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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
March 31, 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

Mrs. Wendy S. Krisak, MA, MCC, LPC Direct: 1-800-791-9209

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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

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord ~ March 31, 2024

“So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while they were with him at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, ‘were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures for us?’”

There are many post resurrection accounts for us to consider, but the journey on the road to Emmaus involves us. When we come to mass, He is both our host and guest.

Our hearts are awakened as the scriptures speak. Our eyes are opened to His real presence, as we recognize Him in the breaking of the bread. Like the persons on the road, we return to our real word to tell others where and how we met the Lord Jesus.

Our Parish as a School of Prayer

Monday, April 1, 2024

Monday within the Octave of Easter
NO MASS

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
NO MASS

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
NO MASS

Thursday, April 4, 2024

Thursday within the Octave of Easter
ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:00 AM
Jim & Loretta Luckenbill

Friday, April 5, 2024

Friday within the Octave of Easter
1st Friday of the Month
ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:00 AM
Gloria Berdanier

Saturday, April 6, 2024

Vigil for the Second Sunday of Easter
ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 4:00 PM
Michael & Julia Gavaletz

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 5:30 pm
Helen Quirk

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
ST. CLARE OF ASSISI @ 8:30 AM
Christopher Shellhammer

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 10:45 AM
Veronica Sadeika and Anna Franko

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

Today we gather in joy to celebrate the holiest and most wonderful of days: Easter Sunday. Jesus, who sacrificed His life on behalf of us all, has been raised from the dead. Alleluia! This is the day that gives meaning to Jesus' suffering and death, and in turn to our own. Suffering and death are not the end. Jesus has led the way to His Father for all eternity. How appropriate that we gather today for the Eucharist. In the Eucharist we give thanks to the Lord for the ultimate sacrifice He made for our sins. In the Eucharist, we receive His Body and Blood, more closely uniting us with Him, now and eternally. Let us celebrate the Eucharist on this blessed day as we are reborn in the Lord.



Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of Michael & Julia
Gavaletz by Daughter Peggy

Change in Mass Schedule

Please note there are no Masses on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday this week, 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.

Our Pastor's Gratitude

Father Bill wishes to thank all those who made Holy Week so meaningful in the Parish, through your participation in the various Liturgies and your kindness with cards, gifts and food. A parish is one where we all appreciate each other and share our talents. Thank you!

PALM SUNDAY

Mass Attendance	Week of 3/24/2024
4:00 PM at SCA	245
5:30 PM at HC	141
8:30 AM at SCA	185
10:45 AM at HC	146

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT	Week of 3/24/2024
Contributions - Sunday Envelope	\$ 7,529
Contributions - Other Sunday Giving	\$ 416
Total Plate	\$ 7,945
Needed to meet Church Budget	\$ 5,673
Total Contributions	\$ 214,426
YTD Budget to now	\$ 221,247
Total Over (Under) Budget	\$ (6,821)
OTHER COLLECTIONS	
Building Fund	\$ 167
Candles	\$ 38
Heat & Energy	\$ 408
Cemetery	\$ 125



Our **Pierogies** have made it to the voting round **top 5** for the 2024 Republican Herald's Readers' Choice in the subcategory:

Non-Profit Lenten Food

The Voting Round started on March 29th and will end April 14th. Please place your vote!!!!

A Mother's Pride our parish feels Marie Balulis' joy as her son Vince portrayed Jesus at St. John's Dramatic Stations in such a realistic and moving way.





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

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions

To experience fully the mystery of the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, we invite our parishioners to attend the devotions hosted by Divine Mercy Parish, Shenandoah, PA.

Devotions begin this Sunday, April 7th at 2:30PM with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy as well as the Litany of Mercy at 3PM. Devotions will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

PRAYER OF ST. CLARE

I look up and I behold the Lord,
Clare says to me, "Gaze upon Him,
Consider Him, Contemplate Him,"

I put this more simply:

Behold, hold, enfold.

I behold the Lord

I see His outstretched hands

I see the blood from His wounds.

I see the love in the eyes of Jesus.

I see His gracious acceptance of me.

Jesus has come out of the tomb –

He still has the scars, but now they are glorious,
With the glory of heaven.

Still looking at the Lord, I reach out and touch Him.

I hold the Lord – and I am held in His love.

Love enfolds

It is no longer I that live, but Christ that lives in me.
 I am secure in the Lord.
 I can look out, now, through the Lord's eyes.
 I can see the world as He created it, in His mercy,
 I can see my sisters and brothers with His love,
 And I can worship the Father through the eyes of
 the Son
 In the Love of the Holy Spirit.



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 - 2 PM! Register today for 2024/2025 - limited spaces remain in some classes!

Assumption BVM invites you to **CASH & GIFT CARD BINGO** on Sunday, April 21st at Hillcrest Hall, Minersville. Doors open at 11:00 AM and bingo begins at 1:00 PM. Advance tickets - \$35; at door tickets - \$40. Only 300 tickets being sold, so email or call to purchase advance tickets and secure your spot: abvm.bingo@gmail.com / (570) 205-3676. For more info, please visit: tinyurl.com/yeh9zzby.

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.

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.

PLEASE NO EXPIRED FOOD ITEMS

Cape May, New Jersey

Blessed Teresa Golden Age, Mahanoy City is accepting reservations for a bus trip to Cape May, New Jersey featuring a Trolley Tour & The Doo Wop Experience. May 21-24, 2024 for information call Elizabeth Frye 570-773-1753.



"God is using Gianna to remind the world that each human being is precious to Him. It is beautiful to see the strength of the love of Jesus, which he has poured into her heart. My prayer for Gianna, and for all who listen to her, is that this message of God's love will put an end to abortion with the power of love."
 - Mother Teresa

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