



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 4, 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 Frie

Parish Religious Education Website 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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“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon, and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, ‘Everyone is looking for you’. He told them, ‘let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’”

Following His visit to a synagogue, healing Peter’s family member and many others, Jesus leaves to be alone in prayer. Did you ever think of the content of that prayer, perhaps gratitude for the healing, for those who responded to His teaching, for the needs which would confront Him in the future in the next village?

In a few brief verses we meet Jesus, as teacher, healer, prayer and with us today companion for others. Simon’s statement, ‘everyone is looking for you’, is repeated for us today, although many do not know the Jesus we know and follow. Our task is to help them end their search and bring Jesus to them.

Our Parish as a School of Prayer

Monday, February 5, 2024

St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
NO MASS

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 6:00 PM
Anna Williams

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

St. John Bosco, Priest
HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 8:30 AM
John Zelonis

Thursday, February 8, 2024

St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Joseph Bakhita, Virgin
ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:00 AM
Dawn Williams

Friday, February 9, 2024

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:00 AM
Elizabeth Didjunos

Saturday, February 10, 2024

Vigil for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 4:00 PM
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Thomas, Sr.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 5:30 PM
Patricia Lutsky

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:30 AM
Christopher Walters & Santanna Gorman

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 10:45 AM
Joan Harkins



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

We gather on this midwinter day, as we do each Sunday, to celebrate the meal that Jesus left us so that we could be nourished by him as we continue our journey to the kingdom. We give praise and thanks to God for this opportunity, even as we acknowledge our failings, our sinfulness, and our need for God's mercy. Let us lift our voices in song and prayer to our God.



Rest in Peace

Allan Reed

Second Collection

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed :

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

Ash Wednesday – 1 Lector and 1 Lift operator.

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

Mass Attendance	Week of 1/28/2024
4:00 PM at SCA	201
5:30 PM at HC	105
8:30 AM at SCA	163
10:45 AM at HC	130

Bible Study continues on Thursday morning after 8:00 AM Mass. All are welcome!

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT	Week of 1/28/2024
Contributions - Sunday Envelope	\$ 6,305
Contributions - Other Sunday Giving	\$ 250
Total Plate	\$ 6,555
Needed to meet Church Budget	\$ 5,673
Total Contributions	\$ 162,577
YTD Budget to now	\$ 175,863
Total Over (Under) Budget	\$ (13,286)
OTHER COLLECTIONS	
Building Fund	\$ 197
Candles	\$ 16
Heat & Energy	\$ 1,432

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 @ 5:30 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.

St. Clare of Assisi Pierogi Sales for 2024 will begin on

Ash Wednesday, February 14th.
All **cooked** sales are **preorder** only.
Prices are: Frozen uncooked \$9.00
Cooked (butter only or butter & onions) \$10.00

**Please call one of the following numbers to order
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Pick up time is between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM

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Monday, February 12 th	Ash Wednesday, February 14 th
Wednesday, February 21 st	Friday, February 23 rd
Wednesday, February 28 th	Friday, March 1 st
Wednesday, March 6 th	Friday, March 8 th
Wednesday, March 13 th	Friday, March 15 th
Wednesday, March 20 th	Friday, March 22 nd
Monday, March 25 th	Holy Week, March 27 th

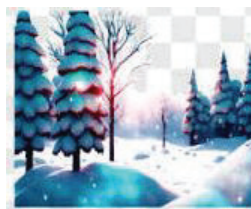
PRAYER SHAWLS

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
- February 17** Knights of Columbus Soup Sale
9:00AM - Noon
- March 3** HC Meatloaf Dinner
- 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 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

Knights of Columbus Soup Sale will be held on Saturday, February 17th from 9:00 AM – Noon in the church hall.



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.



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Winners were announced at the recent Movie Night. Winners from left are John Ebling, Knights of Columbus, Abigail Rhode, Danny McCarthy, Deacon Hart, Cora Slackus, Chaylee Slackus, Declan Hart, and Corey Beaumont, Knights of Columbus.



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!

Prayer Service for Christian Unity

Held at St. Clare of Assisi, Sunday, Jan 21st



Saint Clair churches came together to celebrate Christian Unity Week. From left, the Rev. Jennie Strauch, pastor, St. John's UCC;

the Very Rev. Gregory J. Noga, pastor, St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic; the Rev. Jack Murray, St. Clair-Wade United Methodist; the Rev. Kurt Kovalovich, priest-in-charge Holy Apostles Episcopal; the Rev. Msgr. William F. Glosser, pastor, St. Clare of Assisi. In rear, Bettina and the Rev. Robert Schaeffer, United Presbyterian.



Presentation to “**Servants for All**” for collection of 26 boxes of clothing and hygiene supplies. Thank you to all who contributed.

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



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