

Saint Clare of Assisi Parish

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

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All Masses - St Clare of Assisi Church - Reed Street
Saturday 4:30 PM (Sunday Vigil)
Sunday 9:30 AM
Weekdays 7:00PM (Monday)
8:00 AM (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)
St. Clare Cemetery - Worthington Avenue, Clairton, PA
For all cemetery information, call the Parish Office.
St. Clare Montessori Preschool - Frances Bindas - Instructor

Reconciliation - After Mass on Monday Evenings & 12:30PM Saturdays
Baptisms - Call the Parish Office to schedule a day and time.
Weddings - Contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance.
The Diocese requires each couple to attend a pre-marriage course.
Music Ministry - Sean Thornton - Organist
Abuse Hotline Number - 1-800-932-0313
Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline - 1-888-808-1235

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MISSION STATEMENT

WE ARE A FAMILY, UNITED IN THE EUCHARIST, GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, CALLED BY JESUS CHRIST TO GROW IN FAITH, LOVE AND PRAYER IN HARMONY WITH THE UNIVERSAL CATHOLIC CHURCH.

*We will achieve our parish mission by worshipping together and working to evangelize, educate and **serve each other** and the entire community.*

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 22, 2015

Reflection: Role Models

Last week we celebrated two beloved Saints; one a religious, I guess you could say lived a 'Consecrated Life' and the other, lived the vocation of Marriage. As you know, these are Ss. Patrick and Joseph, respectively.

In this weeks' bulletin, there is a small article on the value and role of Consecrated Life. The Consecrated Life is one in which a person makes an adult public or private profession to living for God in a specific way. This 'way' can be in a religious community, i.e. a religious sister; Sisters of St. Joseph, or Francis or Divine Providence etc, etc, or a religious brother or priest; a Capuchin, Jesuit, Passionist etc.,etc. One can also take a vow to life as a single person, like a Consecrated Virgin, or Hermit.

All the above lifestyles or vocations are choices where one commits to focusing their lives in a particular way of serving God. The 'religious' life is chosen because many of the aspects and complications of another life style are removed. They are called to live simply and to make the love, presence and salvation of God known. Their roles are vital and life-giving. Religious have taught, educating those from kindergarten through grad school, copied the scriptures, served in creating and maintaining hospitals, studied and practiced medicine; their gifts to society, too much to be remembered.

We also celebrate the married vocation as we remembered St. Joseph. Joseph, the quiet Saint, has little exposure in the Scriptures, yet we know that he is a man who is faithful to the will of God. He is gentle and committed to his wife Mary, even though for a time, he surely didn't understand her pregnancy. He was not going to turn her over to the authorities, who would have stoned her. Joseph was given the role of teaching, with his wife, the faith to their child. Joseph worked hard and taught his son a worthy trade. How can anyone say that the vocation of marriage is not important, or not having the same amount of holiness as a 'religious' vocation? Having witnessed the selflessness and holiness of life of a number of married couples, I would have to believe there are probably more people who lived the vocation of married life in heaven than those of us religious.

The truth of the matter is that each of us is called to a fulfilling and meaningful way of life; a 'vocation', a living of the life God has called each of us to live, in a very personal way. This life calls each of us, with our own gifts to, as Pope Francis says, "Wake up the world! Be witnesses of a different way of doing things, of acting, of living"! Thus we all contribute, with Christ and in Christ, to the salvation of the world. Keep up the good work!

Peace, Fr. Chuck



Sunday, March 22

9:30-10:45AM - CCD - Grades K-4 - Holy Spirit Church
10:45AM - Counting Team #3

Monday, March 23

Cemetery Clean-up Begins
7PM - Liturgy - Reconciliation to Follow

Tuesday, March 24

2PM - Rosary/Communion Service - Lawson Nursing Home
6:30PM - Apostolate Committee Meeting - Parish Office
7-8:15PM - CCD - Grades 5-8 - Holy Spirit Church

Wednesday, March 25

6:30pm - Choir Practice

Friday, March 27

2PM & 7PM - Stations of the Cross
2:30-7:00PM - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, March 28

12:30PM - Reconciliation

Sunday, March 29 - PALM SUNDAY

No CCD - Grades K-4
6-8PM - CCD - High School - Holy Spirit Church



2015: THE YEAR OF NO FEAR
This is the year that's NOT about not being afraid, but trusting in a God who is bigger and greater than even our biggest and greatest fear.

PRAYER CORNER . . .

For our Sick and Shut-ins . . .

