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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 5, 2023

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

Secretary for Youth Protection Pamela Russo, MSW, MS
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Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service: If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 1-800-276-1562

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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

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 5, 2023

"With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you, not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us...And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe."

Saint Paul had no difficulty identifying his deep concern for the communities he served. His mission to preach the gospel is so evident in the fourteen letters of the New Testament. But he also commends those who accepted the word, acknowledging it as the Word of God. Whenever we come to mass, or when we open the bible, may we begin acknowledging that the Lord has a message for us. May we humbly open our ears and our heart as we say, 'See Lord, your servant is listening.'

When the priest or deacon begins his homily, may we pray that the Lord speak clearly through him and let the Word of God continue to be at work in us.

Our Parish as a School of Prayer

Monday, November 6, 2023

NO MASS

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 6:00 PM

Joan Harkins

Anna Williams

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

NO MASS

Thursday, November 9, 2023

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

NO MASS

Friday, November 10, 2023

St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:00 AM

Harry & Rosa Lilley

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Vigil for Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 4:00 pm

Joe Mashack

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 5:30 PM

Marchetti Family

Helene Thomas

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:30 AM

Catherine Boran

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 10:45 AM

Ed Morris

Dolores Halabura

Celiac Disease and Holy Communion

Parishioners who suffer from Celiac Disease do not have to deprive themselves from receiving Holy Communion. It is possible to receive Holy Communion from the Chalice. Inform Father Bill or a sacristan prior to Mass.

Special thanks to Anne McCormick for decorating the Altar for the feasts of All Saints and All Souls.



Eucharistic Devotion

Second Monday in November at St. Clare from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
(November 13th).

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 come together today, as we do each Sunday, to praise and thank God and to celebrate the Eucharist as Jesus called us to do. We do all this in a spirit of humility, aware that all that we are and all that we have comes ultimately from God and that the Eucharist is Christ's own Body and Blood, which He offered to us so that we could have eternal life. Today's Gospel reminds us that it is proper to humble ourselves before the Lord, for we are called to serve, not to be served.

Changes in the Mass Schedule

There will be **no** Mass on **Wednesday, November 8th** and **Thursday, November 9th**. The rectory office will be closed all day Wednesday, November 8th and reopen on Thursday, November 9th at 12:00 Noon.

Mass **will be** offered on Monday morning **November 13th** at 8:00 AM at St. Clare of Assisi and on Tuesday, November 14th Mass **will be** celebrated at **8:30 AM** at Holy Cross there will be no evening Liturgy. There will be **no** Mass on Friday, November 17th.

Second Collection

This week's second collection will be for Heat and Energy and a special collection for St. Charles Seminary. Next week's second collection will be for the Building Fund.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated for Dennis Durant on Monday, November 20th at 6:30 PM. Light refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass to enable one to meet with Mary Ann and

Michael. Mass cards and Memorials will be available in the church that evening.

Endowment for the Care of Retired Priest

Annual Appeal

Beginning the weekend of November 11th, we will be asking of your support to care for the needs of our retired Priests of the Diocese of Allentown.

Priests who have served you faithfully. We make this announcement early to help you prepare to show your generosity to many good Priests of the Diocese now up in years and sharing in the struggles of old age like so many others.

Mass Attendance for October 29, 2023

4:00PM at SCA...21 from HC.....179
 5:30PM at HC..... 0 from SCA.....93
 8:30AM at SCA.....8 from HC.....160
 10:45AM at HC....26 from SCA.....121

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT	Week of 10/29/2023
Contributions - Sunday Envelope	\$ 3,994
Contributions - Other Sunday Giving	\$ 309
Total Plate	\$ 4,303
Needed to meet Church Budget	\$ 5,673
Total Contributions	\$ 95,162
YTD Budget to now	\$ 102,114
Total Over (Under) Budget	\$ (6,952)
OTHER COLLECTIONS	
Building Fund	\$ 105
Candles	\$ 7
Heat & Energy	\$ 1,453
Cemetery	\$ 15



Eastern Standard time

begins on Sunday November 5th before going to bed on Saturday night November 4th please remember to fall back 1 hour.

