

# Saint Clare of Assisi Parish

*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust*

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**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.*

**Seventh Sunday of Easter - May 17, 2015**

**Reflection:** Still "Out in Right Field"

Pentecost is coming soon and as we celebrate these last weeks of Easter, the readings are profoundly exhorting the life of the Holy Spirit. How different the life of the Christian, as compared to the 'gentile' way of thinking. We truly need to have our hands empty, palms to the sky and be ready for the ball, or the Lord, as the case may be, to drop into our hands; our lives.

Remember the boy playing right field in last Sunday's homily? Well, after he had forgotten his plans for fame and fortune and seemingly was open to the promptings of the Spirit (the crowds calling, in his case), opened his hand, glove to the sky and the gift was laid into the empty hand. This gift was much greater than his own dreams; more than he could have imagined.

There is a prayer posture that many Christians use when praying and that is with their hands empty and palms up to the Lord. Most often, I see this posture at the Our Father. Do you ever wonder why this posture might be used or why it is popular? The symbol seems significant.

When we come to Mass, we are to be ready to receive God in various ways. If we have our hands wrapped around our chests or bellies, or if we have our fists closed or clinched, there may be some profound symbolism there too. There may be a thwarting of God's gifts.

There is something called a monkey trap. It is very simple; nothing more than a container filled with some food the monkey loves. The hole is just big enough for the monkey to put his hand into it when empty. When the monkey grabs his treat, his hand is too big to pass back through the opening. It is said that the monkey will remain there trapped because he will not release his desired treat! It follows then that we humans may be holding onto something in our lives; remaining trapped, rather than opening our hands and lives to the gifts the Lord would love to lay into them. What is it we grasp after or hold on to? Is it praise, greed for

Wealth, or prestige that lures us? Could we be holding on desperately to youth, or health, or vanity as if they were our personal gods? What is in your hand might be a good question to ask.

Another time our hands might be closed is when we are angry or hurt; when we want revenge. It is difficult to let God into a clenched fist. Maybe that is why we are asked to forgive, as well as be forgiven, so many times at Mass. It suffices to say that God can't work in us if we have clenched fists or closed hearts.

Next Sunday we celebrate Pentecost. Will it be a day when we are like the boy in right field; our hands and hearts ready for a profound gift to let his Spirit and life thrive? Only great gifts await those with open hands and hearts.

*Peace, Fr. Chuck*

*~ ~ ~ This Week ~ ~ ~*

**Sunday, May 17**

**10:45AM - Counting Team #4**

**Tuesday, May 19**

**4:30PM - Finance Council Meeting - Parish Office**

**Wednesday, May 20**

**6:30PM - Choir Practice**

**Thursday, May 21**

**7PM - SC Men's Club Meeting - Parish Office**

**Friday, May 22**

**Last Day of Preschool**

**9AM-3PM - Library Bake/Plant Sale**

**Saturday, May 23**

**12:30PM - Reconciliation**

**4:30PM - PENTECOST SUNDAY - (Wear Red Clothing)**

**Mass Change - Next Week Only**

**Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day**

**Mass will be at 8AM - Not 7PM**



**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. . .**

**Anthony Capul** (Brother of Mary Ann Lewis,  
Louise Lewis, Frances Lawson and Terese Capul)

**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, Daucent Radlein Sr.,  
Raymond Reitmeyer, Allen Rhoads, 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, Jason Middleton,  
Daucent Radlien Jr., Michael Santoline, Anthony Svetz,  
Andrew West, Jeffery West*

**CONCERNING OUR FUNDRAISERS . . .**

**MAY GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY - Drawing June 1**

**Entered to Date: 101**

**MARKET DAY**

New June Order Forms are in this weeks' Bulletins. Both Paper and Internet Orders are due by **THURSDAY, June 4**. Pick-up will be on **Saturday, June 13** from **9:30-10AM** at the Parish Office. Make an Order today!

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**MASS BOOKINGS**

We have begun booking Masses for July 1 through December 31, 2015. Families are permitted to schedule one weekend Mass and two weekday Masses. Call or stop in the Parish Office Mondays thru Thursdays, from 8AM-2PM to reserve your dates.

**"LOOKING OVER HIS SHOULDER"**

Please call the Parish Office if you would like to own a copy of this Book authored by Fr. Lester Knoll. Father has dropped off additional copies for anyone wishing to purchase a Book (\$15).

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**FISCAL YEAR JULY 2014 - JUNE 2015**

Budgeted Weekly Offering.....	\$ 5,282.00
Actual Weekly Offering May 9/10.....	\$ 4,626.00
Weekly Deficit.....	\$ - 656.00
Caring Ministry Fund.....	\$ 1,008.00
Parish Share YTD.....	\$ 10,475.00
Cemetery Envelopes 2015 YTD.....	\$ 3,287.00

The Second Collection LAST Weekend was taken to help those devastated by the severe earthquake in Nepal. The monies collected from our *Caring Ministry Fund Envelopes* this month will be directed toward the Diocesan Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for this appeal.

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The Second Collection **THIS Weekend** will be for the yearly **Catholic Relief Services**; for the **Churches in Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe and Africa**. Please be just as generous to this Collection.