Leo Aloysius, Lorie Anderson, Barbara Antram, Reginald Ballariel, Fr. Chuck Baptiste, June Bendik, Marissa Bercik, Eleanor Berggren, John Bertolucci, Rosie Bonét, Joan Bradley, George Buches, Maria Campano, Thomas A. Campano, Joseph Capaccia, Sara Capane, Vince Capane, Domenica Capolupo, Fred Carozzo, Mildred Carozzo, Kathleen Cassady, John Paul Charmo, Charlene Dean, Connie Delconte, Mildred Demchak, Frances Dowd, Sheila Eddy, LaRue Eichler, Debbie Eismont, Rebecca Farabaugh, Dolores Ferrero, Patricia Gabriel, Vincent Gabriel, Karen Garuch, Larry Garuch, John Gasda, Genevieve Hartman, Marie Hodge, Joan Jaskolski, Richard Jenkins, Linda Jerome, Mary Julian, Paul Julian, Sophie Jupin, John Karnack, Darren Kaskin, Robert King, Erin Koontz, Off. James Kuzak Jr., Frances Lofstrom, Mark Lujetic, Joseph Madden, Helen Maksin, Ann E. Martin, Brady McCoy, Patricia McDonald, Helen Medved, Marshall Meredith, Marty Milas, JoAnn Mourey, Marie Mourey, Dolores Paluti, Kathryn Pavlack, John Parach, Sylvia Pittman, John Poziviak, Daucent Radlein Sr., Raymond Reitmeyer, Colton Riley, Elizabeth Rothbauer, Eleanor Ruhl, Alan Sammartin, Harry Santoline, Angelo Sgroi, Jodene Shar, Fr. Angelus Shaughnessy, Sophie Slavick, Eliza Sopko, John Sorrentino, Fr. Bonaventure Stefun, Darla Stercula, Joseph Stercula, Martha Stercula, James Story, Blake Stover, Carol Sye, Kathy Tachoir, Michael Tevis, James M. Tullius, Ralph Valvo, Domenic Virgona, Joan Virgona, John Vozar, Sandy Welsh, Urbyn Welsh, Ray Werner, Mary Jane Wolf, Natalie Wolfgang, Ed Yonich, Lenore Zovko, Mary Zwack

For family members of our parishioners serving in the military:

Dante Capane, Tara Felker, James R. Martin Jr., Jason Middleton, Daucent Radlien Jr., Michael Santoline, Anthony Svetz, Andrew West, Jeffery West

If you are a shut-in or know someone who is and they would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office.

CONCERNING OUR FUNDRAISERS . . .

MARCH GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY - Drawing April 3

Entered to Date: 113

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MARKET DAY

Everyone making an April MARKET DAY Order will receive a FREE (individually wrapped) Slice of Chocolate-Chocolate Chip Cake. If you gave up sweets for Lent, now's the time to indulge! Paper & Internet Orders are due by **Friday, April 10**. Pick-up will be on **Saturday, April 18** from **9:30-10AM** at SC Parish Office.

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SUPPORT THE LIONS

The **Clairton Lions Club**, that is. Members of this community group are selling SARRIS Candy Bars (6 kinds) at \$2 each, to raise money for the many fine activities and causes that they support.

Bars are available in the Parish Office for anyone stopping in. Forget about filling an Easter Basket with junky candy. Fill them with SARRIS Candy Bars & make "everyone" happy!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

FISCAL YEAR JULY 2014 - JUNE 2015

Budgeted Weekly Offering (2014-2015).....	\$ 5,282.00
Actual Weekly Offering March 14/15.....	\$ 4,854.00
Weekly Deficit.....	\$ - 428.00
Caring Ministry Collection.....	\$ 762.00
Campaign for Human Development.....	\$ 522.00
Parish Share YTD.....	\$ 5,397.00
Cemetery Envelopes 2015 YTD.....	\$ 1,723.00

Please remember St. Clare of Assisi Parish in your Will or Estate Plan.

SECOND COLLECTION - LAST WEEKEND

Thank you for your generous contributions to the collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. Through CCHD we carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor...to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND

The Second Collection next weekend is for the **Repairs and Maintenance** of our Parish Properties. Now that Spring is here, we will assess and prioritize many projects to keep our Building & Grounds well maintained.

CONCERNING OUR PARISH . . .

IT MUST BE SPRING! . . .

. . . Hurray, Hurray, the birds are back!!! Not the Robins, Sparrows and Bears, oh my...we're talking about Fr. Chuck's 10 Finches and 2 Canaries. They "flew" North (to St. Clare Friary) while the Office was being renovated and had been lovingly cared for there during the past six months by Amy & Kathy. They had been living in 3 smaller cages (the birds, not the girls) and continued to lay eggs (again the birds and not the girls). There were 87 eggs that were seized and confiscated, but still not enough for a decent-sized omelet! A super-duper-sized cage was recently donated by one of our parishioners and the birds haven't (shut up) stopped singing since they moved back!!!



