



Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2024

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MASS TIMES

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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

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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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“If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died – or rather, was raised – who is also at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.”

Saint Paul was trying to convince the first Christians in Rome of God’s concern for them and the saving work of Jesus as redeemer. We become blasé recalling the saving work of Christ in our behalf but fail to respond today for what He did for us on Calvary. That is why we need Lent.

With the chosen apostles on Tabor we are told to listen to God’s beloved Son, and as we begin the second week of Lent, to see that I am alone with Jesus. What do I say and do?

Our Parish as a School of Prayer

Monday, February 26, 2024

NO MASS

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 8:30 AM

Ronald Shatus

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 8:30 AM

Diane Leinheiser

Thursday, February 29, 2024

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 7:45 AM

William Strausser

Friday, March 1, 2024

First Friday of the Month

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:00 AM

Dr. Robert O'Connor

Saturday, March 2, 2024

Vigil for the Third Sunday in Lent

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 4:00 PM

Christopher Jones

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 5:30 PM

Kristine Kelly Smith

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Third Sunday in Lent

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:30 AM

Edward Chaklos

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 10:45 AM

Paul & Kitty Setlock

Eucharistic Devotion



Second Monday in March at St. Clare from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM (**March 11th**)

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

As we continue our Lenten journey today, we hear stories of two significant journeys in the history of our faith. Abraham travels to a distant land with his precious son, Isaac, where his devotion and obedience to God will be put to their greatest test. Jesus leads His closest disciples up a high mountain where He will be transfigured in glory. May our practice of the Lenten disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving transform us into more loving and devoted disciples.

Second Collection

This week's second collection will be for the Heat & Energy and Operation Rice Bowl. Next week's second collection will be for Heat and Energy.



Lenten Offerings

During the season of Lent we participate in Operation Rice Bowl.

Asking individuals or families to eat one less meal a week and the monetary savings from that meal to be placed in an Operation Rice Bowl envelope. As in the past, Rice Bowl envelopes may be placed in the collection at anytime during Lent.

Mass Attendance	Week of 2/18/2024
4:00 PM at SCA	179
5:30 PM at HC	94
8:30 AM at SCA	141
10:45 AM at HC	132

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT	Week of 2/18/2024
Contributions - Sunday Envelope	\$ 6,964
Contributions - Other Sunday Giving	\$ 404
Total Plate	\$ 7,368
Needed to meet Church Budget	\$ 5,673
Total Contributions	\$ 180,791
YTD Budget to now	\$ 192,882
Total Over (Under) Budget	\$ (12,091)
OTHER COLLECTIONS	
Building Fund	\$ 135
Candles	\$ 38
Heat & Energy	\$ 1,064
Cemetery	\$ -0-

St. Maximilian Kolbe is the Patron Saint for those suffering with drug and alcohol addiction as well as a shining example of loving our neighbor more than ourselves. Father Max bravely challenged the Nazi officer to exchange his life for the life of another prisoner. Father Max informed the Nazi officer that he was a Catholic Priest. So, in addition to being the Patron Saint of Addiction he also represents the need for our



Priests to have courage in protecting their sheep. Father Max was also a Franciscan Priest and so he rightfully belongs in our church in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare. If any individual, families, or a group of people would like to memorialize this statue, please contact the Rectory.

The Lenten Obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.



Cooks with Collars Wrap Up
Father Bill would like to thank all those who contributed donations for his cooking efforts. Your kindness has raised \$ 1,337 for the parish.

Republican Herald Reader’s Choice

Don’t forget to vote for St. Clare of Assisi Pierogi’s for the best Non-Profit Lenten Food online at **Republican Herald.com/contest/readerschoice.**



ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISHIONERS

We’re excited that the Disciple Maker Index survey is officially LIVE.
The survey will ONLY be available from February 14th at 12:00 AM to March 27th at 11:59 PM.

To complete your survey, visit <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/b3bg3b>.

If you prefer a paper copy, you can find them in the back of the church. You may submit your completed paper

survey by dropping it off in a sealed envelope to the Rectory where it will be forwarded to the Catholic Leadership Institute. All responses will be confidential and the parish will ONLY receive information about the community as a whole.

We really need your help in making this a success, so please participate!



PIEROGI SCHOOL CONTINUES THIS WEEK!

Peelers – Monday @ 5:30 PM
Pinchers – Wednesday @ 9:00 AM

St. Clare of Assisi Pierogi Sales for 2024

All **cooked** sales are **preorder** only.
Prices are: Frozen uncooked \$9.00

Cooked (butter only or butter & onions) \$10.00

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Pick up time is between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM

We will also have homemade Rice Pudding each week—
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PLEASE CUT OUT AND SAVE

Order by 7:00 PM on	Pick up on between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM
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	Wednesday Holy Week, March 27 th



The Knights of Columbus wish to thank everyone who contributed to the success of their annual soup sale.



Our Pastor Father Bill is being honored by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Allentown for the work that he has done with the marginalized in Schuylkill County. He will be honored at a banquet at DeSales University April 14, 2024 at 2:00 PM.