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

November 1 All Saints Day

November 2 All Souls Day

November 5 Inscription Mass 2nd & 8th Grades

November 18 Learn how to walk in the Shoes of Senior Citizens 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

November 21 Thanksgiving Mass @ Holy Cross 6:00 PM

November 23 Thanksgiving Mass @ St. Clare 9:00 AM

November 26 New Philadelphia Tree Lighting with Living Nativity 5:00 PM

December 2 St. Clair Tree Lighting with Living Nativity 5:30 PM

December 3 St. Nick Shoe drop off

December 10 Blessing of the Straw
Shoe Pick up
Parish Breakfast @ ICC Hall

December 16 Church decorating at both St. Clare of Assis and Holy Cross

December 17 Bambinelli Sunday
Christmas Pageant



Turkeys needed for Thanksgiving Dinner

Once again in conjunction with Holy Apostles Church our parish will help feed the hungry and the lonely for

Thanksgiving. We are in need of 15 10-12 lb. turkeys. Please call the rectory 570-429-0370 to make sure turkeys are still needed before dropping one off.

Free Thanksgiving Meal is being offered by Holy Episcopal Church at 307 E. Hancock St. on Thanksgiving Day. *Reservations must be made for takeout, delivery or dine in by calling Bonnie at 570-429-2272 or the church office at 570-429-7107.*

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.

LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOR OUR YOUTH

Attention: Parents and Children

Listed below are some ways for you to complete your Parish catechetical requirements. Remember you **must** complete 3 activities before May.

NOVEMBER

Come & Learn How to walk in the Shoes of

Senior Citizens Saturday, November 18th from 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM. Mrs. Georgene Fedoriska and friends will provide a fun but educating hands-on experience to demonstrate the aches and pains of our grandparents. It is important to preregister by November 8th by calling the rectory 570-429-0370. Breakfast will be provided. **Please RSVP as soon as possible.**

Children's Thanksgiving Mass at Holy Cross

Tuesday, November 21st at 6:00 PM. The children will be asked to bring a non-perishable item or canned good to be donated to local food banks.

St. Clare of Assisi Thanksgiving Mass

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23 at 9:00 AM.

DECEMBER

LIVING NATIVITY - We are in need of many children to be part of an outdoor Living Nativity, complete with live animals for both locations:

New Philadelphia Tree Lighting on Sunday, November 26th at 5:00 PM

St. Clair Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 2nd Food Trucks @ 4:00 PM; Santa & Tree @ 5:00 PM; Living Nativity @ 5:30 PM.

Our parish children are invited, asked, and encouraged to be part of the Living Nativity Scene at the Grotto. It is our hope to convert the Grotto into the Little Town of Bethlehem and the Manager where Jesus was born. We would certainly appreciate the assistance of adults to help recreate this scene and make this a beautiful experience for the town and our Parish. Please consult Dottie Frie for more information.

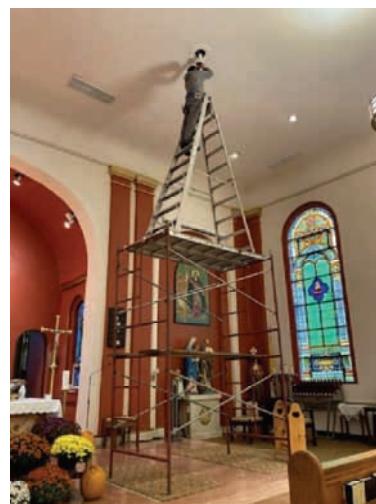
Church Decorating – December 16th

Christmas Pageant – December 17th



Church.

Thank you to Joe Corby, Jack Ketner, Eddie Braehler and Shane Moyer for helping with the changing of the light bulbs in



Schuylkill County Knights of Columbus Councils

Will be delivering a Turkey Dinner complete with Turkey, Filling, Yams, Gravy, Vegetable, and Dessert to all residents of Schuylkill County who are in need of a meal for this Thanksgiving Day (November 23, 2023). If you desire or know of someone who desires a platter, please call either 570-773-0627 or 570-516-9514 and leave the following information if no one answers the phone (**Name & Phone Number**) and someone will get back to you. Deadline to order is **November 17th at 5:00 PM**. Volunteers are needed to help.



ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF CAROLINE AVENUE PLEASE SEE THE PUBLIC NOTICE LISTED BELOW. PARISHIONERS WHO RESIDE IN THAT BLOCK SHOULD SPEAK TO FATHER BILL OR DEBBIE AT THE RECTORY TO FILL YOU IN WITH MORE DETAILS.

