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Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 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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1-610-871-5200 Ext 2204 prusso@allentowndiocese.org

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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

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024

“I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father and I will lay down my life for the sheep... This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.”

The beautiful image of the role of the shepherd: giving life, protecting life, feeding and leading the flock. Jesus described Himself, but His work continues in the church today. As He speaks of knowing the Father, He also knows us and our needs as part of the flock. May we come to know the shepherd, appreciate His role, and follow Him as we walk our journey. He left ninety-nine in search of the one, and I may be that one.

Our Parish as a School of Prayer

Monday, April 22, 2024

NO MASS

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

St. George, Martyr, St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 6:00 PM

Ronald J. Shatus

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 8:30 AM

Edward Stutz

Thursday, April 25, 2024

St. Mark, Evangelist

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:00 AM

William Zaharis

Friday, April 26, 2024

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:00 AM

Robert C. Houston

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Vigil for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 4:00 PM

Vincent Wade

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 5:30 PM

Patrick Quirk

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

*HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ **8:30 AM***

Robert Morris

*ST. CLARE OF ASSISI @ **10:45 AM***

Michael Dudash & Helen

Eucharistic Devotion



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

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 are reminded that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, committed to caring for His sheep through every danger, difficulty, and trauma. He told His disciples that he would lay down His life for His sheep. Indeed, this is exactly what He did. By laying down His life for our sins, He conquered death and raises us to eternal life with Him. Let us allow the risen Lord to guide us to the idyllic pasture of salvation.

Next Week - Mass time change - April 28th

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

April 28th - 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 Cemetery upkeep & Heat & Energy.

| Mass Attendance | Week of 4/14/2024 |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 4:00 PM at SCA | 181 |
| 5:30 PM at HC | 114 |
| 8:30 AM at SCA | 140 |
| 10:45 AM at HC | 112 |

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.



| WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT | Week of 4/14/2024 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Contributions - Sunday Envelope | \$ 5,651 |
| Contributions - Other Sunday Giving | \$ 288 |
| Total Plate | \$ 5,939 |
| Needed to meet Church Budget | \$ 5,673 |
| Total Contributions | \$ 230,448 |
| YTD Budget to now | \$ 238,266 |
| Total Over (Under) Budget | \$ (7,818) |
| OTHER COLLECTIONS | |
| Building Fund | \$ 1,311 |
| Candles | \$ 26 |
| Heat & Energy | \$ 363 |
| Cemetery | \$ 110 |



children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. You can scan the QR code and make your gift today at

www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.

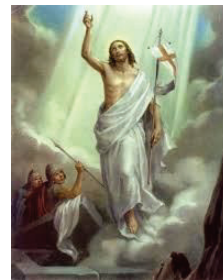
Many thanks to those who have made a commitment to the *Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal*. If you have not done so already, please bring your pledge form to Mass next weekend. The participation of all our parish families makes it possible to serve those in need. Remember every gift counts, no matter how big or small.

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

- 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 7** Resurrection Stations at SCA 7:00 PM
- May 12** May Procession@ HC

- June 10 - 13** **Week 1 of Boot Camp**
- June 24-27** **Week 2 of Boot Camp**



RESURRECTION STATIONS

will be held at St. Clare of Assisi on Tuesday, May 7th at 7:00 PM

PREP BOOT CAMP

Registration forms for the 2024-2025 Prep program are being e-mailed and are also available in the back of church. There is a discount for all forms and payments received by May 15th. Completed forms should be dropped off at the Rectory or put in the collection basket. Checks should be made payable to St. Clare of Assisi.

Confirmation Update

Bishop Schlert will confirm the youth of our parish in a regional celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, April 25th 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.



The 2024 **Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal** is underway! Our parish support is a vital part of this Diocesan-wide effort to serve

PREP EVENTS

- April 21** SCA 1st Communion Retreat
- April 21** Confirmation practice @ St. Pat's @ Noon
- 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**



Mother's Day Remembrance

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12th. Remember your living or deceased mother with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered for the entire month. Donation is \$10 and includes a Mother's Day card to give to your mom who is still living (no trip to the card store).

Remembrance Cards can be found in the rear of the church. Fill out the information and drop it off in the collection basket or at the rectory.

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 to please clear the graves.

Tabella App

Many are bragging about how great the Hallow app is for prayer. It is true it is a great app however here at our parishes of St. Clare of Assisi & Holy Cross we would like to offer you an app that is on par with Hallow, yet it is an app that will meet our needs. The **Tabella App** will have prayers, and links for religious podcasts and explanations of church teachings but it also gives us the ability to notify parishioners of upcoming events and/or emergencies that would require the cancelling of Mass due to illness, declaring a prep snow day, etc.

THIS APP IS FREE - ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS TEXT THE WORD 'CLARE' TO (844) 799-0148.



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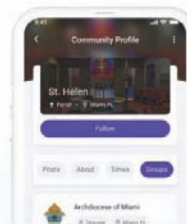
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Enter your zip code in the Communities tab, and follow your parish to stay updated on its announcements.



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If you need assistance to download the app, join us in the hall after Mass on any of the following weekends:
April 27th & 28th; May 4th or 5th; May 11th or 12th or stop by the rectory.

ALTAR SERVER MASS WITH THE BISHOP



Mattea Anthony



David Lubinsky (Holy Cross) Alyson Strause (St. Patrick) Mattea Anthony (St. Clare of Assisi) Emily Chiplonia (Holy Cross)



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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!

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.

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning will host its first Annual Basket Raffle, "Christmas in July", on July 27th & 28th 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. 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 27th 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.

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.



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