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Second Sunday of Easter  
April 7, 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](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

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy) ~ April 7, 2024

**“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they held everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them.”**

As we live the joy of the Easter season, let's pause and take a test. I ask myself if our Parish can identify with the description of Saint Luke of the first followers of Jesus. Do I recognize that everything I have is a gift God has given me? He wants me to use it for the benefit of someone else. Maybe I am the person in need, and I will discover how I can contribute it to our parish community, or small group with whom I share? Whatever gift or talent I possess is not for me, but to be brought and used for the benefit of someone else. The corporal works of mercy are the perfect way to begin: an invitation to someone to return to the sacraments, a donation for the food pantry or a gift card to the supermarket, a get well card or phone call to a homebound person, a prayer intention - how important yet easy. As I do my part, the community of the Acts of the Apostles becomes mine - food pantry or gift card. My need is to do something. This is divine mercy in action.

## Our Parish as a School of Prayer

### Monday, April 8, 2024

**The Annunciation of the Lord**  
NO MASS

### Tuesday, April 9, 2024

*HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 6:00 PM*  
John & Gertrude Elenchin

### Wednesday, April 10, 2024

*HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 8:30 AM*  
Leo & Eva Stanus

### Thursday, April 11, 2024

**St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr**  
*ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:00 AM*  
Morris & Anna Mae Sborz

### Friday, April 12, 2024

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

### Saturday, April 13, 2024

**Vigil for the Third Sunday of Easter**  
*ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 4:00 PM*  
Cathy Pagnotta

*HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 5:30 pm*  
Anna Franko

### Sunday, April 14, 2024

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
*ST. CLARE OF ASSISI @ 8:30 AM*  
Maryann Hozella Cholko

*HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 10:45 AM*  
Michael & Sophie Martin & Deceased  
Family Members

## Eucharistic Devotion



**First Monday** in May at St. Clare  
from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM (May 6<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



**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

Still basking in the glory of Easter, today we celebrate God's unparalleled mercy. Out of mercy for all of us, Jesus died on the cross, atoning for our sins, past, present, and future. Out of mercy for those whose faith is weak or doubt is strong, Jesus comes to reassure us of His eternal presence. Out of mercy for those who cannot see Him, Jesus blesses them in their faith. This Easter season let us rejoice, for the risen Lord is in our midst, forever bestowing God's divine mercy upon us.



## Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of Christopher  
Shellhammer by Wife & Children

## Mass time change for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion - April 28<sup>th</sup>

**April 28<sup>th</sup> - St. Clare of Assisi - Sunday Mass at 10:45 AM**

**April 28<sup>th</sup> - Holy Cross - Sunday Mass @ 8:30 AM**

## Second Collection

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

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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

Mass Attendance	Week of 3/31/2024
Holy Thursday at SCA	179
Good Friday at SCA	181
Easter Vigil at SCA	201
Easter Sunday at Cemetery	358

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT	Week of 3/31/2024
Contributions - Sunday Envelope	\$ 3,770
Contributions - Other Sunday Giving	\$ 737
Total Plate	\$ 4,507
Needed to meet Church Budget	\$ 5,673
Total Contributions	\$ 218,933
YTD Budget to now	\$ 226,920
Total Over (Under) Budget	\$ ( 7,987)
OTHER COLLECTIONS	
Building Fund	\$ 521
Candles	\$ -0-
Heat & Energy	\$ 211
Cemetery	\$ 45

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

- April 14** Catholic Charities Gala - DeSales University honoring Father Bill
- April 20** HC Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner
- April 21** SCA 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat
- 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
- May 12** May Procession@ HC
- June 10 - 13** **Week 1 of Boot Camp**
- June 24-27** **Week 2 of Boot Camp**

# Pierogi Workers



Let's show our hard working pierogi volunteers our appreciation by placing your vote in the Republican Herald Readers Choice top 5 :



**Non-Profit Lenten Food**

<https://www.republicanherald.com/contests/readerschoice/#//>

The Voting Round started on March 29<sup>th</sup> and will end April 14<sup>th</sup>. Please place your vote today and everyday until April 14<sup>th</sup>!!!!

