

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 Easter - May 3, 2015

***Reflection:* Come Holy Spirit**

For years it has been my intention, through homilies and in written word, to shed a little light on the workings of God in our seemingly ordinary lives. Sometimes it is difficult to believe that He is acting in personal ways for us and even through our lives. Often, it takes a toddler to open our eyes to the miracles that we have come to see as ordinary happenings. We are always surrounded by works of The Almighty; do we pause to recognize and reflect on them? Do we see the multitude of experiences where our Lords' will has been fairly obvious?

Fr. Lester Knoll has graciously accepted the invitation to speak with us on the above topic on this weekend of May 2nd and 3rd. He has agreed to speak to us in a way that will provoke our souls to help us recognize our Lord's presence and activity in our lives. He is the author of *'Looking Over His Shoulder', The Holy Spirit at Work in Ordinary Life*. This book is from Fr. Lesters' own spiritual journals. His hope is that when others read his reflections, they may recall how the Lord moved through their lives as well. The book gives opportunity for reflection through pertinent questions. It has been a joy to pray through this book during Lent and now the Easter season. It is such a consolation to know that our God is not a God that is far off and impersonal, but one intimately involved in our lives.

Bishop Edward Pevec - Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Cleveland has this to say about the heart of Fr. Lester's book. "In this non-pretentious work, this Capuchin priest, who so often admits to being "spoiled," frankly reveals the love with which our Lord has spoiled him and it is evident that he wants to share with his readers the attraction of that divine love. Both

the neophyte, struggling to find the way and the veteran who feels he has found it, will be enriched spiritually. This is truly a master at work."

It is my hope that the whole parish will pray about where God has been active, or at least, noticed in their own personal lives and then prepare to be surprised by the discovery of many ways you have been spoiled by the Lord. When this happens, we will really be missionaries just because of the joy radiating from us.

Peace, Fr. Chuck

~ ~ ~ This Week ~ ~ ~

Sunday, May 3

4:30PM & 9:30AM Weekend Liturgies

Guest Homilist - Fr. Lester Knoll

Topic: "Mysticism"

10:45AM - Counting Team #2

7PM - Confirmation Practice - Holy Spirit Church

Wednesday - May 6

6:30PM - Choir Practice

7PM - Confirmation - St. Elizabeth Church

Thursday, May 7

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

7PM - Confirmation - Holy Spirit Church

Friday, May 8

Market Day Orders Due

Paper & Internet

Saturday, May 9

11AM-2PM - "Hats off To Mom" Luncheon

Sponsored by Sisters Place - Georgetown Centre

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. . .

Veronica Kacmarik

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 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, 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, 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

*We thank the family of
Veronica Kacmarik
 for designating donations to
 St. Clare of Assisi Parish
 in her memory.*



MASS BOOKINGS

We will begin booking Masses for July 1 through December 31, 2015 on **Tuesday, May 12**. If scheduling a mass by telephone, the mass stipend (\$10) must be received in the parish office by Tuesday of the following week. Families are permitted to schedule one weekend Mass and two weekday Masses every 6 months.

CONCERNING OUR FUNDRAISERS . . .

APRIL FAB FIVE & GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

Both of these Fundraisers occurred after this Bulletin went to print. Winners will be in next weeks' Bulletins. Fab Five Tickets for May can be picked in the Sacristy this weekend. We thank Dawn Kuzma of Jim's Flower Shop for sponsoring our Ticket this month.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

FISCAL YEAR JULY 2014 - JUNE 2015

Budgeted Weekly Offering.....	\$ 5,282.00
Actual Weekly Offering April 25/26.....	\$ 4,114.00
Weekly Deficit.....	\$ - 1,168.00
Maintenance Collection.....	\$ 1,100.00
Parish Share YTD.....	\$ 7,883.00
Cemetery Envelopes 2015 YTD.....	\$ 2,951.00

SECOND COLLECTION - THIS WEEKEND

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

CONCERNING OUR PARISH . . .

COME HOLY SPIRIT

Fr. Lester Knoll OFM, Cap, will have copies of his book *'Looking Over His Shoulder', The Holy Spirit at Work in Ordinary Life*, for sale after our two Masses this weekend.

YOU DID IT AGAIN

Your kindness overwhelms me. We have, as of late, added to the monthly calendar, my schedule. We thought it would be good for the Parishioners to know some of the things that I, as your pastor, am expected to do within the Diocese along with other matters.

One of those appointments that I keep is the "Priest Support Group". Some have thought they were expected to show support for their priest in some way. The kindnesses were appreciated. However, the Support Group is a group of priests who gather to pray, have a meal together and speak to one another about their lives, their joys and their challenges. So, once a month I meet with Frs. Tom, John and Steven and we share fellowship together. We find it encourages us to be "on fire" for ministry and a reminder that we are not alone. It is a great gift, as you are! Thanks for your unselfish concern and support.

