

# Saint Clare of Assisi Parish

*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust*

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**Rev. Charles J. Baptiste, Pastor**  
**Kathleen Ulmer, Business Manager**

**All Masses - St Clare of Assisi Church - Reed Street**  
**Saturday** 4:30 PM (Sunday Vigil)  
**Sunday** 9:30 AM  
**Weekdays** 7:00 PM (Monday)  
8:00 AM (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)  
**St. Clare Cemetery** - Worthington Avenue, Clairton, PA  
For all cemetery information, call the Parish Office.

**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.*

**Pentecost Sunday - May 24, 2015**

**Reflection: Pentecost**



How cool is this? Everyone heard the Good News proclaimed in their own languages. St. Paul calls Us "the Body of Christ". Yet there are times when we don't even love our neighbors or our own personal body. How do we do that?

Not long before I got hurt, I met a young lady wearing a long-sleeved shirt, but I noticed she had deep scratches and cuts up her arms, even on her head beneath her hair. After awhile, she told me that she cut herself; nothing more than that did she say. Maybe she knew it was clear that she hated herself and meant to do herself harm. I myself have cursed my legs when they got tangled in the sheets and I could not move to get out of bed. It was as if they were not important and were only useless appendages, in the way of my intentions.

The same could be said of the many ways we have seen others as important, vital, worthy, or not worthy, throughout history. For example, the French and the Spanish wiping out the native peoples of Jamaica and other Caribbean Islands; the horrendous fact that slavery ever existed, the truth of how the European settlers eventually tried to systematically wipe out the Native tribes are a few examples of how we continually try to set ourselves apart and to be more important than other groups of peoples. We do this because of what we understand as useful and of how we understand ourselves as a privileged people.

Pentecost, in some ways is a celebration of God who has chosen to be in all races, all peoples. Today's gospel recalls Jesus breathing the Holy Spirit on the disciples. He tells them to go out and forgive sins. We may not have thought of this before, but forgiving sin was something only attributed to God and not to man. How can man forgive sin? Looking back to the scriptures again, this time in Mark, Chapter Two, we have the story of a man, a paralytic on a stretcher, being let down through a roof so that Jesus could heal him. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven". Some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God can forgive sins?" "But that you may know that the son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth"- he said to the paralytic, "rise, pick up your mat and go home."

Each of us, those born into the faith by Baptism are referred to as 'priest, prophet and king'. A priest, as the disciples were called to be by Christ, was given the God-like gift of forgiving sin. This is a gift of particular significance, yet all the baptized are also called to forgive those who trespass against them. Thus, we are all called to be like God, in fact, we are all part of His very being; to heal through the forgiveness of sin. Therefore, the Spirit and gift of forgiveness annihilates all boundaries, ethnicities and bigotries. The Spirit can come to only those who remember the humility of our God who humbled himself to forgive our sins and to let us be part of His body. Yes, everyone should have the opportunity to hear the Good News proclaimed to them through the Holy Spirit; in their own language, in their own way of life. Love that Body of Christ, each part is sacred and loved by Him. Believe it!

*Peace, Fr. Chuck*

*~ ~ ~ This Week ~ ~ ~*

**May 24 - PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**10:45AM - Counting Team #5**

**Deadline to Register for Vacation Bible School**

Holy Spirit Church

**Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day**

**8AM Liturgy**

**Parish Office Closed**

**10AM - Parade - Begins at Clairton Education Center**

**NO 7PM Liturgy This Week**

**Tuesday, May 26**

**2PM - Liturgy - Lawson's Nursing Home**

**7PM - Town Hall Meeting - Municipal Building**

**Saturday, May 30**

**12:30PM - Reconciliation**

**Sunday, May 31**

**7PM - Fab 5 Lottery Drawing**



**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. . .**

**Frances M. Cheplic**, (Sister of Kathryn Pavlack)

**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

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 . . .**

**MAY GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY - Drawing June 1**

**Entered to Date: 129**

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**MARKET DAY NEWS**

We have offered Market items at St. Clare of Assisi (School) Parish for over 25 years! Unfortunately, our Market Day Sale totals have decreased over the past several months. We want to continue to offer Market Day to our parishioners at our St. Clare of Assisi Parish Office Site, but we need to increase customers and sales. If you have ever thought about making a Market Day Order, now's the time to send one in by mail, the collection basket, our mail slot, on the Internet, or calling the Office to order. Satisfied Customers agree that the quality, flavor and taste of the food is tops, prices are comparable, packaging is convenient and pick-up is super-easy.

So "Go ahead...Try it...You'll Like it"!!!

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**FISCAL YEAR JULY 2014 - JUNE 2015**

|                                       |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Budgeted Weekly Offering.....         | \$ 5,282.00   |
| Actual Weekly Offering May 16/17..... | \$ 4,125.00   |
| Weekly Deficit.....                   | \$ - 1,157.00 |
| Ascension.....                        | \$ 928.91     |
| Overseas Appeal.....                  | \$ 511.00     |
| Caring Ministry Fund (Nepal) YTD..... | \$ 1,080.00   |
| Parish Share YTD.....                 | \$ 10,540.00  |
| Cemetery Envelopes 2015 YTD.....      | \$ 3,317.00   |

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

The Second Collection **NEXT** Weekend is for the **Repairs** and **Maintenance** of our Parish Properties. We thank you for the donations that you make to this Fund.

**CONCERNING OUR PARISH . . .**

**THANK YOU MRS. BINDAS**

We closed the doors at our Preschool on Friday, May 22. We did some research and found that over the last 28 years, there were approximately 260 families who took advantage of this excellent program and entrusted over 350 of their children to Mrs. Bindas and her Aides!

