

# 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.*

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - April 5, 2015**

***Reflection:* Jesus, remember me!**

On Easter Sunday morning, 2009 at St. Vincent Strambi Catholic Church Rectory in Bull Savannah, Jamaica, I was awakened by the sound of steel and plastic crumpling not far away. Looking from the veranda, I could see a car had hit the neighbor's stone wall along the road. Putting on my cleric shirt, I went out to investigate. A few people had already gathered and it didn't look good. Someone asked if I would pray for the young man, a twenty-five year old, who was returning from an all night party from down the road. We opened the car door and it was obvious that he was dead. Apparently he died before he crashed, his cuts hadn't even bled. I gave him a blessing recalling the words of the Sacrament of the Sick, in case there was still life in him.

By now, people were lining up on the road; pedestrians and cars alike. I thought, I wish there would be as many present for the Easter morning Mass. There was an uncanny silence, almost like a reverence held in a sacred place, or the quiet in the theater after the movies, *Schindler's List* or *The Passion of the Christ*. People's tongues went mute, hearts went numb, only sighs of disbelief were heard, because a young man only twenty-five years old, lost the breath of life.

We have just completed the most solemn week of the Church year, recalling a beloved and young man; a preacher and healer like none before, now dead because of jealousy and pride. Those who saw him die were silenced and confused by it all. Peter had to be saying, "no, No, NO! How could I have betrayed Him, abandoned Him, denied Him? Desperation must have filled his soul. Again, silence. Earlier, others heard one of the men crucified with Jesus say, "Remember me when you come into your kingdom", then hearing Jesus say in reply, "Amen, I say to you, today, you will be with me in Paradise."

I wondered what the last thoughts of the young man who hit the wall were? Did he let out a plea, "Oh God, help me", or "Dear Jesus." Did he say, "remember me"?

Peter, in a few days, saw the Risen Christ. After a few poignant questions by The Master, Peter knew the love and forgiveness of Christ. He rejoiced that Jesus' death on the cross did not take life from the Creator of the world. Peter knew that some day, he too would be "with Me in Paradise".

What would life be without this promise of hope, this undeserved grace given to those who with sincerity, call on the name of Jesus? I hope and pray that the young man, in front of St. Vincent Strambi Church, called on His name and received the grace; the Grace that each of us desire, the grace to hear those words, "Today, you will be with me in Paradise".

God Bless you with the great Easter Hope; that hope which gave new life to the Good Thief and to you and me.

*Have a Happy Easter,  
Father Chuck*



**EASTER SUNDAY**

**9:30AM - Liturgy**

**No CCD Classes - Holy Spirit Church**

**2PM - Annual Blessing of Families - St. Paul Cathedral**

**Monday, April 6**

**Parish Office Closed**

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

**Tuesday, April 7**

**1PM - Women's Guild Meeting - Parish Office**

**No CCD Classes - Holy Spirit Church**

**Friday, April 10**

**Market Day Paper & Internet Orders Due**

**Saturday, April 11**

**12:30PM - Reconciliation**



**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 FAB FIVE & GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY**

Both of these Fundraisers occurred after this Bulletin was submitted on March 27. Winners will be published in next weeks' Bulletins.

New Fab Five Tickets for April can be picked up NEXT weekend in the Sacristy. We thank **Perry Ohm** of **Ohm Lawn Care** for sponsoring our Ticket for April.

**Justifying the health benefits of Eating Chocolate: "Chocolate comes from Cocoa, which is a tree. . . That makes it a plant. Therefore, Chocolate is Salad" (Sounds Right!!)**

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Now's your chance to Take Advantage of those "Health Benefits". Everyone who makes a **MARKET DAY ORDER** will receive a free slice of a Chocolate-Chocolate Chip Cake in their APRIL Order!

Paper & Internet Orders are due this **Friday, April 10**. Pick-up is Saturday, April 18 at SC Office.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Due to the Easter Holiday *J. S. Paluch Co.* printing schedule that had to be in by Friday, March 27, we do not have the Palm Sunday Collection figures.

**FISCAL YEAR JULY 2014 - JUNE 2015**

Budgeted Weekly Offering (2014-2015).....	\$ 5,282.00
Actual Weekly Offering March 21/22.....	\$ 4,160.50
Weekly Deficit.....	\$ -1,121.50
Caring Ministry Collection YTD.....	\$ 842.00
Campaign for Human Development YTD..	\$ 602.00
Parish Share YTD.....	\$ 5,595.00
Cemetery Envelopes 2015 YTD.....	\$ 1,778.00

**SECOND COLLECTION - THIS WEEKEND**

The Second Collection this weekend is for the Diocesan **Parish Share Program**.

**CONCERNING OUR PARISH . . .**

**ATTENTION MINISTERS**

Our current Ministers' Schedules will end soon. There is one Altar Server scheduled for each weekend Mass. Fr. Chuck has requested that we have **two** Altar Servers for each Mass. If you are at a weekend Mass and see only one Server, please step forward to be the second Server.

