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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12, 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

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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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 12, 2023

“Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us.’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you. Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.’”

During this month when we celebrate the saints and commemorate the holy souls, it is time for us to look at our own spiritual lives and our journey. We often ‘put off until tomorrow’, what should be done today. How true that we listen closely to the parable of Jesus and apply it to our own lives, where we stand at this precise moment. When we remember the past we express our gratitude and also ask forgiveness. Yesterday is over. Tomorrow may never come for some of us, so don’t wait.

We live in the present ‘and if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God through Jesus bring with Him those who have fallen asleep.’ May we answer the question ‘am I ready now?’

Clip this paragraph and bring it with you to church, and ask the Lord for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Clip this paragraph and give it to someone for whom you are concerned and encourage them to act. Today, don’t delay.

Our Parish as a School of Prayer

Monday, November 13, 2023

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:00 AM

Holden, Siney Families & John Kanish

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 8:30 AM

William Zacko

John Zelonis, Jr.

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 8:30 AM

Joe Kubick

Charles Snukis

Thursday, November 16, 2023

St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:00 AM

Grubbs & Garrity Families

Friday, November 17, 2023

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

NO MASS

Saturday, November 18, 2023

Vigil for Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 4:00 PM

Joseph & Margaret Rutecki

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 5:30 PM

Irene Steckley

Michael Jupin, Jr.

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:30 AM

Anne Morris

HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 10:45 AM

Anna Williams

Joan Harkins

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.



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

On this day in the middle of November, the month in which we remember in a special way all those who have died, let us reflect on our baptism. When we were baptized in Christ, we were baptized into his death. Therefore, we are with the Lord in life and in death. Those who have died in the Lord are with him eternally while we here today gather to receive him in the Eucharist. Let us take consolation that we are always with the Lord, in life and in death.



Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of Sean Allison

Requested by: Family

Changes in the Mass Schedule

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. There will be **no** Mass on Friday, November 24th. Rectory will be closed on Friday, November 24th.

Second Collection

This week's second collection will be for Building Fund and St. Charles Seminary. Next week's

second collection will be Heat & Energy and Local Poverty Relief 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.

Chosen, Blessed, Shared
Endowment for the Care of Retired Priest
Annual Appeal

The Diocese of Allentown is conducting an annual fund called, “Chosen, Blessed, Shared,” to support the Endowment for the Care of Retired Priests. All gifts received will be used to support the rising costs of retirement care for those priests in good standing who have faithfully served, and the many who, though retired continue to serve, in our Diocese. Please consider making a donation as part of your yearly giving. This is not to be confused with our yearly collection for the “National Appeal for Retired Religious” to be held December 8 & 9, 2023.

Mass Attendance for November 5, 2023

4:00PM at SCA.....183
5:30PM at HC.....104
8:30AM at SCA.....201
10:45AM at HC.....155

| WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT | Week of 11/05/2023 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Contributions - Sunday Envelope | \$ 6,230 |
| Contributions - Other Sunday Giving | \$ 412 |
| Total Plate | \$ 6,642 |
| Needed to meet Church Budget | \$ 5,673 |
| Total Contributions | \$ 101,804 |
| YTD Budget to now | \$ 107,787 |
| Total Over (Under) Budget | \$ (5,983) |
| OTHER COLLECTIONS | |
| Building Fund | \$ 97 |
| Candles | \$ 45 |
| Heat & Energy | \$ 1,353 |
| Cemetery | \$ -0- |

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

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 Assisi and Holy Cross Churches

December 17 Babinelli Sunday
Christmas Pageant

2024 Mass Intention Book

We will take Mass requests for 2024 beginning Tuesday November 28, Wednesday November 29, and Thursday November 30, 10AM-12PM and 1PM-3PM. **No phone calls** accepted on these three days.

Please remember in your planning:

! Masses on Christmas and Easter will always be for Living & Deceased Parishioners of the Parish and not individuals or families.

! Masses for Mother's Day are for All Living and Deceased Mothers; and Father's Day are for all Living and Deceased Fathers.

! Request for Masses will be limited to 2 weekdays and one Sunday Mass for a particular individual. Suggestion – combine

intentions to include parents or family members.

! Please note that while Fr. Bill will do his very best to celebrate all scheduled Masses, there might be a need to alter them to accommodate diocesan meetings, etc.

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 Your Grandparents

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 calling the rectory 570-429-0370. Breakfast will be provided. **Please RSVP by November 13th.**

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

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.



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.

Holy Family Parish of Minersville

Annual Turkey Bingo on Sunday, **November 12th**. Doors open at 11am and Bingo begins at 1pm. Homemade food, including homemade perogies, will be on sale. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Bring a non-perishable food item for our Community Outreach Program and be entered to win a special door prize!

ASSUMPTION BVM SCHOOL NEWS

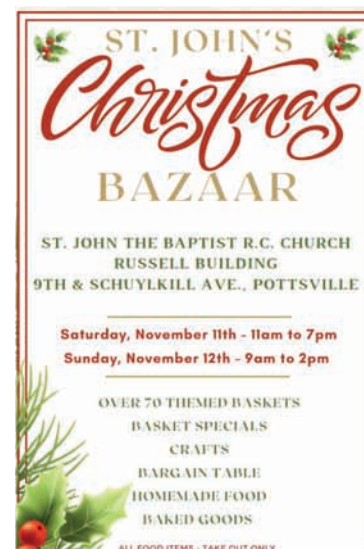
ABVM has partnered with the Reading Royals for a hockey game on **November 18th**. Tickets can be purchased via <https://fevogm.com/event/Assumptionbvm>. ABVM will receive \$5 for every ticket purchased through this link.

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!

NATIVITY BVM HAPPENINGS

The month of November, **Nativity's Green and Gold Club** will be selling Gift Card Calendars. Anyone who would like to donate a \$25 gift card it would be greatly appreciated.

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





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