

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.*

Third Sunday of Easter - April 19, 2015

Reflection: Growing Up

All through this Easter Season we will be reading from the Acts of the Apostles. The early believers were filled with fervor for the faith, but this faith was not without growing pains. This kind of sounds like life in general, doesn't it? There is so much excitement at the beginning of a new relationship; the engagement, the plans for marriage and then the reality of making it all work. "You know, it don't come easy!"

The early Church shared all things; their homes, food, wealth and lives, as if (as it truly is), one family, all lived for the sake of the other; 'a preferential option for the other,' as a Capuchin motto states: *a way of living in peace*. There were problems that came, as some of those who had a surplus of material possessions would make their wealth known as they dined sumptuously, while others were left hungry. All this happened on the day they celebrated the Eucharist which made the malady even more nefarious.

St. Paul commends some early believers as they are living out their faith in a creditable way. *Ephesians 1:15-17* "Therefore, I, too, hearing of your faith in the Lord Jesus and of your love for all the holy ones, do not cease giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him". It seems to me that a number of parishioners of St. Clare already have this kind of relationship with Christ.

It seems that Bishop Zubik desires all the sheep of his flock to live a life more connected to the lives of the early Church; a life lived for Christ, not a life where Christ is just of the periphery of one's life; an insurance marker, so to speak, just in case there is a hell. Bishop Zubik is hoping that a Catholic life may always be one that is markedly and profoundly lived out with the love, strength and wisdom that made Jesus such a stand-out in his time on Earth. This kind of relationship comes from a person knowing the great love our Lord has for him; otherwise, we end up playing a religiosity game, one of self-righteousness and pride in our own strengths and perceived goodness, rather than authentic knowledge, that any and every good thing we do or are, comes from God. All praise and honor should be directed to God.

Becoming like the first Christians will require work and an authentic recollection of our lives and of our motivations. We, if authentic Christians desire to resemble Christ more and more, will need to remember this next line from Pope Francis. "We grow in faith and holiness by truly listening to His Word in Scripture and by embracing His presence in the Sacraments so that we can learn Jesus, love Jesus and live Jesus. We will fail at times, but Christ's kingdom will still be radically different from anything the Earth or the nations have to offer. In Christ, there will be a profound Peace. That is why we are hearing over and over again these last weeks, "Peace be with you".

May God Bless you with that Peace,

Fr. Chuck

~ ~ ~ *This Week* ~ ~ ~

Sunday, April 19

9:30-10:45AM - CCD Classes - Grades K-4

10:45AM - Counting Team #6

Monday, April 20

7PM - Liturgy - Reconciliation to Follow

Tuesday, April 21

2PM - Rosary/Communion Service - Arden Court Manor

7-8:15PM - CCD Last Classes - Holy Spirit Church

Wednesday - April 22 - EARTH DAY

6:30PM - Choir Practice

Thursday, April 23

5PM - Priest Support Group Mtg. - Parish Office

Friday, April 24

9-11AM - Business/School/Police

Community Clean-Up Day - St. Clair Ave.

Saturday, April 25

8AM-1PM - Clairton Community Clean-Up Day

Meet at Clairton Municipal Bldg.

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 Recently Departed. . .****Fr. Philip Fink, OFM, Cap**

(Formerly resided at St. Clare Friary)

For our Sick and Shut-ins. . .

*Leo Aloysius, Lorrie Anderson, Barbara Anstrom,
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 Cassidy, John Paul Charmo,
Charlene Dean, Connie Delconte, Mildred Demchak,
Patricia Doucette, 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, Dacent 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, Dacent Radlien Jr., Michael Santoline,
Anthony Svetz, Andrew West, Jeffery West*

CONCERNING OUR FUNDRAISERS . . .**APRIL GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY****Next Drawing: Friday, May 1.****Entered to Date: 100**

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MARKET DAY

New MAY Order Forms are in this weeks' Bulletins.
Pick-up will be on **Saturday, May 16** from **9:30-10AM** at
the Parish Office.

SAYING GOOD-BYE TO A FRIEND

A Memorial (Funeral) Mass will be celebrated at
St. Clare of Assisi Parish on **Saturday, April 25** at
10AM for **Joyce Dolfi**, who died March 1. Her family
would like to invite her friends and former classmates to
join them at this Mass. Joyce, who graduated from
Clairton High School in 1969, passed away after losing
her battle to a fast-growing inoperable tumor. Her faith
never faltered during her illness; actually growing
stronger as she accepted her fate with dignity.
Donations may be made to St. Clare of Assisi Parish in
her memory.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION**FISCAL YEAR JULY 2014 - JUNE 2015**

Budgeted Weekly Offering.....	\$ 5,282.00
Actual Weekly Offering April 11/12.....	\$ 4,177.15
Weekly Deficit.....	\$ - 1,104.85
Easter Collection YTD.....	\$ 7,953.00
Holy Thursday YTD.....	\$ 989.00
Holy Land (Good Friday) YTD.....	\$ 947.00
Parish Share YTD.....	\$ 7,801.00
Cemetery Envelopes 2015 YTD.....	\$ 2,594.00

CONCERNING OUR PARISH . . .**CONGRATULATIONS. . .**

. . . to **Michael Boal**, grandson of Judith Nolder, who made
his First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 12 at
St. Mark's Parish. Michael attends the St. Mark's CCD
Program. Please keep him in your prayers!