New Schedules will be available soon for Lectors, Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers. We thank the members of our Parish for volunteering at our Liturgies. Please call the Parish Office if you think this is the time for YOU to volunteer.

**CONGRATULATIONS. . .**

. . . to **Megan VanWormer** and **Lauren Giansante** recent stars of the Baldwin Lady Highlanders Gymnasts Squad. Megan placed 13th in the WPIAL State Championship Pennsylvania Classic.

**EASTER BLESSINGS**

As we enjoy the freshness of Spring and rejoice in the promise of Jesus' resurrection, may you know what a blessing you are as you reflect His Love through your life.

May your heart be full of peace;  
your spirit full of rejoicing,  
your voice be full of thankfulness;  
your soul be full of light.  
Your vision be full of hope;  
your walk be full of purpose,  
your thoughts be full of truth;  
your words be full of wisdom.



Your attitudes be full of righteousness;  
your choices be full of obedience and may  
your actions always be, full of love for all.

*Have a Very Special Easter!*

## CONCERNING OUR DIOCESE . . .

### SCHOOL INVITATIONS

Parents and Children are invited on **Thursday, April 9** to attend the *St. Elizabeth* Preschool “**Planting the Seeds of Learning**” Preview from **9:30-11AM** (or 6:30-7:30PM) and the Kindergarten “**Round-Up**” Preview from **6:30-8PM**. Teachers and staff will be on hand to welcome and answer any questions. *St. Elizabeth School* is located in Pleasant Hills. Please RSVP at 412-881-2958 to reserve a spot.



### WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Pittsburgh Women's **EMMAUS RETREAT CENTER** is accepting applications for their Spring Retreat, **April 17-19**. Enjoy the peaceful setting of the *Spiritian Center* located in Bethel Park. This active weekend features planned activities designed to help women grow spiritually, regardless of where you are on your journey. Cost is \$185. Call Stacey Graham at 412-657-7955 to register.

### DAY OF REFLECTION

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women of the Diocese of Pittsburgh invite all women to an Easter Season Day of Reflection entitled: “*Women Disciples of Jesus: Bearing Good News to the World*” on **Saturday, April 25** from **9:30AM to 3PM** at *St. Paul Seminary*. The day will include Adoration, Confession, Spiritual Reflections and will conclude with Mass and homily by Rev. Angelus Shaughnessy, OFM Cap. Suggested offering is \$25. Email [pghdccw@gmail.com](mailto:pghdccw@gmail.com) for more information. All are welcome!

### CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

- The **Sisters of the Humility of Mary** are tireless advocates for eco-justice. Visit [www.humilityofmary.org](http://www.humilityofmary.org) to read about how this community honors the earth as God's creation.

- The **Sisters of the Holy Spirit** were founded in April of 1913. Remember them in prayer and visit [www.sistersoftheholyspirit.com](http://www.sistersoftheholyspirit.com) to learn more about their community.

- From the very beginning of the church, men and women have set about following Christ with greater freedom and imitating him more closely through the practice of the evangelical counsels, each in their own way leading a life dedicated to God.

~ *Decree on the Adaptation and Renewal of Religious Life, Perfectae Caritatis, no.1.*

### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

The first Easter morning was confusing. Jesus was missing and Mary Magdalene, Peter and John “did not know” what to do. In family life, there are confusing moments when “we don't know” what to do. Like the apostles, we are Easter people when we believe and trust in each other even when all seems lost.

**CONCERNING OUR WORSHIP . . .**

**EASTER SUNDAY - THE RESURRECTION - April 4/5**

7:00PM For The Parishioners (Please Note Time)  
9:30AM For The Parishioners

**April 6 - Monday within the Octave of Easter**

7:00PM Barbara A. Check - (Rich & MaryAnn Mesco  
& Family)

**April 7 - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**

8:00AM Rudy & Maggie Gori - (Family)

**April 8 - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**

8:00AM Michael M. Demchak - (Family)

**April 9 - Thursday within the Octave of Easter**

8:00AM Frank & Guilia DiLonardo - (Family)

**April 10 - Friday within the Octave of Easter**

8:00AM Barbara & Harry Minjock - (Mother)

**SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY - April 11/12**

4:30PM Michael & Marie Beney - (Family)  
9:30AM For The Parishioners

**WEEKEND MINISTERS - April 11/12**

4:30PM - Eucharistic Ministers - *Rebecca Farabaugh,  
Judi Valvo, Ray Werner*  
Lector - *Kristen Dotterway*  
Altar Server - *Lydia Bernardo*  
Head Ushers - *Mike DiCarlo, Ed Obusek*

9:30AM - Eucharistic Ministers - *Joseph Costello,  
Marlene Senko, Rita York*  
Lector - *Lori Chasko*  
Altar Server - *Paul Chonko*  
Head Ushers - *Ray York, Vince Gori*

**EASTER SUNDAY READINGS**

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - April 11/12**

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35 - Page 153  
1 John 5:1-6 - Page 154  
John 5:20-29 - Page 154

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SEMINARIANS**

This week, please pray for **Thomas Tellson** from  
St. Paul Cathedral Parish, Oakland.

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

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