

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 7:00 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.*

The Most Holy Trinity Sunday - May 31, 2015

Reflection: Refueled by God

So many times I have wanted to let you in on a special gift; a gift that is free and even necessary for health. It is life-giving, refreshing and free for the taking. All last week, the first readings have been taken from the book of Sirach. The book is full of what seems to me as common sense, as far as matters of God. Today, I write to you of Sirach and a little part from my Spiritual Journal.

The following are excerpts of Sirach, Chapter 45 and my Journal. "Now will I recall Gods' works: what I have seen, I will describe. At Gods' word were his works brought into being; they do his will as he has ordained for them. As the rising sun is clear to all, so the glory of the Lord fills his works"...

From my Journal..."What a gift! A solid night's sleep and almost no sciatic pain. What a way to sleep and start the new day".

Ah, to awaken to the song of the wren, living in the nesting box next to the shack. Then the calls and songs begin of the red-winged blackbird, a pileated woodpecker, of course the many sparrows and robins. A red-winged blackbird was perched on a tuft of grass, making himself look large and supposedly attractive to the opposite sex. The pileated woodpecker was calling and you could hear him searching for some delicious morsels by slowly tapping on the bark of some trees directly below the shack.

There is a hen turkey just below my brother Larry and Amy's house; can't tell if it is hiding or protecting its brood below its' wings. It stands tall now and then and soon disappears with its wings spread in the tall grass. "How many times I yearned to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings..." Luke 13: 34.

A large crow was on the pond's breastworks, making a low and throaty clicking sound; a sound more reminiscent of a raven, but when it flew, its' call was that of a crow, not a raven.

The wren is calling insistently as if to say to others, "This is my turf, stay clear; but no use, I'm not leaving, at least for awhile".

Last evening was such a gift. Frogs of many types; tree frogs, larger frogs by the pond and once in a while, the great bull frog croaks. Did they find a sweetheart? Later, I swore I caught a glimpse of the first lightning bugs; just a few lights and then nothing. It was as if they had spoken out of order and were embarrassed. They must be going to wait for the rest of the gang to come out and play. Ah, the porch on the shack is its best attribute."

Back to Sirach, "With nothing added, nothing taken away; no need of a counselor for him! How beautiful are all his works! Even to the spark and the fleeting vision! The universe lives and abides forever; to meet each need, each creature is preserved. All of them differ, one from another, yet none of them has he made in vain, for each in turn, as it comes, is good; can one ever see enough of their splendor?"

Well, that is how I spend my Sabbath, it puts life in perspective. Oh look! Another turkey down at the pond!

Peace, Fr. Chuck

~ ~ ~ *This Wee5k* ~ ~ ~

Sunday, May 31

10:45AM - Counting Team #6

Monday, June 1

**Fr. Chuck's 19th Anniversary
Golden Opportunity Drawing
REGISTER for 5KRun/Walk**

(Deadline Day to Receive a Free T-Shirt)

Thursday, June 4

Market Day Paper & Internet Orders Due

Saturday, June 6

9AM - Protecting God's Children Workshop

St. Anne Parish, Castle Shannon

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. . .

Hannah McDevitt (Sister of Former Parishioner Mary DaBaldo)
Mary (Lucot) Trich (Mother of Edward & Eugene Lucot)

For our Sick and Shut-ins. . .

*Leo Aloysius, Lorrie Anderson, Barbara Antrom, 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*



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 FUNDRAISERS . . .

MAY GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

Drawing - June 1
Entered to Date: 148

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE ~ by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus commands, "Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you." This command is meant for every Christian. In light of this command, parenting is not only the most difficult task a person can take on, it is also one of the most apostolic and missionary tasks. Jesus commands all parents to teach their children "all that I have commanded you."

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

FISCAL YEAR JULY 2014 - JUNE 2015

Budgeted Weekly Offering.....	\$ 5,282.00
Actual Weekly Offering May 23/24.....	\$ 4,796.00
Weekly Deficit.....	\$ - 486.00
Parish Share YTD.....	\$ 10,610.00
Cemetery Envelopes 2015 YTD.....	\$ 3,441.00

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

SECOND COLLECTION - THIS WEEKEND

The Second Collection **THIS** Weekend is to help with the **Repairs** and **Maintenance** of our Parish Properties. Thank you for your support.



The Second Collection **NEXT** weekend will be for the Diocesan **Parish Share Program**.

