

# Saint Clare of Assisi Parish

*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust*

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**Rev. Charles J. Baptiste, Pastor**  
**Kathleen Ulmer, Business Manager**

**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.*

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - March 29, 2015**

**Reflection: Volatile Humanity**

Not long ago, someone asked me, 'How could the people who were healed, fed and taught by Jesus, have turned on him so suddenly?' Often, I have witnessed the mood swings of people, including myself. I've wondered, 'Where did that come from?'

You have probably been at a large or small sporting event and watched the crowd turn on a referee or a player. Remember what happened to Dave Parker, with the crowds throwing garbage and batteries at him? How about going to a little league game, or high school game of any type and witnessing parents and fans, who are normally respectful, turn into Mr. or Mrs. Hyde. Normally refrained people can get caught up in the moment and forget the real reason they are at the game, or they even forget their better selves.

A priest in the northern part of the Pittsburgh Diocese was well loved. He had the care of two parishes and was the chaplain at the nearby university's, Newman Center. He worked long hours in the care of his people. He had taken a fall and broke his hip and realized his schedule was just not doable. The young priest was well loved, that is, until he changed the Gospel; that is "the gospel of changing of the Mass times". Oh my, he could have blasphemed and would have caused much less reaction. Some things are sacred you know. Now people are writing letters to the bishop and there is that woeful gossiping in the shadows.

Often, it seems we can cope with the big difficulties and catastrophes of life, yet when a bunch of little straws are placed on our backs, just that one more straw can make us snap.

Most of us have certain things that set us off. When that happens, we are no longer a living witness of Christ that each of us baptized is called to be. This week is a time for each of us to reflect on our lives and recall that we, as much as those who called for the death of Jesus rather than that of Barabbas, are guilty of crucifying our Lord.

This is NOT a time to give up on ourselves because of our volatile behaviors at times in our lives, but it is more of a time to reflect on the humility of our

Lord when he found himself being condemned and betrayed by those He loved and came to save. A truly humble heart is much less likely to spew out venom at the drop of a hat.

Let's pray together this week in a spirit of Awe on the depth and reality of our God's Love for us. After all, love is not a feeling, but a real commitment. We commit ourselves to Christ.

*Peace, Fr. Chuck*



**Sunday, March 29 - PALM SUNDAY**

**No CCD - Grades K-4 - Holy Spirit Church**

**10:45AM - Counting Team #4**

**6-8PM - CCD - High School - Holy Spirit Church**

**Monday, March 30**

**7PM - Liturgy - Reconciliation to Follow**

**Tuesday, March 31**

**No CCD - Grades 5-8 - Holy Spirit Church**

**7PM - Fab Five Lottery Drawing**

**Wednesday, April 1**

**Golden Opportunity Drawing**

**No Preschool - Easter Vacation Begins**

**6:30pm - Choir Practice**

**Holy Thursday, April 2**

**1PM - Parish Office Closes**

**7PM - Liturgy - Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Good Friday, April 3**

**Parish Office Closed**

**2PM - Passion of the Lord**

**7PM - Stations of the Cross**

**Holy Saturday, April 4**

**12 Noon - Blessing of the Easter Baskets - SC Church**

**Note Mass Time: 7PM - Easter Vigil Liturgy**



**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, Lorrie 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 as of March 20: 113**

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**MARKET DAY**

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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**EASY READING**

New Issues of “**the WORD among us**” are on the Bulletin Tables that have the complete Catholic Mass and Daily Meditations in it for April 5 to May 31. Please pick up a copy to read about the greatest story every told. Keeping the Easter story close to our hearts, every day, may we hear Jesus tell us, “Peace be with you.”

**EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS**

The **deadline for submitting donations for publication in our Memorial Intention Book is this Sunday, March 29.**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**FISCAL YEAR JULY 2014 - JUNE 2015**

Due to the Easter Holiday *J. S. Paluch Co.* printing schedule, the March 21/22 Weekend Collection totals were not available when this bulletin went to print on March 20!

**SECOND COLLECTION - THIS WEEKEND**

The Second Collection this weekend is for the **Repairs and Maintenance** of our Parish Properties.

**HOLY WEEK COLLECTIONS**

The **Holy Thursday** Collection is designated as a part of the **Caring Ministry Fund** that helps those in need from our parish community and local, national and international organizations.

A **Good Friday Collection** is taken up each year in every parish in the United States as designated by the Holy Father. The money is used to support the work of the Franciscans in the **Holy Land** as they keep Christianity alive in this area made holy by the life, suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Please place your Good Friday Envelope in the collection basket at any time during this Easter Triduum to help care for the people and places of the Holy Land.

**CONCERNING OUR PARISH . . .**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

An extraordinary minister is granted permission to help to distribute Holy Communion. After attending a Diocesan Workshop and meeting all the requirements set forth by the Diocese of Pittsburgh to assure the protection of God’s children and young people, these Ministers of Holy Communion are to be commissioned in accord with the liturgical rite.

