worse than was Nineveh and Galilee. If we all would respond by our own prayer and fasting things could be quite different. Our problem as we read the scriptures today is our own indifference.

Our Parish as a School of Prayer

Monday, January 22, 2024

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 6:00 PM

Rose Marie Wargo

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:00 AM

John Houseknecht

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

St. Anthony, Abbot

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 8:30 AM

Helene Thomas

Thursday, January 25, 2024

NO MASS

Friday, January 26, 2024

NO MASS

Saturday, January 27, 2024

Vigil for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 4:00 PM

Dennis Durant

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 5:30 PM

Sophia & Adolph Bonenberger

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:30 AM

Anna Kostura

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 10:45 AM

Ted & Floss Marchetti

SEE THE CHANGE IN THE DAILY MASS

SCHEDULE ABOVE FOR THIS WEEK due to

Chancery meetings.



Sanctuary Candle in memory of
Kathleen Feeny
By: Daughters Kristine & Michelle

REST IN PEACE

Patricia Lubinsky, Rita
Meadows, Madeline Wonchalk,
Cerry Roman, Johnola Petrozino,
Thomas Adamchick, and Lenny
Brylewski.



**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

In today's Gospel, Jesus passes by the Sea of Galilee and calls the first four disciples, two pairs of brothers: Simon and Andrew, James and John. Follow me, He tells these four fishermen, and I will make you fishers of more disciples. Jesus continues to call disciples; indeed, we were all called when we were baptized. On this Sunday of the Word of God, may the stories of Jonah, of Paul, and of the first four disciples inspire us to drop our nets and follow more closely our Lord as His disciples.

Second Collection

This week's second collection will be for the Heat & Energy. Next week's second collection will be for A.D. Times and Heat and Energy.

Welcome to Special Guests

on Saturday, January 20th we
welcome a representative
from the **Jewel Women's
Center** as we celebrate Pro-
Life Week and Pro-Life
Month. Jewel is a facility
that assists pregnant women
while observing a pro-life
message.



Jewel will be bringing with them baby collection bottles to support their ministry. Perhaps this lent you can take a bottle or two home and fill it with spare change to foster their mission.

Sunday, January 28th, Jeanette from **Servants for All** a shelter for homeless in the Greater Pottsville Area will be at the 8:30AM Mass to receive from children of our Parish Prep Program who collected donations for the homeless during these winter months. It is not too late to donate items such as socks, undergarments, hygiene products, sweaters and sweat shirts in good wearable condition, hats or gloves. Any parishioner wishing to still donate, please drop items off at the church or rectory before next Sunday.

Mass Attendance	Week of 1/14/2024
4:00 PM at SCA	193
5:30 PM at HC	103
8:30 AM at SCA	145
10:45 AM at HC	95

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT	Week of 1/14/2024
Contributions - Sunday Envelope	\$ 5,665
Contributions - Other Sunday Giving	\$ 326
Total Plate	\$ 5,991
Needed to meet Church Budget	\$ 5,673
Total Contributions	\$ 152,552
YTD Budget to now	\$ 164,517
Total Over (Under) Budget	\$ (11,965)
OTHER COLLECTIONS	
Building Fund	\$ 1,153
Candles	\$ 29
Heat & Energy	\$ 160

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.

This Sunday 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.

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 10** HC Soup & Bake Sale
- February 14** SCA Pierogi Sale
- 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** 1st Penance SCA & HC @ St. Clare of Assisi @ 10:00 AM
- March 16-17** HC Candy Pick up
- March 22** HC Bleenie Sale
- March 25** Lenten Penance Service @ St. Clare of Assisi @ 7:00pm
- April 4** HC Kitchen
- April 14** Meat Bingo to benefit SCA held at St. Clair Lions Club
- April 20** HC Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner
- April 25** Confirmation @ 4:30
- April 27** 1st Communion Retreat @ HC
- 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 CONTINUES THIS WEEK!

Peelers – Monday
Pinchers – Wednesday



**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.

COOKS WITH COLLARS January 12 – February 12

Father Bill is representing 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!** Voting began on January 12th and will end on February 12th for our Diocesan top chef! All voting proceeds benefit our parish. Voting may be done online with a credit card **or** with "Off-Line" donations dropped in collection baskets and/or parish offices.
Thanks for making Father Bill and St. Clare of Assisi a winner!



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.

"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 11 -13 Parish Mission

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



Thank you, Diane & Joe Melincavage; Cookie & Jack Ketner, Shawn Garrity, Connor Burke, Paul Jones, Jack Burke, Dottie Frie, Wyatt Gerber, Connor Woll, Frankie Uhrin, & Danny Tresize for all the help in taking down the Christmas decorations last Saturday.

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.

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

Assumption BVM School



St. Patrick Preschool @ Assumption BVM

Accepting registrations for the 2024-2025 school year. Two, Three and Five Day Programs both full and half days

available. Visit at the Open House on **Sunday, January 28th**.

Contact the school for more information at 570-622-0106 or saintpatraicks.prek@gmail.com.



Assumption BVM Open House

Sunday, January 28th from Noon – 2PM

Student Council members will be present to assist in giving tours to prospective families. Members of the Home & School Association will be present to answer questions and show families around, faculty & staff will be available to talk with new families and begin the enrollment process.



Catholic Schools

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

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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