Would you consider showing your appreciation to your Pastor as well as promoting the good works of Catholic Charities in Schuylkill County by attending this banquet? There is a special parish rate of \$75.00 per person, please call the rectory for more information.



Happy Birthday to Catherine Cheruka who celebrated her 100th birthday on January 3rd.

St. Ambrose Parish

Rest in God Alone - Taize Ecumenical Service

Wednesday, Feb 28 6:30 PM

During the Taize prayer experience, we gather with each other and in the presence of Jesus Christ to express our faith in work and song. We'll sing hymns of simple thoughts and few words, allowing us to rest in the mystery of God.

Holy Hour

Wednesday, March 13, John Paul Kasperowicz, founder of The Ministry of the Single-hearted retreat and music ministry as well as Big Heart Harvest farming ministry, will lead us in prayer and reflection before our Eucharistic Lord.

St. John's Lenten Dinners

Fridays during Lent – February 23 to March 22
Menu – Baked Haddock or “Special Fish of the Week” includes Macaroni & Cheese with Stewed Tomatoes or Mashed Potatoes, clam chowder, side salad, Fresh Vegetable of the week, Roll, Beverage, Dessert.
Eat in or take out. With Fish – Adult \$18.00; Child \$10.00; without Fish – Adult \$14.00; Child \$6.00.

Lenten Prayer Tree

The Lenten Prayer Tree is in the front of Church. To Pray for a Request – Choose a tag from the tree. Use the scissors and cut off a tag at the dotted line and pray the request that is written on the bottom part of the tag. Leave the top half on the tree. To pray for someone is a beautiful Lenten offering.

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

- March 2** HC Meatloaf Dinner 4pm-7pm
Pre orders only
- March 10** 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 St. Pat's
- 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

PREP EVENTS

- March 10** 1st Penance Retreat @ SCA 2:00 PM
Both Parishes
- March 11 -13** Parish Mission



2024 Lenten Schedule

Daily Mass Schedule – SCA

Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM.

HC – Tuesday 8:30 AM,

Wednesday 8:30 AM (Special Mass Schedule March 13)

Stations of the Cross – 6:00 PM Tuesdays both churches.

Date	SCA	HC
2/27	John Matulevich	Fr. Bill
3/5	Fr. Bill	TBD
3/19	TBD	Fr. Bill

Stations of the Cross for this year will alternate between Father Bill and John Matulevich in each of the Parishes. However, due to a few Tuesdays, where John will be in Deacon classes we are in need of individuals or a group or an organization to lead Stations in that particular Church that Tuesday. Contact the rectory if you are interested.

Confession Schedule following Stations of the Cross

Tuesdays SCA – 2/20; 3/5 HC – 2/27, 3/19

Saturdays SCA 3:15 PM HC after 5:30 PM Mass

Communal Penance Services

3/21 6:00 PM St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville (3-4 Priests)

3/25 7:00 PM St. Clare of Assisi (5-6 Priests)

3/27 6:00 PM St. Mary's Byzantine, Mahanoy City Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

7:00 PM Confession (Fr. Jim & Fr. Bill)

Communal Anointing of the Sick

SCA 7:00 PM Parish Mission Wednesday, March 13

HC 6:00 PM Mass with Anointing of the Sick, Tuesday, March 26

Parishes' Lenten Mission

"Jesus Christ King" presented by the Rev. Brian M. Miller, M.Div., M.A.

Fr. Miller was ordained in 2010 and currently is the Pastor of St. Catharine of Siena & St. Mary's Parishes in Reading. Fr. Miller served as a Parochial Vicar to St. Patrick's Pottsville, Pastor of St. Joseph & St. Mary's, Shepton/Ringtown, Spiritual Director Marian Catholic High School and Pastor St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Frackville.

Mission schedule each Evening

6:15 PM Confessions each evening

7:00 PM Monday 3/11 Stations of the Cross & Benediction

"Davidic King"

7:00 PM Tuesday 3/12 Evening Prayer & Anointing of the Sick

"So, you are a King..." Pontius Pilate

7:00 PM Wednesday 3/13 Mass

"Jesus Christ – King of the Jews"

Holy Week Liturgies & Devotions

3/24 Palm Sunday SCA **3:30 PM** Mass

HC 5:30 Mass

Children & Families of the Parishes are invited to walk in procession with Fr. Bill carrying and waving of the Palm branches.

3/27 Wednesday of Holy Week – Chrism Mass at Cathedral (No Mass)

3/28 Holy Thursday HC 9:00 AM - Morning Prayer

HC 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

3/29 Good Friday HC 9:00 AM – Morning Prayer

SCA 3:00 PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

3/30 Holy Saturday HC 10:30 AM

Morning Prayer & Blessing of the First Foods of Easter

SCA 8:00 PM Easter Vigil First Mass of the Resurrection w/ Blessing of New Fire & Easter Water

HC **Providing the Priest is still available**

8:00 PM Easter Vigil First Mass of the Resurrection w/Blessing of New Fire & Easter Water

3/31 Easter Sunday

8:30 AM Mass in Queen of the Universe Cemetery (weather permitting)

10:45 AM Mass at Holy Cross



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