Public Notice as advertised in Republican Herald

October 20th, 21st & 22nd

ATTENTION REISDENS OF CAROLINE AVENUE, ST. CLAIR BOROUGH & EAST NORWEGIAN TOWNSHIP WHO LIVE ACROSS FROM IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CEMETERY, SOCIAL HALL AND THE FORMER CHURCH

The parking lots at the former IC church and cemetery are the property of St. Clare of Assisi Parish, 250 E. Hancock Street, St. Clair.

The former IC church is not PRIVATE PROPERTY!

PARKING PRIVILEGES are extended ONLY to neighbors on Caroline Avenue immediately across from the former church who abide with these restrictions:

Neighbors are required to move their vehicles for a funeral or social hall event. Failure to do so will result in the vehicle being towed and the privilege of neighbors parking will be forfeited.

Only road-worthy vehicles with current tags and registration are permitted in these lots.

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NO Boats Permitted.
NO Quads Permitted.
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The Parish DOES NOT supply snow removal unless for a funeral or social event.

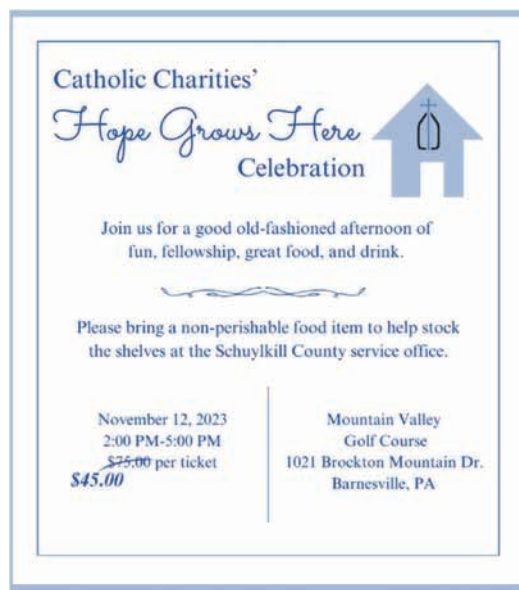
VEHICLES IN ON-COMPLIANCE WILL BE TOWED AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE BY WOMER TOWING SERVICE.

ASSUMPTION BVM SCHOOL NEWS

A Veteran's Day prayer service at the school at 9:30am on November 10th. If you have a name that you would like us to share and remember at the service, please contact Mrs. Schoepflin at eschoepflin@assumptionbvmschool.net to have the name(s) added to the program. Additionally, our students are learning about veterans and supporting wounded warriors and their families through Honor Their Courage, a service-

learning opportunity benefitting Wounded Warrior Project. Please join us in raising funds for this worthy organization via <https://do.nr/5phx44uy>.

ABVM has partnered with the Reading Royals for a hockey game on November 18th. Tickets can be purchased via <https://fevogn.com/event/Assumptionbvm>. ABVM will receive \$5 for every ticket purchased through this link. Assumption BVM will be holding a Raffle for \$500.00 worth of fuel for the winter months. This fundraiser will directly benefit the school and its students. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Drawing will be held on December 21, 2023. Chances can be purchased from any ABVM family or from the school (school phone: 570-622-0106 or e-mail: eschoepflin@assumptionbvmschool.net). Thank you for your help in making this Fuel Raffle a success!



For more information or to request an invitation, please contact the Development Office at catholiccharities@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-435-1541.

NATIVITY BVM HAPPENINGS

Sunday, November 19th, Nativity will be hosting a New Student Information Night for potential students for the 2024-2025 school year beginning at 5:00 PM at the school. Nativity BVM High School administration, faculty, staff, students, parents and Board Members will be on hand to discuss specific information about academics, financial aid, guidance services and opportunities for students. This information will be particularly helpful for incoming freshmen, transfer students, new students and potential host families. You and your family are invited to this event. No pre-registration is required. All are welcome! Please contact the school at 570-622-8110 or jldaubert@nativitybvm.net with any questions.



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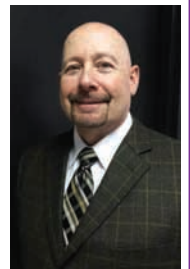


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