CHA-CHA-CHANGES

As we look ahead to our future, the staff and I have arrived at a workable decision that we feel will ensure the continued financial health of our parish. Beginning on **Monday, May 4**, the Parish Office will be open for business, **Monday thru Thursday** from **8AM to 2PM** and **closed on Fridays**. The Answering Machine is always on and a number to call is given if there is an emergency.

As this change is written on paper and not in stone, we reserve the right to make any future modifications. Our weekday and weekend Liturgies are not affected by this decision. Mass Times will remain the same.

TAKE TIME TO SMILE!

An old woman sipping on a glass of wine while sitting on the patio with her husband says, *"I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you."* Her husband asks, *"Is that you or the wine talking?"* She replies, *"It's me talking to the wine!"*
 Make someone's day and smile!!

CONCERNING OUR DIOCESE . .

SUPPORT GROUP

The death of a loved one and the grief that follows can often be overwhelming. The pain from this loss and the resultant life changes, may become overpowering for individuals, especially those who are suffering alone in their grief. *Holy Angels Parish Bereavement Ministry*, in Hays, will host a **6-WEEK GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** on **Tuesday evenings** from **7-9PM**, beginning **May 5**, to **June 9th**. For more information or to register, please call Suzanne Hunter at 412-462-9928.



• Join the **South Hills Young Adults** on **Thursday, May 7** at **6:30PM** for “**DINNER, DRINKS AND DISCUSSION**” at *Pizzaz*, located at 2850 Washington Road, in McMurray. Fr. Michael Sedor, Parochial Vicar of St. Maria Goretti Parish will join them for “When In Rome”, as he shares his experiences of living and working in the Vatican; the heart of the Church. Bring a friend and be prepared to enjoy good stories.



• *Holy Spirit Church*, West Mifflin, is holding a **SUPER BINGO** on **Saturday Evening, May 9**. Doors and Kitchen opens at **5:30PM**. Early Bird Games begin at **6:30PM** with Regular Games to follow. Tickets (\$20) are available at the door. For more information, call 412-346-0477.



• The *St. Francis Auxiliary* will host a **MOTHER’S DAY BRUNCH** on **Sunday, May 10** from **11AM-2PM** at the *Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God Motherhouse*, located at 3603 McRoberts Road, Whitehall. Guests will be treated to a buffet of breakfast foods, pastries, specialty omelets and more. Brunch is \$15 for adults and \$7 for children, age 8 and under. Space is limited. Reservations must be made no later than **Tuesday, May 5** by calling 412-885-7403.



• **SOUP’S ON** at the *Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God*, 3603 McRoberts Road, Whitehall on **Wednesday, May 13** from **3-9PM**. Wedding Soup, Pesto Chicken Soup and Roasted Eggplant Bisque will be offered to patrons. Soup is \$5.00 a quart and includes 2 Dinner Rolls. Orders must be placed no later than **Thursday, May 7** by calling 412-885-7232..



• Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of the Diocese of New York City, will join Bishop David Zubik at the **33rd ANNUAL BISHOP’S DINNER FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES** on **May 15** at the *Westin Convention Center Hotel*, beginning at **6PM**. Bishop Zubik will present Caritas Awards to Cardinal Dolan, MSA - The Safety Company and three Butler Catholic parishes. For information and reservations, call Kelly Mainous at 412-456-6950 or visit www.ccpgh.org.

CONCERNING OUR WORSHIP. . .

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - May 2/3

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

Monday, May 4 - Easter Weekday

7:00PM Carmella Bamburak - (Pat Yekich)

Tuesday, May 5 - Easter Weekday

8:00AM John Chorba - (Anna Mae Molly & Family)

Wednesday, May 6 - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin

8:00AM Joseph Breda - (Christine Schmitt)

Thursday, May 7 - Easter Weekday

8:00AM Catherine Rothbauer Cassinelli -
(Daughter, Nancy & Son, Floyd)

Friday, May 8 - Easter Weekday

8:00AM Ralph Russo - (Children)

Saturday, May 9

12:30PM Reconciliation

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - May 9/10

4:30PM For The Parishioners
9:30AM Elizabeth Planich - (Michele & Jack)

WEEKEND MINISTERS - May 9/10

4:30PM - Eucharistic Ministers - *Ed Razorsek, Nancy Razorsek, Judi Valvo*

Lector - *Bernadette Baznik*

Altar Servers - *Keith Cotter, Aaron Maricic*

Head Ushers - *Mike DiCarlo, Ed Obusek*

9:30AM - Eucharistic Ministers - *Lori Chasko, Susan Finnegan, Martha Mathews*

Lector - *Laura Cronkhite*

Altar Servers - *Colton Boring, Christina DeCecco*

Head Ushers - *Ray York, Vince Gori*

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1 John 4:7-10 - Page 162

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PRAYERS FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

This week, please pray for **Benjamin Barr** 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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