NEW MAGAZINE

If you know of anyone planning an upcoming wedding, please pick up a 2015 WEDDING GUIDE for them, found on the Bulletin Tables, compliments of *The Pittsburgh Catholic*. This Guide has a number of questions/answers, wedding facts, pre-marriage schedules, advertisers for every aspect for a special day and a number of anniversary stories.

EASTER TREATS

Call Marcie at 412-996-3887 to pre-order home-made Rolls for Easter. Pick-up is next weekend at Ascension Auditorium after **OUR** Saturday & Sunday Masses.

CONCERNING OUR COMMUNITY & DIOCESE . .

SPRING FUNDRAISER

St. Elizabeth Elementary School, Pleasant Hills, is hosting a **CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW** in Pius X Hall Gymnasium on **Saturday, March 28** from **10AM-3PM**. There will be 50 crafters and vendors as well as a Special Auction (of crafter/vendor wares), a 50/50 raffle and lots of good food and fun! All proceeds will benefit *St. Elizabeth Elementary School*.

FREE CLASS OFFERED

Have you ever wondered about police training methods? Would you like to learn? Would you like to understand your police department better? On **Tuesday, March 31** at **7PM** at the *Clairton City Building*, Clairton Police Officer Sgt. James "Doc" Creely will present a **FREE** class in the "**Municipal Officer's Use of Force**" curriculum used by ALL police departments in the State of Pennsylvania. This is YOUR chance to learn what officers learn and have a better understanding of police procedures.

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

- Remember in prayer **St. Lucy Filippini**, foundress of the *Religious Teachers of St. Lucy Filippini*, on the anniversary of her death, March 25.

- Religious orders are not formed for the purpose of gathering together perfect people but those who have the courage to aim at perfection. ~ *St. Francis DeSales*

- Religious life ought to promote growth in the church by way of attraction. The church must be attractive. Wake up the world! Be witnesses of a different way of doing things, of acting, of living! . . . It is this witness that I expect of you. Religious should be men and women who are able to wake the world up.

~ Pope Francis, *meeting with the Union of Superiors General, November 29, 2013*

EASTER BLESSING

On **Sunday, April 5**, Bishops David Zubik, William Waltersheid and William Winter will welcome families of the Diocese of Pittsburgh to their **ANNUAL BLESSING OF FAMILIES** at *St. Paul Cathedral*, Oakland beginning at **2PM**. As they greet and bless families personally, they affirm and support households of love and witness to the Faith. Experience the Bishops' expression of deep appreciation for the gift that you are and the gifts that you bring to our Diocese. Each family attending will receive a special memento to take home and children will receive a sweet treat.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Relationships come with a prize tag. We must be willing to entrust ourselves to another, to let go of our autonomy and die to our independence. It is in dying to our independence that we find interdependence with others

CONCERNING OUR WORSHIP. . .

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - March 21/22

4:30PM Biagio (Bill) DeFelice - (Diana Hess)
9:30AM For The Parishioners

Monday, March 23 - Lenten Weekday

7:00PM George Kacmarik, Jr. - (Mother & Sisters)
Reconciliation After Mass

Tuesday, March 24 - Lenten Weekday

8:00AM Irene Batenich - (FCSLA, Branch S-177)

Wednesday, March 25 - ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

8:00AM Susan Matyasovsky - (Mary Matyasovsky)

Thursday, March 26 - Lenten Weekday

8:00AM Michael Svac - (Ginny & J.R. Straub)

Friday, March 27 - Lenten Weekday

8:00AM James Laughlin - (Sally Dolfi)

Saturday, March 28

12:30PM Reconciliation

PALM SUNDAY - PASSION OF THE LORD - March 28/29

4:30PM For The Parishioners
9:30AM Zola Marraccini

WEEKEND MINISTERS - March 28/29

4:30PM - Eucharistic Ministers - *Bernadette Baznik,
Rebecca Farabaugh, Lino Ferrari*

Lectors- *Felix Fusco, Mary Tullius*

Altar Server - *Laura Cronkhite*

Head Ushers - *Mike DiCarlo, Ed Obusek*

9:30AM - Eucharistic Ministers - *Larry Carra,
Nancy Carra, Joseph Costello*

Lectors - *Janice DiLonardo, Kara Nickolich*

Altar Server - *Christina DeCecco*

Head Ushers - *Ray York, Vince Gori*

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Isaiah 50:4-7 - Page 98

Philippians 2:6-11 - Page 99

Mark 14:1-15:47 - Page 100

PRAYERS FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

This week, please pray for **Kristian Sherman** from St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen Parish, Butler.

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O Lord, grant to your Church  
Saintly priests and fervent religious. Amen

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