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Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2024

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ March 17, 2024

“Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip... and asked him, ‘Sir, we would like to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew. Philip and Andrew went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.’”

If you asked someone ‘would you like to see Jesus?’, surely the reply would be ‘Yes, but where can I find Him today?’ The answer is clear, as we have Him present in the Blessed Sacrament, in the gift of grace and all the sacraments. The church is our sacrament of encounter with God.

How many people need us to be the Philip, the Andrew; to point out and bring them to Jesus. Jesus is present in the face of those in need, and we are to be the face of Jesus for them. May this be our task as our Lent will soon draw to a close.

Our Parish as a School of Prayer

Monday, March 18, 2024

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

NO MASS

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 8:30 AM

Helen Valinsky

Thursday, March 21, 2024

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 7:45 AM

Edward P. Lubinsky

Friday, March 22, 2024

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:00 AM

Buster Hribick

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Vigil for the Palm Sunday

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 3:30 PM

Ed Didjunas

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 5:30 PM

Michael Rowan

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:30 AM

Joe & Millie Cummings

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 10:45 AM

Charles Snukis

3/23 Palm Sunday Vigil Saturday

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 at both Vigil Masses.

Eucharistic Devotion



First Monday in March at St. Clare from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM (**April 1st**)

Tuesdays - Holy Cross following 6:00 PM Mass to 7 PM.

Fridays - St. Clare following 8:00 AM Mass until 10:30 AM



St. Clare of Assisi does have a handicap lift accessible from Mill Street with an attendant for all weekend Masses.

From the Pastor's Desk

As we draw close to Holy Week, we hear Jesus talk about his approaching death. Yet His message to His disciples is not so much about His death as it is about eternal life. As Christians, we know that as difficult as death is, our true focus, our true hope is in eternal life, trusting that our Lord is our source of eternal salvation. During this final week before Holy Week, let us keep in mind that just as our Lenten journey will not end with Good Friday, but with Easter, so too does our own life's journey end not in death but in new life.

Second Collection

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

Mass Attendance	Week of 3/10/2024
4:00 PM at SCA	201
5:30 PM at HC	110
8:30 AM at SCA	164
10:45 AM at HC	129

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT	Week of 3/10/2024
Contributions - Sunday Envelope	\$ 6,496
Contributions - Other Sunday Giving	\$ 352
Total Plate	\$ 6,848
Needed to meet Church Budget	\$ 5,673
Total Contributions	\$ 200,656
YTD Budget to now	\$ 209,901
Total Over (Under) Budget	\$ (9,245)
OTHER COLLECTIONS	
Building Fund	\$ 870
Candles	\$ -0-
Heat & Energy	\$ 275
Cemetery	\$ -0-



Father Bill appreciates all the birthday wishes, cards, and gifts and would like to say **THANK YOU** to everyone for making his day special.



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.

Thank you to the anonymous donor for the food donation for the breakfast. Donation was made in memory of all deceased parishioners of St. Clare of Assisi Parish. A big **THANK YOU** to Tom Guzick, Carol Shandor, Mary Adams, Jim Williams, John Ebling, Al & Linda Baldinger, Dottie Frie, Mary Ann Lubinsky, Donna Zelinsky, Joe & Diane Melincavage, Gary Gorman, Jacob Adams, Braelynn Strenkoski, Elijah Jones, Athena Zelinsky, and Shawn Conville who helped with the preparations for breakfast and also helped at the breakfast. Your help is greatly appreciated.



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.

Easter Flowers - Easter flower donations in memorial of a loved on should include the name on the envelope and a \$10.00 donation. A list of the flower memorials will be available the week after Easter.

Attention SCA & HC Choirs

Our Pastor hopes that our Holy Week Services regardless of which church, will find your full support of the Sacred Liturgies.

SCA Choir practices are Monday at 6:15 PM. Holy Cross Practices are after the 5:30 PM Mass. All Choir members are cordially welcome.



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– 1st 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 20 th	Friday, March 22 nd
Monday, March 25 th	Wednesday Holy Week, March 27 th

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 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.

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



Catholic Charities Annual Gala

April 14, 2024 at 2pm

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Very Rev. Msgr. William Glesser

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Special \$75/pp ticket price for Schuylkill County Residents
Call 610-435-1541 or email catholiccharities@allentowndiocese.org
for more information

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 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 21** SCA 1st Communion Retreat
- April 25** Confirmation @ 4:30 St. Pat's
- April 27** 1st Communion Retreat @ HC
- April 28** 1st Communion at SCA 10:45 AM
- May 2** HC Kitchen
- 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 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 27 HC 1st Communion Retreat

April 28 SCA 1st Communion at 10:45 AM

May 5 HC 1st 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

Stations of the Cross – 6:00 PM

Tuesdays both churches.

Date	SCA	HC
3/19	Knights of Columbus	Fr. Bill

Confession Schedule following Stations of the Cross

Tuesdays 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

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

Holy Week Liturgies & Devotions

3/23 Palm Sunday Vigil 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.

3/24 Palm Sunday – Mass will be at the regular time.
SCA 8:30 AM
HC 10:45 AM

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

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.

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