

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.*

Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 26, 2015

Reflection: Dig It

The soil was hard and compacted after a hard winter and the weight of a Bob Cat mini excavator pressed the soil tight last year. The work done for me in the house really changed the outdoor space here at the rectory/office. Now that it is spring, it seems time to make the surroundings look like a little paradise.

Monday, I picked up a few trees; some rhododendrons, hemlocks, an American Holly and some ground covers to try and make the yard look inviting and meditative. Amy and I planted the ground cover first; little cuttings of pachysandra. Digging up the compacted soil burnt a few calories. It was good therapy. My therapist would have been proud.

As we broke up the soil, there were a few earthworms that had to suffer, being cut into several pieces as we crumbled the hard soil into something workable and inviting for the new cuttings. It was a lot of work and there were costs incurred; both by the gardeners and the soil being turned.

How similar the garden experience was to the early Christian communities in the Acts of the Apostles. Some of those proclaiming the Good News were tactful; encouraging. Others told it like it was. They called the hearer to wake up and repent. Some, like the first martyr, Steven, needed to take the *Dale Carnegie Course*, "How to Win Friends and Influence People". Peter, on the other hand, was a little more gentle. Nevertheless, each of those preaching the Word was doing the difficult work of preparing the soil so that the Word they were planting could easily take root. I am sure the sharp words of Peter and Steven cut the hearers in two, like the earthworms. Yet, the earthworm will become two living beings, (provided there was a heart in each segment) that would end

up helping the soil be more fertile and loamy.

At times, it is difficult to hear the truth, about Who God is and the truth exposing our sinfulness. Now, in this Easter Season, it is the perfect time to read and pray the Acts of the Apostles. Let's consider at least two things: 1. Are we tilling the soil of faith? 2. Are we becoming fertile soil? If we are fertile soil, we are life-giving and not selfish, life usurpers. Are we both tillers and soil?

Is this life all about who we are, or about Whose we are? We are God's Children now and forever.

Peace, Fr. Chuck

~ ~ ~ This Week ~ ~ ~

Sunday, April 26

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

9:30-10:45AM - CCD Last Class - Grades K-4

10:45AM - Counting Team #1

Monday, April 27

7PM - Liturgy - Reconciliation to Follow

Tuesday, April 28

7PM - Vicariate Meeting - St. Thomas a' Becket

Wednesday - April 29

6:30PM - Choir Practice

Thursday, April 30

7PM - Fab Five Lottery

Friday, May 1

**Golden Opportunity Drawing
No Preschool - In-Service Day**

Saturday, May 2

12:30PM - Reconciliation

Sunday, May 3

7PM - Confirmation Practice - 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 Recently Departed. . .

Edward Yonich

For our Sick and Shut-ins. . .

Leo Aloysius, Lorrie Anderson, Barbara Antroni, 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, 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, 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, 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 . . .

APRIL GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

Next Drawing: Friday, May 1.

Entered to Date: 120

TAKE TIME TO SMILE

A man, who was suffering from constant headaches, went to see his doctor. He said, "Doctor, I don't know why I keep getting these awful headaches. I live a good life. I don't drink like so many others do. I don't smoke like so many others do. I don't run around on my wife like so many others do. I don't overeat like so many others do. I don't..."

Just then the doctor interrupted and said, "Tell me, this pain in your head; is it a sharp, shooting kind of pain that seems to start at the front of your head and runs all around your head to the back?" "Yes," the man replied. "That describes it perfectly; a sharp, shooting pain that runs around my head." The doctor then made his diagnosis. "Your problem is unlike many others, you have your halo on too tight."

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

FISCAL YEAR JULY 2014 - JUNE 2015

Budgeted Weekly Offering.....	\$ 5,282.00
Actual Weekly Offering April 18/19.....	\$ 3,846.11
Weekly Deficit.....	\$ - 1,435.89
Parish Share YTD.....	\$ 7,851.00
Cemetery Envelopes 2015 YTD.....	\$ 2,629.00

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

CONCERNING OUR PARISH . . .

CONGRATULATIONS. . .

. . .to our Serra Catholic High School Students who made the Honor Roll for the 3rd Quarter:

Senior, **Kara Nickolich-Ruby**;

Junior, **Kayla Carbert-Gold**;

Senior, **Zachary Ference-Silver**

Several students will also be performing in the Musical "**ONCE UPON A MATTRESS**" at the Serra Catholic High School Gym from **Wednesday, April 29** until **Saturday, May 2**, beginning at **7:30PM**. Ticket prices for Adults are \$8 and Students \$5. All are invited.

NEW MAGAZINE

Please pick up a copy of the new *Pittsburgh Catholic Magazine*. This issue highlights stories about Families and about the "powers that come forth" from the body of Christ, which is ever-living and life-giving. Read about the actions of the Holy Spirit at work in his body, the church.

CONCERNING OUR COMMUNITY . . .

PUBLIC MEETING

A Community Meeting at the Clairton Community Economic Development Corp. (CCEDCC) Building, 282 St. Clair Ave., will be held on **Wednesday, April 29** at **6PM**, so the public can learn more about new efforts to clean up our air. This meeting, sponsored by the *Clean Water Action Group*, is teaming up with local communities, universities and environmental organizations. "The pollution we breathe is making us sick, but we can all help to clean up our air".