Mrs. Bindas received word from Richard Ungerer, Executive Director of the American Montessori Society that "A generous donation was made to the American Montessori Society Living Legacy Scholarship Fund in honor of your work at St. Clare of Assisi Montessori Preschool. We salute your dedication and passion to furthering Montessori education during your time at St. Clare Montessori Preschool and congratulate you on your retirement." We say, JOB WELL DONE Cookie!!!

**SPECIAL INVITATION**

Finally, after a three year hiatus, the *Fraternity of Priests* will be here at St. Clare of Assisi Parish to celebrate a Mass for the *intention of healing*. This Mass is celebrated for healing of body, mind and spirit. Although there will be an option for an anointing after the Mass, the anointing is NOT the Sacrament of the Sick; just a blessing. The Fraternity of Priests have been gathering for prayer, fellowship and a meal together for almost thirty years now. The gatherings help those involved stay focused and renewed on their vocations as priests.

Please come celebrate with us, to enjoy the upbeat music, good preaching, (not from me) and of course, the Eucharist. All of this on **Wednesday, June 10 at 7PM.**

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR**

If you would like to have flowers placed at the Church Altar or Tabernacle in remembrance of a loved one, or for a special occasion, **please call the Parish Office at 412-233-7870 to reserve a date.** The parish staff will directly place all orders.



## CONCERNING OUR DIOCESE & COMMUNITY. .

- Deadline to register children for the **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** at *Holy Spirit Church*, West Mifflin is **THIS Sunday, May 24**. The fun begins on **June 23-26** from **6-8:35PM** in Horner Hall. Don't Delay! Registration is limited.
- All are invited to participate in the **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** that will be on **Monday, May 25**. Groups and individuals are asked to line up at the Clairton Education Center by **9AM**. The Parade will begin at **10AM** and proceed to the Municipal Building where services will start at **11AM**. The day will conclude with a Luncheon at Noon for those in attendance.
- Clairton City Council will host a **TOWN HALL MEETING** for the public on **Tuesday, May 26** at **7PM** at the Clairton Municipal Building. Residents can voice their concerns about any city issue. Council will not vote at this meeting.
- *Morning Star Baptist Church*, 307 Shaw Ave., is hosting the **2015 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** to support women in the community. The kick-off begins **Friday, May 29** at **7PM** with a concert and will continue on **Saturday, May 30** with an all-day conference starting at **6:30AM**. All women (and men) are welcome to attend.
- *St. Therese of Lisieux*, Munhall, will host a **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on **Sunday, May 31** from **9AM-1PM**.



- Registration Forms are on the Bulletin Boards for the **5KRUN/2MILEWALK**. **Registering by June 1** will guarantee receiving a FREE T-Shirt. All participants will receive a Medal. This yearly event that is sponsored by *The Unity Group of Clairton* will be held on **Saturday, June 27** beginning promptly at **9AM** at the Clairton Park Swimming Pool Parking Lot. Registration Fee for Adults is \$20 and \$12 for Children. Prices go up after June 15.
- Gather your friends and reserve your package today for the 2015 Annual **GOLF CLASSIC** at *Westwood Golf Club*, West Mifflin on **Monday, June 8**, with a Shotgun Start at **10AM**. This event is sponsored by the Mon Yough Area Chamber of Commerce. Register Online by going to [www.monyoughchamber.com](http://www.monyoughchamber.com).
- *Nativity Parish*, South Park is sponsoring a bus trip **September 25-28** to attend Pope Francis' **PAPAL VISIT** to Pennsylvania. The cost of the trip will include motor coach transportation, hotel lodging in Lancaster, PA and four meals. For more information, or to secure your reservation with a \$50 per person deposit, please call Greg Bucci at 412-714-4025. Space is limited.

### **A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** ~ by Bud Ozar

Today, on Pentecost, we remember Christ has given us the Holy Spirit to assist us in raising our family and he expects us to use this personal gift. Let's turn off the noise, apps and distractions in our lives and let the Holy Spirit "guide us to the truth."

**CONCERNING OUR WORSHIP. . .**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY - May 23/24**

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

**Monday, May 25 - Weekday**

8:00AM Howard McBride - (Women's Guild)  
There is NO EVENING MASS this Monday

**Tuesday, May 26 - St. Philip Neri, Priest**

8:00AM Joseph Sorrentino - (Son, John)

**Wednesday, May 27 - Weekday**

8:00AM Living & Deceased Members of  
FCSLA Branch 177 - (FCSLA Branch 177)

**Thursday, May 28 - Weekday**

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

**Friday, May 29 - Weekday**

8:00AM Patricia Cerqua - (Briecq Family)

**Saturday, May 30**

12:30PM Reconciliation

**MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY- May 30/31**

4:30PM Helen DiSciullo - (Son, Eric & Family)  
9:30AM For The Parishioners

**WEEKEND MINISTERS - May 30/31**

4:30PM - Eucharistic Ministers - *Bernadette Baznik,*  
*Rebecca Farabaugh, Judi Valvo*

Lector - *Elizabeth Marsh*

Altar Servers - *Keith Cotter, Aaron Maricic*

Head Ushers - *Mike DiCarlo, Ed Obusek*

9:30AM - Eucharistic Ministers - *Michele Capolupo,*  
*Lori Chasko, Rita York*

Lector - *Joseph Costello*

Altar Servers - *Lydia Bernardo, Christina DeCecco*

Head Ushers - *Ray York, Vince Gori*

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - May 23/24**

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - May 30/31**

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Matthew 28:16-20 - Page 175

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SEMINARIANS**

This week, please pray for **Timothy Deely** from  
St. Paul Cathedral Parish, Oakland.

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

## INFORMATION SHEET

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