

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

**Monday, March 4, 2024**

**St. Casimir**

NO MASS

**Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

**HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 8:30 AM**

Carl J. Valentine

**Wednesday, March 6, 2024**

**HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 8:30 AM**

Kristine Kelly Smith

**Thursday, March 7, 2024**

**Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs**

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

Darin J. & Henry T. Blum

**Friday, March 8, 2024**

**St. John of God, Religious**

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

Michael Mihalsky

**Saturday, March 9, 2024**

**Vigil for the Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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

Anna Vockie

**HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 5:30 PM**

Michael J. Baddick

**Sunday, March 10, 2024**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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

Theodore Thorn III & Edward Heiser

**HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 10:45 AM**

Rose Marie Wargo

## **Eucharistic Devotion**



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

**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**

Today we hear God deliver the ten commandments to Moses and the Chosen People. The commandments provide a way for them to live up to their part of the covenant. We face the same challenge today. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to examine our consciences and recall times when we have failed to follow one of God's commands and determine which commandments, we find difficult to obey consistently. Particularly during this penitential season, let us repent of our sins, reconcile with God and those we've wronged, and pray for the grace to do better.

## **Second Collection**

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



## **Sanctuary Candle**

In Memory of the Kantner Family,  
William, Anna, Rev. William &  
Shirley Kantner

Requested by Joe Kantner



## **Rest in Peace**

Catherine Pagnotta  
Margaret Rennick  
Elizabeth Kodash  
Agnes Golca

## **We Baptized**

**Reagan Salen** daughter of Matthew Griffin and Ashley Salen.

**Colt Edward Frehafer** son of Kenneth Frehafer, III and Amanda White.

**Caroline Hart** daughter of Ryan and Samantha (Phillips) Hart.

**McKayla Swisher** daughter of Zachary Swisher and Jessica (Jansson) Swisher.



**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.

Mass Attendance	Week of 2/25/2024
4:00 PM at SCA	181
5:30 PM at HC	109
8:30 AM at SCA	156
10:45 AM at HC	129

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT	Week of 2/25/2024
Contributions - Sunday Envelope	\$ 6,681
Contributions - Other Sunday Giving	\$ 246
Total Plate	\$ 6,927
Needed to meet Church Budget	\$ 5,673
Total Contributions	\$ 187,718
YTD Budget to now	\$ 198,555
Total Over (Under) Budget	\$ (10,837)
OTHER COLLECTIONS	
Building Fund	\$ 135
Candles	\$ 38
Heat & Energy	\$ 1,064
Cemetery	\$ -0-

### Parish All You Can Eat Breakfast

**Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM – 11:30 AM

ICC Social Hall

Scrambled eggs, home fries, ham, bacon, sausage, french toast, pancakes, toast, orange juice, apple juice, coffee and tea.

Adults \$10.00; Children \$5.00

Help is needed to prepare on Saturday beginning at 9:00 AM and help is also needed at the breakfast beginning at 7:00 AM.



### ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISHIONERS

The Disciple Maker Index survey is officially LIVE. The survey will ONLY be available from February 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 AM to March 27<sup>th</sup> 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

**Please call one of the following numbers to order your pierogies.**

**570-429-0863    570-429-0071    570-429-0343**

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

We will also have homemade Rice Pudding each week—1<sup>st</sup> come basis (no pre-orders) \$3.50/ lb.

### **PLEASE CUT OUT AND SAVE**

Order by 7:00 PM on	Pick up on between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM
Wednesday, March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, March 8 <sup>th</sup>
Wednesday, March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>
Wednesday, March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Monday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Holy Week, March 27 <sup>th</sup>

*Lent* IS A TIME TO  
**GROW**  
CLOSER TO JESUS



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.

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

- March 10** 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
- 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** 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat @ HC
- April 28** 1<sup>st</sup> Communion at SCA 10:45 AM
- 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

## PREP EVENTS

**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.

## 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.

## St. Ambrose Parish

### 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.



## Remember

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to Spring forward 1 hour.



## **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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>SCA</b>	<b>HC</b>
3/5	Fr. Bill	TBD
3/19	Knights of Columbus	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 – 3/5 HC – 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 Tuesday,  
March 1

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