FINDING TREASURES

Wilson Presbyterian Church, N. Fourth St., is having a FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE on **Saturday, May 9** from **9AM-2PM**. Stop by to check out the items or to pick up some home-made baked goods!

YOU'RE INVITED

- A "**HAT'S OFF TO MOM**" Luncheon, sponsored by *Sisters Place* will be held on **Saturday, May 9, 11AM** at the *Georgetown Centre*, Pleasant Hills. Call 412-233-3903 to reserve your seat (\$25).

- Make Reservations for a "**MOTHER'S DAY DINNER**" on **Sunday, May 10**, at the *Ribbon Room Banquet Hall*, 310 Waddell Ave., Clairton, from 2PM until ?? by calling 412-233-3335. Adults \$20/Children 10 & Under \$7.

CONCERNING OUR DIOCESE. . .

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

Bishop David Zubik has asked that the letter that was read at our Masses a week ago be inserted in our Bulletin as a reminder of the next steps regarding our mission to *learn Jesus, love Jesus* and *live Jesus*. He is challenging us to be excited about our faith by becoming more fully alive in worship, service and catechesis. His Prayer for the *Church Alive Mission* is on the back of our May Calendar.

OPEN HOUSE

Bishop Canevin High School, 2700 Morange Road, Pgh. will have an **OPEN HOUSE & ENROLLMENT** on **Wednesday, April 29** from **6:30-8:30PM** for the 2015-16 school year. If your family is interested in enrollment, tuition assistance and scholarship information, call 412-922-7400 ext. 28.

SUMMER PROGRAM

The Franciscan Child Day Care Center located at the *Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God*, McRoberts Road, will be enrolling children for their Program that runs from June 15 to August 21 for children entering Kindergarten through the 2nd Grade. Activities, sports & fieldtrips are planned. Space is limited. Families must register before **May 1**. For more information, call 412-882-5085.

MAGNIFICAT PITTSBURGH

All Ladies are invited to a PRAYER BREAKFAST on **Saturday, May 9** from **9AM-Noon** at the *Double Tree by Hilton* (formerly Sheraton) in Cranberry Twp. Hear speaker Joan Smith share her faith journey. Cost is \$20. Deadline to register is Friday, **May 1**. Call Pam at 412-461-8906 or go to www.magnificatpittsburgh.org.

HELP WANTED

Bishop Canevin High School, located at 2700 Morange Road, is seeking a Full-time Maintenance person for Daylight hours. A minimum 3 years experience in building maintenance and systems including electrical, plumbing, HVAC and other mechanical skills is required. Anyone applying must also pass Acts 34 & 151 and Fingerprinting Clearances. Email Mr. Kenneth M. Sinagra, President at sinagrak@bishopcanevin.org with a letter of interest and an up-to-date Resume.

SUMMER FUN RAFFLE

The *Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill* are selling two raffle tickets that play on either the 1PM or 7PM Pick 3 Lottery for the whole month of June (except Sundays). Either ticket is \$10 each and provides 26 chances to win from \$100 to \$1,000. Call Sr. Agnes Steedle at 412-243-4651, ext. 6646 to order your tickets. Deadline to return ticket stubs and money is Tuesday, May 26. All proceeds benefit the Sisters of Charity.

***LIFE OFFERS SECOND CHANCES. . .
IT'S CALLED "TOMORROW"!***

CONCERNING OUR WORSHIP. . .

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - April 25/26

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

Monday, April 27 - Easter Weekday

7:00PM Henrietta Kazmierski - (Norma McNeil)

Tuesday, April 28 - Easter Weekday

8:00AM Fred Gollette - (Family)

Wednesday, April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin

8:00AM Marie Julian - (Mark Julian Family)

Thursday, April 30 - Easter Weekday

8:00AM Benefactors of St. Clare of Assisi Parish
and their Intentions

Friday, May 1 - Easter Weekday

8:00AM Michael John Wargo - (FCSLA Branch 177)

Saturday, May 2

12:30PM Reconciliation

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - May 2/3

4:30PM For The Parishioners
9:30AM Maxine Valenzesi - (Eileen Bekavac)

WEEKEND MINISTERS - May 2/3

4:30PM - Eucharistic Ministers - Gary Massaro,
Jennifer Massaro, Ray Werner

Lector - Kristen Dotterway

Altar Servers - Paul Chonko, Ron Lomis

Head Ushers - Mike DiCarlo, Ed Obusek

9:30AM - Eucharistic Ministers - Michele Capolupo,
Larry Carra, Nancy Carra

Lector - Eileen Poorman

Altar Servers - Lydia Bernardo, Kevin Stretavski

Head Ushers - Ray York, Vince Gori

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - April 25/26

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - May 2/3

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31 - Page 159

1 John 3:18-24 - Page 160

John 15:1-8 - Page 160

PRAYERS FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

This week, please pray for **Kevin O'Connor** from
St. Richard Parish, Gibsonia.

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

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