



Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 10, 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](http://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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**“But the Lord said to Samuel: ‘Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.’”**

Remember the prayer of Solomon, asking God for the gift of right judgement? We spend much time judging people, their motives, their gifts and faults. How do we look at ourselves? As we read the book of Samuel as God is preparing for David for His people, we learn that we should judge with the eyes of God, what He sees in us, and not just the appearance.

Lent is our special opportunity to look deep into our heart to see what He sees, and root out what is displeasing, or shouldn't be there. Jesus came to assist us in this task.

## Our Parish as a School of Prayer

### Monday, March 11, 2024

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 7:00 PM  
Parish Mission

### Tuesday, March 12, 2024

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 8:30 AM  
John & Jean Sublousky

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 7:00 PM  
Parish Mission

### Wednesday, March 13, 2024

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 7:00 PM  
Parish Mission  
Chad Michael Snukis

### Thursday, March 14, 2024

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:00 AM  
Gerald & Violet Hunt

### Friday, March 15, 2024

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:00 AM  
Rita Meadows

### Saturday, March 16, 2024

#### Vigil for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 4:00 PM  
Jospeh J. Balulis

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 5:30 PM  
John P. Julian

### Sunday, March 17, 2024

#### Fifth Sunday in Lent

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:30 AM  
Joseph Barto

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 10:45 AM  
Veronica McGovern

## 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

From the first days of creation, humans took advantage of their free will and sinned against God. But God so loved the world that God sent the Son to be born into the world, to suffer and die to atone once and for all for our sins, and to be raised up so that all may have eternal life. The Holy Spirit draws us here each week to allow us to express our love for God in the way that we worship God and the way that we treat each other. On this *Laetare* ("Rejoice!") Sunday, we are reminded of God's unparalleled love and mercy and ultimate purpose for us all.

## Second Collection

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



## Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of Elmer

Requested by Lazar Family

Mass Attendance	Week of 3/3/2024
4:00 PM at SCA	226
5:30 PM at HC	107
8:30 AM at SCA	155
10:45 AM at HC	128

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT	Week of 3/3/2024
Contributions - Sunday Envelope	\$ 5,870
Contributions - Other Sunday Giving	\$ 220
Total Plate	\$ 6,090
Needed to meet Church Budget	\$ 5,673
Total Contributions	\$ 193,808
YTD Budget to now	\$ 204,228
Total Over (Under) Budget	\$ (10,420)
OTHER COLLECTIONS	
Building Fund	\$ 147
Candles	\$ 22
Heat & Energy	\$ 1,296
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.

## Preparing for Holy Week

We are looking for Altar Servers, people to wash their feet, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Please call the rectory to volunteer.

## Parishes' Lenten Mission

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

Fr. Miller was ordained in 2010 and is currently 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** Rosary Chaplet & 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"*

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CEMETERY

During the gusty winds of the past two weeks, a tree fell in the cemetery behind the social hall. The tree toppled a few headstones and took out a portion of fencing. The tree will be removed as soon as possible and we will assess any damage to the headstones. Presently the ground is too wet and

muddy to do the work. If we try to do it now, we are going to ruin more graves.

Since the falling tree was not the responsibility of any lot owner, we will file an insurance claim to right, repair, and if necessary, replace any stone involved. However, if the foundation upon which the headstone rests has shifted naturally, the lot owner will be informed.

This is an expense to be incurred by the lot owner not the parish. The parish will right the stone and place it back on its foundation BUT in the future the ground could shift enough to naturally bring the stone down. If this occurs, the lot owner is financially responsible.

Any questions contact Mary Ann in the cemetery office.

## **PREP BOOT CAMP**

### **PARENTS BEFORE YOU PLAN THAT JUNE VACATION...**

Even though the end of the school year is 2 ½ months away, our parish religious education program team is beginning to gear up for our two-week summer Boot Camp. Boot Camp will take place this year the week of **June 10-13 and June 24-27**. Children **MUST** attend both weeks and **ALL** sessions.

We are seeking out faculty, students from Nativity High School to student teach, adult chaperones, and interested parents to help us coordinate events so things run smoothly. We have re-read last year's program evaluations to improve upon the program. More details will follow in weeks to come but for now

- Mark your calendars
- Faculty begin to put classes together
- Interested adults please speak to Dottie Frie or Fr. Bill
- Help plan the last day cookout and carnival

### **ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISHIONERS**

*The Disciple Maker Index survey is officially LIVE.* The survey will ONLY be available until 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.

*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 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>



Happy Birthday  
Father Bill

*Catholic Charities Annual Gala*

April 14, 2024 at 2pm

DeSales University, Center Valley PA

Honoring

Very Rev. Msgr. William Glesser

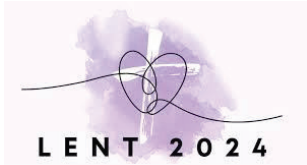
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Our Pastor Father Bill is being honored by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Allentown for the work that he has done with the marginalized in Schuylkill County. He will be honored at a banquet at DeSales University April 14, 2024 at 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM. Would you consider showing your appreciation to your Pastor as well as promoting the good works of Catholic Charities in Schuylkill County Catholic Charities is offering a \$75/pp Schuylkill County Friends and Family rate for tickets. They really do want to encourage our parishioners’ attendance at this fun and social event. They can call directly to register 610-435-1541, or send in the RSVP cards with “Schuylkill County” noted and we will honor the discounted price.

**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
- March 26** Communal Anointing of the Sick @ Holy Cross @ 6:00PM
- April 4** HC Kitchen
- April 14** Catholic Charities Gala – DeSales University honoring Father Bill
- 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 2** HC Kitchen
- 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



**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

**PREP EVENTS**

- March 10** 1<sup>st</sup> Penance Retreat @ SCA 2:00 PM  
Both Parishes
- March 11 -13** Parish Mission
- March 16** 1<sup>st</sup> Penance both Parishes @ SCA  
10:00 AM
- 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.
- April 10 & April 17** Confirmation students will have class from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM at HC for both parishes.
- April 21** SCA 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat
- April 25** Confirmation at St. Pat’s at 4:30 PM
- April 27** HC 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat
- April 28** SCA 1<sup>st</sup> Communion at 10:45 AM
- May 5** HC 1<sup>st</sup> Communion at 10:45 AM
- June 10-13 & June 24-27** **Boot Camp**



**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>
3/19	Knights of Columbus	Fr. Bill

**Confession Schedule** following Stations of the Cross

<b>Tuesdays</b>	HC – 3/19
<b>Saturdays</b>	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 12<sup>th</sup>
- HC 6:00 PM Mass with Anointing of the Sick, Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

**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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