**CONCERNING OUR PARISH . . .**

**IT'S NOT EVEN SUMMER YET**

Last weekend looked more like try-outs for "Beach Blanket Bingo" and less like spending time with Our Lord at our Liturgies. Families, please use good judgment and common sense when "rounding up everyone" for Mass on Saturday afternoons or Sunday mornings. This is an occasion to be wearing respectable clothing; not Yoga Pants, or something you would wear to a pool party, BBQ, or sporting event. The church has A/C (and it was on), so being too hot is not an excuse. Several comments were made about seeing the too-revealing tops and too-short shorts that made several of our parishioners uncomfortable. With all the distractions that our youth are faced with on a daily basis, please help to "Keep Holy the Sabbath"...it's only an hour of your time.

**SPECIAL GIFT**

Our Parish has recently been offered Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera Tickets for 3 fabulous shows at the Benedum Center in Pittsburgh for our youth, young adults and senior citizens. The programs are on the following **Sundays at 2PM: June 21-Mary Poppins; July 19-Gypsy** and **August 2-The Wedding Singer**. If interested, please call the Parish Office by June 1 to request the number of tickets & name of the show. Recipients must provide their own transportation. Even the Benedum has a Dress Code..."Sunday Best", jeans and shorts are discouraged

**PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC MAGAZINE**

New COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY GUIDES for the 2015-16 school year are on the Bulletin Tables. Fifteen schools are highlighted in this issue along with Financial Aid and Scholarship Information. If you have a child graduating from High School this year, this informative magazine can help your family to make wise decisions.

## CONCERNING OUR DIOCESE & COMMUNITY. .

- All Are Welcome to the **NOVENA** at The *Sisters of the Holy Spirit Motherhouse* located at 5246 Clarwin Ave., Pgh 15229, that began on Friday, May 15 at 7PM continuing until Saturday, May 23. There will be a different Presider every evening with **Fr. Michael Greb, OFM Cap** there on **Wednesday, May 20!**
- Please call the Parish Office by May 20 if you would like to attend the **HUMAN LIFE & DIGNITY RETREAT** that will be held on **Wednesday, May 27**, from **8AM-2:30PM** at *St. Paul Seminary*, 2900 Noblestown Rd. This years' Theme is "Nurturing Life from the Cradle to the Grave".
- A **RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKEND RETREAT** FOR POST-ABORTION HEALING will be held on **May 22-24** at the *Spiritans Center* in Bethel Park. To register or for more information, call Toni Jester at 412-352-5348 or visit [www.ccpgh.org](http://www.ccpgh.org).
- Please consider volunteering on **Saturday, May 30 at 9AM** 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 our community. Any questions, please call Charlie Spence at 412-897-8665.
- If you know someone who is age 24 or younger, they can apply for a **HOPE THROUGH LEARNING AWARD** by **Sunday, May 31**. These non-renewable awards of \$2,500 are sponsored by the Homeless Children's Education Fund and can be used for tuition, program fees, or living expenses. Please go to [www.homelessfund.org/hope](http://www.homelessfund.org/hope) 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. Deadline to return Registration Forms (found on our Bulletin Boards), is **Next Sunday, May 24**.

## CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

- Next **Sunday, May 24** is **Pentecost Sunday**, the Birthday of the Church. Pray in thanksgiving for the variety of charisms lived out in consecrated life and the gifts these chrisms bring to the global Church, especially for the Spiritans <http://spiritians.org>, Sisters of the Holy Spirit <http://sistersoftheholyspirit.com/> and the Brothers of the Holy Spirit in Ambridge.
- May 28, 1843, the School Sisters of St. Francis in Graz, Austria were founded when a devout young woman, Antonia Lampel, a member of the Secular Franciscan Order, became aware of the need for educating and training young girls both spiritually and academically. Visit [www.schoolsistersofstfrancis.org](http://www.schoolsistersofstfrancis.org) to learn more.

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE ~ by Bud Ozar

Jesus was worried about his disciples and he turned to prayer. No matter how much time we spend trying to "guard and protect" our children, each day they become less dependent on us and we must let go and let God. Prayer and parenting go together.

**CONCERNING OUR WORSHIP. . .**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - May 16/17**

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

**Monday, May 18 - Easter Weekday**

7:00PM Mike & Ethel Havrilla - (Family)

**Tuesday, May 19 - Easter Weekday**

8:00AM John Toth - (Sister, Irene)

**Wednesday, May 20 - Easter Weekday**

8:00AM Carmella Bamburak - (Janice & Anthony)  
DiLonardo)

**Thursday, May 21 - Easter Weekday**

8:00AM Anthony & Mary Galant - (Bob & Blanche  
Hovanec)

**Friday, May 22 - Easter Weekday**

8:00AM William Mazza, Sr - (Elaine Popcak)

**Saturday, May 23**

12:30PM Reconciliation

**PENTECOST SUNDAY - May 23/24**

4:30PM Frank & Dolores Senko - (Children)  
9:30AM For The Parishioners

**WEEKEND MINISTERS - May 23/24**

4:30PM - Eucharistic Ministers - *Regina Behary,  
Russell Behary, Ray Werner*  
Lector - *Felix Fusco*  
Altar Servers - *Paul Chonko, Ron Lomis*  
Head Ushers - *Mike DiCarlo, Ed Obusek*

9:30AM - Eucharistic Ministers - *JoAnne Kaskin,  
Lee Lasich, Marlene Senko*  
Lector - *Patrick Thornton*  
Altar Servers - *Lydia Bernardo, Colton Boring*  
Head Ushers - *Ray York, Vince Gori*

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**PRAYERS FOR OUR SEMINARIANS**

This week, please pray for **Brendan Dawson** from  
St. Victor Parish, Bairdford.

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

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