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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 19, 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

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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

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**"Immediately the one who received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole and buried his master's money. Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given... but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."**

God has endowed us with a variety of gifts or as the word of the gospel state, talents. Some have more, others less, but in the eyes of God He wants us to acknowledge them and use them well.

Two words which come to mind, both for the church, its leaders and politicians as well are transparency and accountability. But these are words which apply to our own Christian lives. What gifts I have been given, and go unused? How many people are in need of my hands and heart asking, without knowing it, that I share my gift with them? It may be the virtue of kindness, compassion, material or physical needs, but they are mine to give as I make Jesus' love present to them. I do not want to bury the one thing someone else needs. What is it that I have to give to the Lord through them?

## Our Parish as a School of Prayer

### Monday, November 20, 2023

*ST. CLARE OF ASSISI @ 6:30 PM*

Memorial Mass for Dennis Durant

### Tuesday, November 21, 2023

**The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 6:00 PM -*

Thanksgiving Mass

People of the Parish

### Wednesday, November 22, 2023

**St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr**

*HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 8:30 AM*

Robert & Edward Morris

Joseph & Julia Zubris & Son Joseph

### Thursday, November 23, 2023

St. Clement I, Pope, St. Columban, Abbot, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr

**Thanksgiving Day**

*ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 9:00 AM*

People of the Parish

### Friday, November 24, 2023

**St. Andrew Dung-lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

### Saturday, November 25, 2023

**Vigil for Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

*ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 4:00 PM*

Paul Zulick Family

*HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 5:30 PM*

Michael & Julie Jupin

Lee & Ute Makley

### Sunday, November 26, 2023

**Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

*ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH @ 8:30 AM*

Sylvester McCarthy

*HOLY CROSS CHURCH @ 10:45 AM*

Patricia Lutsky

Charles Snukis

## 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

**First Monday** in December at St. Clare from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM  
(December 4<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

In today's Gospel, the head of a household repeatedly invites others to share in his joy. Similarly, we are repeatedly invited to share in God's joy. God created the world and us and proclaimed it all good. Let us share in God's joy. God raised the Son to new life, bringing salvation to the many. Let us share in God's joy. God invites us all to eternal life. Let us share in God's joy. Gathered here today to share in this Eucharistic feast, let us share in God's joy.



## Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of Kantner Family  
Requested by: Joe Kantner



Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at St. Clare on Thursday at 9:00 AM.

Thanksgiving Mass at Holy Cross will be with our Parishes Children on Tuesday, November

21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM. Attending Mass will count for the one of the three activities every student must complete. Please bring a canned good or a non-perishable food.

The rectory office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

### **Second Collection**

This week's second collection will be for Heat & Energy and Local Poverty Relief fund. Next week's second collection will be Heat & Energy.



Mass will be celebrated for Major Dennis Durant on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Dennis was a loving husband, father, parishioner and a much-dedicated coworker of the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. We invite parishioners, members of the DOC family and friends of Dennis. 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.

We Baptized Colton Andrew Kostura the son of Angela Kostura.

**Work party** needed on December 2<sup>nd</sup> to decorate the Grotto and the rectory exterior for Christmas and to assist with any last-minute touches of scenery for the Living Nativity Set that evening.

### **Annual Fund for Retired and Infirm Priests of the Diocese of Allentown**

Please take advantage of the opportunity to offer support to the retired priests of our Diocese by helping provide for their care in retirement! Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us. You should have received a request letter in the mail within the last few days. You may return your gift in the mail or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. For more information visit the website [www.weloveourpriests.org](http://www.weloveourpriests.org). Thank you in advance for your generous support.

### **U.S. Religious Orders Could Face \$10 Billion Deficit for Care**

A November 6<sup>th</sup> announcement from the U.S. Bishops' conference about next month's national religious retirement collection came with a chilling warning that a very small percentage of religious communities actually have enough money to care properly for their elderly members. The National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO), which runs the collection, reported that only 6 percent of the religious communities that shared data with the office last year have sufficient [retirement funding](#), and the financial strain they experience becomes more significant as average ages go up and healthcare costs increase. The annual collection will take place nationwide the weekend of Dec. 9-10. (Crux)

**Special Thank you** to Chloe Zulick for entering the names of those who died this past year in our memorial book.

**Thank you** to Georgene Fedoriska and Eileen Barlow along with members of our Children's Religious Education team who gave a wonderful presentation Walking in the Shoes of our Grandparents. The program entailed egg McMuffins for breakfast, sharing of what our grandparents mean to us especially as witnesses of faith and interactive exercise demonstrating to the children the aches and pains of growing old. The program ended with an exciting game of turkey bowling.

**Appreciation** is shown to all those who support St. Clare of Assisi Memorial Fund, your generous contributions have enabled us to purchase a new 2023 Allen organ without any special collections. The new organ replaces an instrument over 50 years old that was used at St. Casimir's.

### **Mass Attendance for November 12, 2023**

4:00PM at SCA.....	176
5:30PM at HC.....	86
8:30AM at SCA.....	150
10:45AM at HC.....	132



<b>WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT</b>	<b>Week of 11/12/2023</b>
Contributions - Sunday Envelope	\$ 4,429
Contributions - Other Sunday Giving	\$ 218
Total Plate	\$ 4,647
Needed to meet Church Budget	\$ 5,673
Total Contributions	\$ 106,451
YTD Budget to now	\$ 113,460
Total Over (Under) Budget	\$ (7,009)
<b>OTHER COLLECTIONS</b>	
Building Fund	\$ 1,112
Candles	\$ 36
Heat & Energy	\$ 519
Cemetery	\$ 7

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

**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** Work party needed to decorate the  
Grotto and the rectory exterior for Christmas and to  
assist with any last-minute touches of scenery for the  
Living Nativity Set that evening.  
St. Clair Tree Lighting with Living Nativity 5:30 PM

**December 3** St. Nick Shoe drop off

**December 7** Vigil Mass for Fest of the Immaculate  
Conception at St. Clare of Assisi 6:30 PM

**December 8** Fest of the Immaculate Conception  
Mass at Holy Cross 8:30 AM

**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** Bambinelli 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.

### **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.

### **DECEMBER**

#### **Upcoming Advent Events**

**St. Nicholas Shoes – December 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**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 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM

**St. Clair Tree Lighting** on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Pageant** – December 17<sup>th</sup>

### ASSUMPTION BVM SCHOOL NEWS

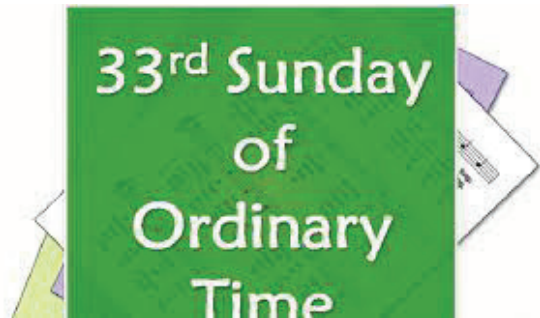
Assumption BVM will be holding a Raffle for \$500.00 worth of fuel for the winter months. This fundraiser will directly benefit the school and its students. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Drawing will be held on December 21, 2023. Chances can be purchased from any ABVM family or from the school (school phone: 570-622-0106 or e-mail: [eschoepflin@assumptionbvmschool.net](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto:jldaubert@nativitybvm.net) with any questions.



The psalm tells us that those who follow the Lord are blessed. The second reading reminds us that we are children of light and goodness. And in the gospel Jesus tells the parable of the talents and praises the servants who used their resources wisely.







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