

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.*

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 10, 2015

Reflection: What is Love?

“In this is love; not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as the Expiation for our sins”. *First Letter of St. John 4:8* Isn't that remarkably similar to the love of a good mother? 'In this is love; not that we have loved *her*, but that she has loved *us*; poured out her life and heart for us and has numerous times forgiven us our sins'. How do they do that? How does a mom live so selflessly, yet relentlessly love her children even when we are not at all lovable? All I can say is that it is an unmeasured gift; a love poured out recklessly, without measure for the sake of her beloved children. This is even true for a mom who has to hit her child over and over again to wake him up from the euphoria of a Baltimore mob. Love is costly and difficult and has to be shown in many ways and quite often, not in a warm and fuzzy manner.

When we ponder the life of our Blessed Mom, we can be inspired by her attributes of faithfulness; to God, her husband and to her son. This by no means implies that she was a washrag, ready to do any task good, or indifferent. It means she knew what was best and followed through with it. Recall the Miracle at the Wedding Feast. She wasn't afraid to make demands of her son! She did, in effect, call him out into the ministry of which we are so familiar with in the Gospels. A good mom empowers her children to be more than they imagine that they can be with their own limited belief in themselves.

It seems that we now belong to a society that encourages our youth to think of themselves as a 'job resume'. We are encouraged to list our attributes of educational, financial or physical prowess to demonstrate our worth to society. We are taught to find our value in what we amass for ourselves, rather than what we are for our neighbors, family, or the world. It was not so long ago that children were inspired to be a person who would be a blessing to family, community and the Church. Could it be that we should be thinking of

how to live our lives by what would be said of us at our eulogies? Would we be known as selfish old coots who have amassed great wealth for ourselves, or would we rather be remembered for how we made the world a better place; a more loving, healthy, inspirational environment in which to live? Our Blessed Mom raised Jesus like that. Many good mothers continue to do the same. The Church is called to inflame the hearts of the next generation to do the same; to help their children remember it is not who they are, but it is to whom they belong. We are God's Children now. We are still incited by God, our Blessed Mother and our moms as we become assets to the world and not liabilities.

God Bless you moms and thank you for living and loving and forgiving in the example of Christ and His and Our Mother.

Peace, Fr. Chuck

~ ~ ~ This Week ~ ~ ~

Sunday, May 10

Happy Mother's Day

10:45AM - Counting Team #3

Wednesday - May 13

6:30PM - Choir Practice

7PM - Pastoral Council Meeting - Parish Office

Thursday, May 14

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Holy Day of Obligation

8:00AM - Liturgy

7:00PM - Liturgy

Saturday, May 16 - Armed Forces Day

9:30-10AM - Market Day Pick-up - Parish Office

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 . . .


Betty Burge (Former Parishioner)

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, John Dellalucia, 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, Elizabeth Marsh,
 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, Daucen 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, Daucen Radlien Jr., Michael Santoline,
 Anthony Svetz, Andrew West, Jeffery West



*This Week's Flowers on the Altar
 and at the Tabernacle
 were donated in Memory of
Ralph Russo
 by Children*

CONCERNING OUR FUNDRAISERS . . .

FAB FIVE - \$500 TICKET - Drawn April 30

Winner: #237 - Nancy Plavchak
Next Lottery Ticket: Sunday, May 31

APRIL GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY - Drawn May 1

Winner: M/M Charles Hicks Prize Amount: \$352.50
Entered to Date for May Drawing: 70

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MASS BOOKINGS

We will begin booking Masses on **Tuesday, May 12** for July 1 through December 31, 2015. Families are permitted to schedule one weekend Mass and two weekday Masses.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

FISCAL YEAR JULY 2014 - JUNE 2015

Budgeted Weekly Offering.....	\$ 5,282.00
Actual Weekly Offering May 2/3.....	\$ 4,960.00
Weekly Deficit.....	\$ - 322.00
Parish Share YTD.....	\$ 9,590.00
Cemetery Envelopes 2015 YTD.....	\$ 3,255.00

Bishop Zubik has asked that all Parishes take up a **Special Second Collection THIS Weekend** to assist those devastated by the severe earthquake in Nepal.

The Donations that we receive from our CARING MINISTRY FUND Envelopes this month have been designated to be used specifically for this Collection. CRS responds immediately to emergency needs for basic necessities and assists with the long-term recovery. Please be as generous as possible to our brothers and sisters in need.

CONCERNING OUR PARISH . . .

THANK YOU . . .

. . .from **Sr. Mary Parks** at Sisters Place for our support; "presence, monetary donation and *Market Day Raffle Basket*" at their Annual *Hats Off to Mom Luncheon* that was held May 9 at the Georgetown Centre. Our gift helps to provide housing and services to local homeless families. "Their hearts join ours in celebrating the return of green to our world after a rather difficult winter!"

. . .to our famous "**cookie bakers**" who donated cookies from their favorite recipes to ensure that the Refreshment Table at the Reception after Confirmation was overflowing with our homemade hospitality.

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

. . .to **Zachariah LeDonne, Celina Maselli, Rosalina Medina, Seneca Thompson and Lauren Weatherspoon**, who were confirmed by Bishop William Winter at **Holy Spirit Church on Thursday, May 7** and to **Paul Chonko** who was confirmed at *St. Elizabeth Church* (with his school classmates) on **Wednesday, May 6**. Please keep them in your prayers as they now begin their journey to grow into leaders in the Church and Society.