**Confirmation Update**

Bishop Schlert will confirm the youth of our parish in a regional celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's Church in Pottsville beginning at 4:30PM.

Confirmation Practice will be held on Sunday, April 21 also at St. Patrick's Church. The practice will commence at 12:00PM.

**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

### **PREP EVENTS**

**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

**May 12** HC May Procession

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



**Altar Server Mass - Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**11:00 AM - Cathedral Church of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown**

All altar servers throughout the diocese are invited to attend this special Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert. This Mass is to bless and thank all those serving in this important ministry.

Participants are invited to bring and vest in their parish's altar server robes. A reception for altar servers and their families will be held after the Mass

### **Getting the cemeteries ready for Memorial Day**

Our cemetery crews are beginning to prepare those graves that can be leveled off from the winter. Please clean up the debris on your plots from the winter winds and make ready for Memorial Day grass cutting.

We ask that if you have any decorations on the grounds for Easter or leftover from any previous holiday to clear the graves by April 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **PRAYER SHAWLS**

If you are in need of a prayer shawl, we have a supply in the rectory. Please give us a call or stop in for one.

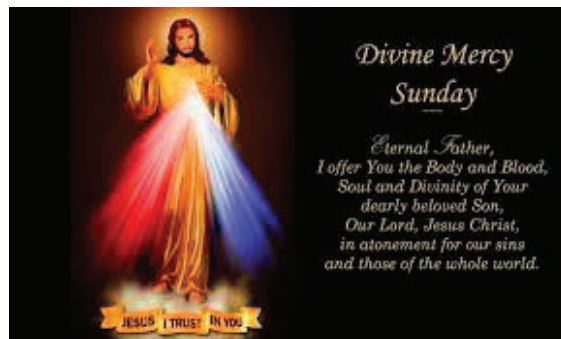
### **Holy Cross Spaghetti Dinner**

Includes Angel Hair Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad & Roll.

Eat in or take out  
Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>  
4:00pm-7:00pm

Price \$12.00 Pre-orders by  
April 15<sup>th</sup>

Baked goods available (not included in price)





**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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:abvm.bingo@gmail.com) / (570) 205-3676. For more info, please visit: [tinyurl.com/yeh9zzby](http://tinyurl.com/yeh9zzby).

**St. Joseph Center for Special Learning** is hosting its 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Classic tournament on May 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stjosephctr.com) or call 570-622-4638.

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning will host its first Annual Basket Raffle, "Christmas in July", on July 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> at the St. Ambrose Parish Center. SJC is in search of donations, as well as volunteers for the event. If you would be willing to donate an auction item, volunteer at the event, or bake something for concessions, please contact Monica Walborn at 570-622-4638 or [mwalborn@stjosephctr.com](mailto:mwalborn@stjosephctr.com). Additional event details will be posted closer to the event. Thank you for your consideration and support!

**Nativity BVM High School** will hold the 2024 Century Club Benefit on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at Mountain Valley Golf Course in Barnesville. The Golden Cross Society recipients will be inducted at the dinner. The cost is \$150 per person. Cocktail hour will begin at 6:00 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM, induction of the Golden Cross Society members and dancing will follow. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Jenn Daubert at Nativity BVM High school at 570-622-8110. All are welcome. The Golden Cross Society inductees for this year are Megan Brennan '80, John Crane, Patrick "PJ" Lechleitner '90 and Atty. John B. Lieberman III.

## 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**

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- Mother Teresa

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**An Evening with Gianna Jessen" chance tickets are now on sale. You have a chance to win three prizes, a \$500 Amazon Gift Card, a \$200 Boyer's Gift Card, or a \$100 cash. Ticket price is \$10. Stop**

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