CLASSES ENDING

It doesn't seem possible that CCD Classes for
Grades 5-8 will end on Tuesday, April 21 and end on
Sunday, April 26 for Grades K-4. We are extremely
grateful to Fr. John Lendvai and Mrs. Patty Cagney for
accepting, teaching and nurturing our children this past
school year in their CCD Program at Holy Spirit Church.
When a door closes, God always opens another one.
We were fortunate to be able to place our children in their
competent hands. It's not always easy to make any type of
change, but as you know, the classroom space we utilized
at St. Clare Office for our 14 students became
Fr. Chuck's new residence. We also thank Mary Tullius
who has continued working with Fr. John and Mrs. Cagney
to prepare five of our young parishioners to receive the
Sacrament of Confirmation on **Thursday, May 7** at **7PM**
at *Holy Spirit Church*.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Our Parish has volunteers to take Communion to
those who are homebound due to illness, age, or
disability. This ministry of visitation and care is vital to help
the homebound participate in the Eucharist and to remain
connected to the Parish Community. Those who bring
Communion also bring a friendly face, news of the Parish,
a concerned listener and often a personal care and
compassion that translates into the visible presence of
Christ. Even a simple phone call can lift a lonely soul.

If you would be willing to give some time for this
ministry, please call Beverly Mazza at 412-233-8940 or
the Parish Office.

THANK YOU. . .

. . . from Sr. Mary Parks, Executive Director of *Sisters
Place* for the Easter donation that our Apostolate
Committee sent to them for their Food Bank. "*Your
generosity is the key to the future for the people who make
their temporary homes at Sisters Place and we are so very
grateful for your help!*" Donations like this are made
possible from the donations that are made when we use
our green "Caring Ministry Envelopes".

CONCERNING OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY...

CEMETERY NEWS

The Water will be turned on at the Cemetery soon. Please remember that items that are not of a religious nature will be removed and discarded. DO NOT place Mulch, Decorative Stones or Edging at Graves. These items can become projectiles when the grass is cut.

SPECIAL INVITATION

The Mon Yough Area Chamber of Commerce, of which St. Clare of Assisi Parish is a member, has invited our "families" (that's you!) to join them for a KENNYWOOD SUMMER PICNIC on **Friday, June 26**. Tickets (normally \$42.99) are only \$32 per person and includes a catered picnic dinner from 4-6PM in their reserved pavilion, prizes, raffles, a limited number of t-shirts and games for the kids. **Tickets are valid for June 26 only** and will be valid from open to close on that day. Tickets must be pre-paid and names of attendees must be provided when purchasing tickets as they will be available at the gate in a VIP/will call reservation. If you would like to spend a GREAT day at Kennywood, stop at the Parish Office ASAP to reserve and pay for tickets.

FROM CONFLICT TO COMMUNION

A Day of Conversation on the Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation will be held at *St. Paul Seminary*, Craifton, on **Wednesday, April 29** from **10AM-3PM**. Registration deadline is **April 21**. For more information, call the Synod Office at 412-367-8222.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The 45th Anniversary of the first official **EARTH DAY** on **April 22** began in 1970 when U. S. Sen. Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin initiated the day as a national "teach-in" on the environment. *"The fate of this planet is our fate. We know enough to do better and we have every reason to try."*

- David Skelly, Director of Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History.

RECYCLING

Did you know that Electronics such as TVs, audio equipment, monitors, laptops, other computer items, telephones, non-refrigerant appliances and lead acid batteries must be recycled by either a designated recycling facility, the equipment manufacturer or at a special electronics recycling event? **South Park Township** at the Township Public Works Parking Lot, 2576 Brownsville Rd. South Park will be collecting these items on **Saturday, April 25 from 10AM-2PM**. There is a small fee charged for other items.

This is also the day for our own **Clairton Community CLEAN-UP Day**. If you can't join the volunteers as they make their way through the Community, please use this day to "spruce-up" your own neighborhoods. We should show PRIDE in our city every day; not just on a special designated day.

CONCERNING OUR WORSHIP . . .

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - April 18/19

4:30PM For The Parishioners
9:30AM Nick Zumbo - (Family)

Monday, April 20 - Easter Weekday

7:00PM Ethel Havrilla - (Family)

Tuesday, April 21 - Easter Weekday

8:00AM Tely Maglangit, Edelberto Pao &
Francisca Duhaylungsod - (Merlyn Fenton)

Wednesday, April 22 - Easter Weekday

8:00AM John Chorba - (Burrelli Family)

Thursday, April 23 - Easter Weekday

8:00AM Neil C. Brown - (Dorothy Romanelli)

Friday, April 24 - Easter Weekday

8:00AM Viola George - (Husband, John)

Saturday, April 25

12:30PM Reconciliation

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - April 25/26

4:30PM For The Parishioners
9:30AM Josephine & Felix Fusco - (Family)

WEEKEND MINISTERS - April 25/26

4:30PM - Eucharistic Ministers - Gary Massaro,
Jennifer Massaro, Judi Valvo

Lector - Monica Kapsha

Altar Server - Aaron Maricic

Head Ushers - Mike DiCarlo, Ed Obusek

9:30AM - Eucharistic Ministers - Bernadette Baznik,
Larry Carra, Nancy Carra

Lector - Erin Koontz

Altar Server - Ron Lomis

Head Ushers - Ray York, Vince Gori

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1 John 3:1–2 - Page 158

John 10:11–18 - Page 158

PRAYERS FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

This week, please pray for **Joseph Uzar** from
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Carnegie.

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

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