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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 24, 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 Frye

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord ~ March 24, 2024

“Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped; Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found himself in human appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” (please reread this hymn of Saint Paul).

The events of this day are moments of triumph, not moments of defeat. The jubilant reception of Palm Sunday will be mixed with the pain of the passion, leading to the victory which lies ahead. The scripture texts from the Jerusalem parade of praise through the suffering servant songs, and the four gospel accounts, are not to be glossed over but reflected upon.

We can call to mind the event of the paschal supper, the way of the cross, the traditional seven last words, to allow us to understand the passion of Jesus in the suffering people of today. In prayer we walk with them and with Jesus. Do not deny yourself of participating in this sacred moment for your soul.

Our Parish as a School of Prayer

Monday, March 25, 2024

Monday of Holy Week

NO MASS

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Tuesday of Holy Week

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 6:00 PM

Joan Harkins

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Wednesday of Holy Week

NO MASS

Thursday, March 28, 2024

Holy Thursday

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 9:00 AM

Morning Prayer

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 7:00 PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper

People of the Parish

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 7:00 PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper

People of the Parish

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 8:30 – 10:30 PM

Night Watch for BOTH Parishes

Friday, March 29, 2024

Good Friday – The Passion of the Lord

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 9:00 AM

Morning Prayer

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 3:00 PM

Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's
Passion and Veneration of the Cross

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 3:00 PM

Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's
Passion and Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, March 30, 2024

Holy Saturday

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 10:30 AM

Morning Prayer & Blessing of the First Foods of
Easter

Holy Saturday Vigil Mass for Easter

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:00 PM

People of the Parish

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 8:00 PM

People of the Parish

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE CEMETERY @ 8:30 AM

People of the Parish

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 10:45 AM

People of the Parish

Eucharistic Devotion



First Monday in April 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

We begin the celebration of Holy Week by calling
down God's blessing upon the symbol that today's
feast is named for: the palm branches that were
used to welcome our Lord to Jerusalem.

"Hosanna!" the crowds accompanying him cried
out, praising the Son of Man as he road into the
holy city. "Hosanna!" the residents called out,
eager to witness firsthand what this miracle worker
would do. We sing hosannas today, as we enter the
holiest week of the year, the week when we recall
Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection.

More good news! We welcome this weekend
Father John Hutta who will be helping Father Bill
with our Holy Week Devotions in both Parishes.
This past Monday, Father Bill received another
phone call from the Bishop telling him that Father
Hutta will remain at our Parishes temporarily for an
undetermined amount of time. This will be a huge
burden lifted off our Pastor's shoulders even if it is
temporary. Because it is temporary the current daily
and weekend Mass schedule will remain the same.

Rectory Office Hours

Rectory Office will close at Noon on Holy Thursday, March 28th and reopen on Tuesday, April 2nd



On St. Patrick's Day we baptized our latest Irish Rose, Tatum McCarthy Whalen. The daughter of Joshua Whalen and his bride Morgan (Gipe) Whalen.

Change in Mass Schedule Week after Easter

Please note there are no Masses on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday after Easter, April 1-3rd to allow Father Bill to take an Easter Break.

Mass time change for 1st Communion – April 28th

April 28th – St. Clare of Assisi – Sunday Mass at 10:45 AM

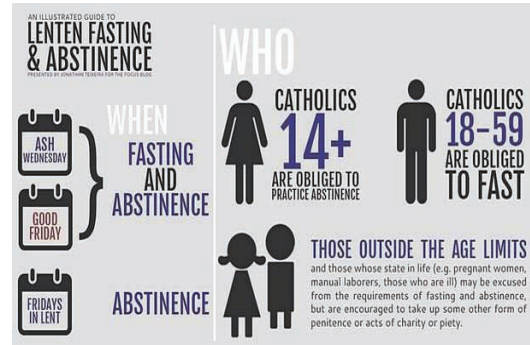
Holy Cross – Sunday Mass @ 8:30 AM

Second Collection

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

Mass Attendance	Week of 3/17/2024
4:00 PM at SCA	173
5:30 PM at HC	110
8:30 AM at SCA	161
10:45 AM at HC	130

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT	Week of 3/17/2024
Contributions - Sunday Envelope	\$ 5,560
Contributions - Other Sunday Giving	\$ 265
Total Plate	\$ 5,825
Needed to meet Church Budget	\$ 5,673
Total Contributions	\$ 206,481
YTD Budget to now	\$ 215,574
Total Over (Under) Budget	\$ (9,093)
OTHER COLLECTIONS	
Building Fund	\$ 450
Candles	\$ 15
Heat & Energy	\$ 1,204
Cemetery	\$ 15



Last chance for Pierogies

Order by Monday, March 25th @ 7:00 PM – PICK UP ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27TH between 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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



Congratulations to the children of both Parishes who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the 1st time last Saturday.

Liam Albon	Joseph Minrod
Ava Balulis	Kathryn Riegle
Colin Bush	Emily Rossochacy
Blaise Colna	Caleb Sabaday
Delaney Delconte	Catherine Setlock
Fletcher Drum	Sylis Setlock
Grant Guzick	Kinley Yalovec
Evan Medina	Stephen Zinda
Marcus Medina	

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 this

Wednesday 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. Completed paper survey must be received at the Rectory no later than **March 31st** 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

DeSales University, Center Valley PA

Honoring

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 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

May 12 May Procession@ HC

June 10 – 13 Week 1 of Boot Camp

June 24-27 Week 2 of Boot Camp



Holy Week

Communal Penance Services

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

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

3/28 **Holy Thursday** SCA 9:00 AM - Morning
 Prayer
 SCA 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
 HC 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

3/29 **Good Friday** SCA 9:00 AM – Morning
 Prayer
 SCA 3:00 PM Commemoration of the
 Lord's Passion
 HC 3:00 PM Commemoration of the
 Lord's Passion

3/30 **Holy Saturday** SCA 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 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

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

May 12 HC May Procession

June 10-13 & June 24-27 **Boot Camp**

DRAMATIC STATIONS OF THE CROSS PRESENTATION

St. John the Baptist Church, 10th & Mahantongo Sts.
 Pottsville, is presenting their Annual Dramatic Stations
 of the Cross on Palm Sunday, March 24th at 7:30 p.m. in
 the main church.
 Doors open at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

43rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by the St. Clair Fish and Game Association
 Saturday, March 30th @ 1:00 PM

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning is hosting
 its 33rd Annual Golf Classic tournament on May 17th at
 Mountain Valley Golf Course. Sponsor and/or join us
 for an adventurous day of food, fellowship and, of
 course... golf! For more information, please visit
www.stjosephctr.com or call 570-622-4638.

Assumption BVM School is looking for dynamic and
 dedicated team players to join their teaching staff!
 Come make a difference in the lives of youth!
 Email eschoepflin@assumptionbvmschool.net
 for details.

Save the date! Open House Sunday, May 19th 12 noon
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