



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28, 2024

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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 Frye

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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“A prophet like me will the Lord God raise up for you, from among your own kin, to him you shall listen... I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into their mouth, he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it.”

The first pages of scripture tell us of a promised redeemer. The prophets, the spokespersons for God constantly reminded the people of their covenant with God. John the Baptist pointed out Jesus as the one. Jesus being present made a new covenant, and today that covenant is renewed in His church.

Promise, prophets, presence, preaching, the story of salvation for us all. Today we are called to listen to the voice of God found in the teaching and preaching of our church leaders, chosen ones, who are calling us to awaken and respond to the covenant God made with us. We hear the word proclaimed at mass, we open the bible at home to reflect upon it. We have so many resources on YouTube or Relevant Radio to continue to form and reform our lives. May this help us answer for His call.

Our Parish as a School of Prayer

Monday, January 29, 2024

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 8:30 AM

Frank & Toni Fuss

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

St. John Bosco, Priest

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 8:30 AM

William Zerdy

Thursday, February 1, 2024

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:00 AM

Sean Mettam

Friday, February 2, 2024

The Presentation of the Lord

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:00 AM

Rose Garrity

Saturday, February 3, 2024

Vigil for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 4:00 PM

Sean Allison

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 5:30 PM

Emily Bernitsky

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:30 AM

Fr. William Kantner

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 10:45 AM

Florence Bound



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

Can you believe it's been over a month since we celebrated Christmas? By now, our decorations are likely back in their boxes and the warm glow of the holidays has faded, but let us not forget that our greatest Christmas gift ever – the Son of God – remains with us always. Even on an ordinary day in the middle of winter, he is with us here as we gather to celebrate the meal, he left us before he died. Let us give thanks as we receive Him once again in the Eucharist.

As we conclude pro-life week where we pray for respect for life from the womb to the tomb, we are reminded of the importance of life and helping others bring their lives to fruition.

Last week we heard a presentation on the Jewel Women's Center in Schuylkill Haven, please feel free if you have not done so to take a baby donation bottle for your loose change. This is also a great way to make Lenten sacrifice for both young and old.



Rest in Peace

Barbara Kilraine
Joseph Prosper

Second Collection

This week's second collection will be for the Heat & Energy and Catholic Relief Services. Next week's second collection will be for Heat and Energy.

Welcome to A Special Guest



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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed :

Lent - to carry the Cross and Candles for Stations on Tuesdays during Lent.

Ash Wednesday – 1 Lector, 1 Lift operator and 2 Eucharistic Ministers.

If you are able to assist please contact the rectory to be put on the schedule.

Mass Attendance	Week of 1/21/2024
4:00 PM at SCA	153
5:30 PM at HC	74
8:30 AM at SCA	104
10:45 AM at HC	122

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT	Week of 1/21/2024
Contributions - Sunday Envelope	\$ 3,263
Contributions - Other Sunday Giving	\$ 207
Total Plate	\$ 3,470
Needed to meet Church Budget	\$ 5,673
Total Contributions	\$ 156,022
YTD Budget to now	\$ 170,190
Total Over (Under) Budget	\$ (14,168)
OTHER COLLECTIONS	
Building Fund	\$ 105
Candles	\$ 9
Heat & Energy	\$ 913

Annual Lenten Mission

Our Lenten Mission for both parishes will be Monday, March 11th through Wednesday, March 13th. Our homilist for all 3 nights will be Father Brian Miller former Pastor of St. Joseph the Worker in Frackville and St. Charles Borromeo in Ashland. Each night of the mission will begin at 7:00 pm, with Confessions beforehand at 6:15PM. Father Miller's reflections will be on the Kingship of Christ. Mark your calendars now for this important parish spiritual event.



PIEROGI SCHOOL CONTINUES THIS WEEK!

Peelers – Monday @ 5:00 PM
Pinchers – Wednesday @ 9:00 AM

In years past we received many donations for pierogies which helped decrease our costs and increase our profits. Those donations have dried up therefore anyone who would like to assist we greatly appreciate a monetary donation to help pay for butter, potatoes, sour cream and cheese. Donations can be dropped off at the rectory, collection basket or given to Anne Bridget.



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.

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.

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

- 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

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

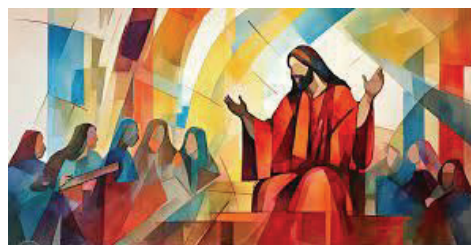
- January 31 – March 6^h** 1st Penance students begin class at SCA (both parishes) from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM.
- March 10** 1st Penance Retreat @ SCA 2:00 PM
Both Parishes
- March 11 -13** Parish Mission
- March 20 – April 24** 1st Communion students begin class from 6:00 – 7:30 each at their own parish.
- 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

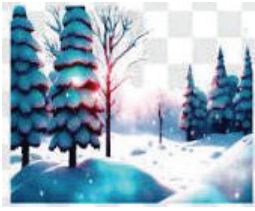


Cooks with Collars

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





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.

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

As we begin Catholic Schools week, we welcome Bishop Schlert as our celebrant for the weekly school Mass on Wednesday, January 31st.

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 saintpatricks.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.



Would you like to make a difference in the lives of nineteen 10- and 11-year-olds?

Catholic Schools

Long-term substitute needed for 5th Grade.

This position is to deliver instruction that has been provided for them, guide students, and provide assistance. This position **does not include** recess duty, lunch duty, after school programs to monitor, grading, lesson planning. (all of this will be done by other teachers and the principal)

Pay – if willing to do on a short-term basis until a long-term sub is available, it is \$90 a day; If the individual has a minimum of an Associate's degree, they can be placed as a long-term substitute at the starting teacher rate of \$25,000 plus benefits.

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

NATIVITY HAPPENINGS



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.

Diocesan Lenten retreat series, featuring

speakers from our Diocese. The event series is as follows:

Date	Place	Topic & Presenter
Mon. Feb 19	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Roseto	“Healing” by Maggie Riggins
Mon. Feb 26	St. Ambrose, Sch. Haven	“Presence” by Lillian Fallon
Mon. March 4	St. Catharine of Siena, Reading	“Sacrifice” by Rob Johnson
Mon. March 11	Ss. Peter & Paul, Lehighton	“Meal” by Kristin Osenbach
Mon. March 18	Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown	“Holy” by Fr. John Triglio

Schedule of the night: 6:30pm-7:30pm Adoration, 7:30pm Presentation, 8:00pm Refreshments.



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