Last Sunday, Fr. Chuck commissioned several new Ministers during our two weekend Masses and also renewed the appointment of our current Eucharistic Ministers. A new class will be held on **Saturday, April 18** at St. Albert the Great Church (Baldwin). Please consider stepping forward to bring this sacrament of *unity* and *love* to our parish community. Call the Parish Office if you wish to serve in this ministry.

**NEW PASCHAL CANDLE**

Every year, on Holy Thursday, a priest blesses new Water and Fire (Paschal Candle) a symbol of the presence of the risen Christ among the people of God. When ordering a new Paschal Candle, there are names that identify them. Last year, we ordered the “Window of Hope” Candle. How appropriate it was to order this one; “hoping” for Fr. Chuck to return to St. Clare of Assisi Parish. This year, we ordered the “Journey” Candle. And so we will begin a new journey with Fr. Chuck to lead us; knowing that all roads in our journey will lead us to the *rewards of everlasting life*. This candle remains in the sanctuary until Pentecost Sunday.

## CONCERNING OUR DIOCESE . . .

### EASTER INVITATION

The **Interfaith Ministry of Greater Clairton** invites all St. Clare of Assisi Parish Parishioners to attend the *Seven Last Words of Christ* Program at *Pine Run Church* on **Good Friday at Noon** and a **Sunrise Service at 6AM** on Easter Sunday at *First A.M.E. Church*, 177 Mitchel Ave.

### LIGHT IT UP BLUE

**Thursday, April 2 is World Autism Awareness Day.** This is a chance to shine a light on autism. People from across the globe can light up their homes, schools, offices and landmarks with the color of blue. You can show your support by swapping a blue light bulb on your front porch or ask your friends to wear something blue. The important thing is to be a part of it!

### SUPPORT GROUP

An **Alzheimer's Support Group** meets the First Thursday of every month at *Arrowood Independent Living at Southwestern*, located on Lewis Run Road. Tours with a Complimentary Light Dinner is at **5:30PM**. Meeting begins at **6PM**. RSVP to Ann Marie at 412-469-3330. The next gathering is on **Thursday, April 2**.

### CAMP CADET

This camp is a mini-version of the Police Academy that is open to children ages 12-14 who reside in Allegheny County. It will be held at *Camp Guyasuta* in O'Hara Township during the week of **August 2-8** Tuition is FREE! Campers will take part in Physical Training, Mock Crime Scene Investigation, Mock Criminal Trials & Sporting Activities. For more information visit at [www.alleghenycountycampcadet.org](http://www.alleghenycountycampcadet.org). Registration is open until **April 15**.

### CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

- Since April 1872 the Little Sisters of the Poor on Benton Avenue have brought to life in Pittsburgh the words of their foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, by "making the elderly happy, that is what counts."

- The Passionist Nuns, founded in Italy, came to Pittsburgh in April 1910. They are dedicated to living the mystery of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection in an intense way. "In today's world, where so many people feel overwhelmed by suffering, we witness that the message of the Cross proclaims: Love, Hope, and Victory!"

- Already dedicated to him through Baptism, the person who surrenders themselves to the God they love above all else, thereby consecrates themselves more intimately to God's service and to the good of the church.

~ *Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 931*

### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

The Passion of Jesus makes it clear; no one escapes suffering. Suffering is inevitable, but no one should suffer alone. That is one of the primary roles of families; to stand with and support each other in suffering.

**CONCERNING OUR WORSHIP . . .**

**PALM SUNDAY - March 28/29**

4:30PM For The Parishioners  
9:30AM Zola Marraccini - (Maureen Stewart)

**Monday of Holy Week - March 30**

7:00PM Maxine Valenzesi - (Art & Loretta Gobbie)

**Tuesday of Holy Week - March 31**

8:00AM Angelo DelVecchio - (Wife, Son & Daughter)

**Wednesday of Holy Week - April 1**

8:00AM Mancinetti & Kosis Families - (Pat Kosis)

**Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper - April 2**

7:00PM For The Parishioners

**Good Friday of the Lord's Passion - April 3**

2:00PM Passion of the Lord  
7:00PM Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil - April 4**

7:00PM For The Parishioners (Please Note: Time)

**EASTER SUNDAY - THE RESURRECTION - April 5**

9:30AM For The Parishioners

**WEEKEND MINISTERS - April 4/5**

7:00PM - Eucharistic Ministers - *Thomas Caldwell, Rebecca Farabaugh, Marlene Senko,*  
Lectors - *Lori Chasko, Kristen Dotterway, Mary Tullius*  
Altar Server - *Colton Boring, Kevin Stretavski*  
Head Ushers - *Mike DiCarlo, Ed Obusek*

9:30AM - Eucharistic Ministers - *Bernadette Baznik, Lee Lasich, Martha Mathews*  
Lector - *Kathy Mihal*  
Altar Server - *Christina DeCecco, Ron Lomis*  
Head Ushers - *Ray York, Vince Gori*

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - March 28/29**

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - April 4/5**

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37- 43 - Page 149  
Colossian 3:1-4 - Page 150  
John 20:1-9 - Page 152

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SEMINARIANS**

This week, please pray for **Jordan Sonnett** from St. Monica Parish, Beaver Falls.

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

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