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Third Sunday of Easter  
April 14, 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)

## 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

Third Sunday of Easter ~ April 14, 2024

**“Peter said to the people: ‘You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead, of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did, but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.’”**

The Acts of the Apostles, the story of the first Christians and early church has wonderful sermons, or teachings from St. Peter and Saint Paul. As people ask where I should begin to read the Bible, it is suggested that we look to those sermons to set the stage for our understanding.

The same Peter who denied the Savior, now, filled with the Spirit, boldly announces the story of our salvation. The final words to repent, is our ongoing task, for we need to have our sins forgiven. May we not deny we are sinners, but seek the gift Jesus offers us.

## Our Parish as a School of Prayer

### Monday, April 15, 2024

NO MASS

### Tuesday, April 16, 2024

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 6:00 PM

Thomas & Mary Ann Sublousky

### Wednesday, April 17, 2024

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 8:30 AM

Michael Valinsky

### Thursday, April 18, 2024

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:00 AM

The Ruddy Family

### Friday, April 19, 2024

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:00 AM

Father William Seifert

### Saturday, April 20, 2024

**Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Easter**

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 4:00 PM

Mr. & Mrs. Earl Thomas Sr.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 5:30 pm

Nancy Pieracini-Dietrich

### Sunday, April 21, 2024

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI @ 8:30 AM

Helen Grossman

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 10:45 AM

Joseph & Julia Zubris & Son Joseph

## 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

During the Easter season, we hear how the disciples encounter the Risen Christ at different times and in different ways, all the while trying to understand the meaning of the Resurrection. We too contemplate the implications of the Resurrection and consider how we see the Risen Lord in our lives. It helps us to gather as Church, where we can seek the presence of Christ as we worship: in the assembly, in its ministers, in the word of God, in the Holy Sacrifice, and in the Eucharist. Let us pray that we may better discern the Lord in our midst.

## 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 the Building Fund. Next week's second collection will be for the Building Fund.

<b>Mass Attendance</b>	<b>Week of 4/07/2024</b>
4:00 PM at SCA	171
5:30 PM at HC	127
8:30 AM at SCA	164
10:45 AM at HC	111

<b>WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT</b>	<b>Week of 4/07/2024</b>
Contributions - Sunday Envelope	\$ 5,349
Contributions - Other Sunday Giving	\$ 227
Total Plate	\$ 5,576
Needed to meet Church Budget	\$ 5,673
Total Contributions	\$ 224,509
YTD Budget to now	\$ 232,593
Total Over (Under) Budget	\$ ( 8,084)
<b>OTHER COLLECTIONS</b>	
Building Fund	\$ 331
Candles	\$ 95
Heat & Energy	\$ 967
Cemetery	\$ 40

**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**



Last chance to show our hard working pierogi volunteers our appreciation by placing your vote in the Republicanherald 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.



**Pierogi cleaning day—**  
Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM at St. Clare of Assisi. Many hands make light work.

**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 21** Confirmation practice @ St. Pat's @ noon

**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**

### **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)

### **WATCH FOR INFORMATION NEXT WEEK ON TABELLA - THE SOCIAL APP FOR CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES**



**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

Nativity BVM High School is looking for a **Science Teacher** – Full time, Bachelor's Degree in Science is required. Science certification is preferred.

**Boys Soccer Coach** for the 2024-2025 season. Interested candidates for either position, please send resume, clearances and references by April 25, 2024 to: Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Nativity BVM High School, One Lawton Hill, Pottsville, PA 17901. [LSabol@nativitybvm.net](mailto:LSabol@nativitybvm.net).

The Nativity Green & Gold Booser Club will hold the **Annual Basket Auction** shop & drop will be on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM; Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM the time of the auction. Grand prize will be a Blackstone Grill and \$750 in gift cards from Marlin Markets, Tony's Meat Market and Adelpia Seafood. Many great prizes and refreshments will be available. Any questions please call Diane @ 570-622-8110.

## 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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**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**

**by the St. Clare of Assisi Rectory or call 570-429-0370 to purchase a chance now!**

**Pilgrimage Tour to Mexico** with Fr. Phil Rodgers - Including: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Tepeyac Hill, Zocalo Plaza, Tlaxcala, Our Lady of Ocotlan, Puebla, Cuernavaca, Taxco, Teotihuacan, and more! October 5 to 11, 2024 - \$2,150 PP/DO. Please call Debbie at 570-622-1802 ext. 0, for more information.





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