. . .**Thomas Werner**, voted as the "*MVP*" Player of the Year and *Top Scorer* for the Serra Hockey Team this season.

. . .**Bernadette Baznik**, this years' recipient of the *Manifesting The Kingdom Award* from St. Clare of Assisi Parish. This award was established in 1999 by Cardinal Donald Wuerl, then Bishop of Pittsburgh and is given to lay men and women and to consecrated men and women who demonstrate the presence of Jesus in their lives. Bernadette has participated in an exceptional service to the Church reflected in so many different ways in the lives, ministry and work of those she helps. She will receive her award from Bishop Zubik during a Mass at St. Paul Cathedral on **Sunday, June 7 at 2:30PM**.

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"GET INTO THE ACT"

Since 1963, communities across the country have shown their gratitude each May by celebrating **OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**. The theme this year reflects the 50th Anniversary of the Act that President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law in 1965. Since then, this Act has provided a nationwide aging services network and funding that helps older adults live with dignity in the communities of their choice for as long as possible. **LifeSpan** will be conducting activities and providing tips all month on how to access resources and services designed to promote healthy and dignified aging. The *Steel Valley LifeSpan Resource Center* is located at 530 Miller Ave. Go to Clairton@lifespampa.org to see more!

CONCERNING OUR DIOCESE & COMMUNITY. . .

- The Legion of Mary, in collaboration with the Diocese of Pittsburgh, is sponsoring the **77th International Eucharistic ROSARY MARCH** next **Sunday, May 17**. The Service begins at **1:30PM** at *Epiphany Church*, 189 Washington Place, Pgh, with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a Rosary Procession through the City of Pittsburgh; returning to Epiphany Church for Benediction and Crowning of Our Lady. Fr. Frederic Gruber will give to those who choose, a blessing for healing. 
- There will be a **SENIOR SPRING FLING SOCIAL & DANCE** on **Wednesday, May 17** at the *McKeesport Palisades*. Doors open at **3PM**. Dance to the sounds of the Mikey Dee Big Band from 7-7PM with Drawings & Raffles. For more information, call Patrick Fisher at 412-664-6722.
- There will be lots of fun, food and prizes at the ANNUAL **SPRING-A-RAMA** sponsored by *St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish*, Pleasant Hills, beginning on **Monday, May 18** until **Saturday, May 23** from **7-10:30PM**. There will also be a Car Cruise, Big Money Raffle and the famous Donut Booth. Get there early so you can purchase their freshly-made, delicious donuts!
- Nationally acclaimed Emmy Award-Winning Trumpeter, **Chiz Rider**, will perform at *St. Germaine Church*, Bethel Park, on **Friday, May 22** at **7PM**. Mr. Rider will perform a collection of inspired worship and praise, patriotic and contemporary songs. St. Germaine Parish invites the community to gather alongside family and friends to enjoy this uplifting, free concert. Call 412-833-0661 for more information.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held at *Holy Spirit Church*, West Mifflin on **June 23-26** from **6-8:35PM** in Horner Hall. Registration is limited. Registration Forms are on our Bulletin Boards. Deadline to return Forms is **Sunday, May 24**.
- If you like to "feel the earth move under your feet", please consider volunteering on **Saturday, May 30** to help plant flowers at the corner of Maple Avenue & State Street. The flowers are donated, courtesy of the *Western Pennsylvania Conservancy* and members of the our community. Any questions, call Charlie at 412-897-8665.

CONCERNING OUR WORSHIP. . .

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - May 9/10

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

Monday, May 11 - Easter Weekday

7:00PM Viola George - (Husband, John)

Tuesday, May 12 - Easter Weekday

8:00AM Jim Tullius - (Sister Mary Ann Hornick)

Wednesday, May 13 - Easter Weekday

8:00AM Deceased Members of the Mallozzi Family
(Family)

Thursday, May 14 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8:00AM Joyce Dolfi - Paul Julian
7:00PM Joseph Fasekas - (Andrew & Mary Ann
Bartos)

Friday, May 15 - Easter Weekday

8:00AM Charles Jacavino - (Kathy Dehart)

Saturday, May 16

12:30PM Reconciliation

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - May 16/17

4:30PM Anthony Valvo - (Family)
9:30AM For The Parishioners

WEEKEND MINISTERS - May 16/17

4:30PM - Eucharistic Ministers - *Tom Caldwell,
Gary Massaro, Jennifer Massaro*
Lector - *Michael Thornton*
Altar Servers - *Ron Lomis, Aaron Maricic*
Head Ushers - *Mike DiCarlo, Ed Obusek*
9:30AM - Eucharistic Ministers - *Bernadette Baznik,
Lori Chasko, Joseph Costello*
Lector - *Monica Kapsha*
Altar Servers - *Christina DeCecco, Kevin Stretavski*
Head Ushers - *Ray York, Vince Gori*

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - May 9/10

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - May 16/17

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1 John 4:11-16 - Page 167
John 17:11b-19 - Page 167

PRAYERS FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

This week, please pray for **Craig Campbell** from St. Anne Parish, Castle Shannon.

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

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