STEWARDSHIP

St. Clare of Assisi Parish is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through time, talent and treasure. We are showing a shortfall every weekend in our collection, but if every parishioner could increase their donations in their weekly envelopes, by even a dollar, it will help! For all that you do, we **THANK YOU!**

CONCERNING OUR PARISH . . .

DAILY MEDITATIONS

Please take a copy of the June issue of "**the WORD among us**". There are a number of enlightening stories about Pope Francis in it as he encourages us to be a *Listening Church*. Read the interesting stories of the man who has been humbled in life and whose humility has shaped his character.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Plans are being made for the **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** that will be held again this year at *Pine Run Methodist Church* in Wilson. Last year, several of our parishioners spent a number of weeks helping *their* members organize this event. (We heard that everyone really enjoyed themselves!) Volunteers will begin meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM, starting on **June 3**. Be prepared to make new friends; both young and old!

PARISH VOLUNTEERS
PROTECTING GODS' CHILDREN
WORKSHOPS



It is mandated by Church law for anyone who is actively involved in the Church, whether it be an Usher, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Choir Member, Money Counter, etc., to comply with Diocesan Guidelines by attending a **Workshop** and applying for **Criminal** and **Child Abuse Clearances**. The next Workshop is scheduled at *St. Anne Parish* in Castle Shannon on **Saturday, June 6** at **9AM**. We hope those needing Clearances can take advantage of this date.

CONCERNING OUR COMMUNITY & DIOCESE. . .

OH, MY ACHING JOINTS!

Learn what you can do about Falls, Fractures, Arthritis and Bunion Pain on **Wednesday, June 3** at *UPMC McKeesport, Kelly Conference Center*. Free health screenings begin at **5:30PM** with Dinner at 6PM. Reservations are required. Call 412-664-2306 Today!

JOB FAIR

Meet Employers from Banks, Training Programs, Retail, Healthcare, Social Services, Food Service, Labor Jobs and Many More with IMMEDIATE OPENINGS on **Thursday, June 4** from **3-6PM** at the Eastminister Presbyterian Church, 250 N. Highland Ave., (Across from Home Depot).

HEALTH SCREENING OFFERED

Jefferson Hospital will provide free health screenings from **9AM to 1PM** on **Saturday, June 13** at the *Clairton Municipal Building*. Screenings include a stroke risk survey, total cholesterol, blood sugar level, blood pressure, carbon monoxide testing for smokers, body fat analysis, vision screening for adults & children and prostate cancer screening education. Call 412-469-7100 to register or for more information.

DUQUESNEFEST

Duquesne University's largest **Open House Event** will be held this summer on **Sunday, June 14** beginning at **8AM**. This exciting day is a fun way for Fall 2015 high school seniors to learn more about the University. Register online at www.duq.edu/duquesnefest.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Holy Spirit Church, West Mifflin will be holding their annual **FLEA MARKET** on **Friday, June 19** through **Sunday, June 21**. Stop to check it out. They probably have a special "treasure" there that has your name on it!



CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

Every vocation to consecrated life is born in contemplation, from moments of intense communion and from a deep relationship of friendship with Christ, from the beauty and light which was seen shining on his face.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY FOR VOCATIONS

MOST HOLY VIRGIN, who without hesitation offered yourself to the Almighty for the carrying out of his plan of salvation, pour trust into the hearts of young people so that there may always be zealous pastors who are able to guide the Christian people on the way of life and consecrated souls who may know how to witness, in chastity, poverty and obedience, to the freeing presence of your risen Son. Amen.

~ Pope John Paul II, Message for Vocations Sunday 2001

CONCERNING OUR WORSHIP. . .

MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY- May 30/31

4:30PM Helen DiSciullo - (Son, Eric & Family)

9:30AM For The Parishioners

Monday, June 1 - St. Justin, Martyr

7:00PM James Laughlin - (Sally Dolfi)

Tuesday, June 2 - Weekday

8:00AM Anthony & Kathryn Pazo - (Elizabeth Pazo Family)

Wednesday, June 3 - St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

8:00AM Helen Madden - (Denny & Eileen Chardello)

Thursday, June 4 - Weekday

8:00AM Mary Ann Lucot - (Husband Ed & Children)

Friday, June 5 - St. Boniface, Bishop, Martyr

8:00AM Jim Tullius - (Audrey & Rich)

Saturday, June 6

12:30PM Reconciliation

MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST- June 6/7

4:30PM For The Parishioners

9:30AM Helen M. Demchak & Anna Imbrogno - (Family)

WEEKEND MINISTERS - June 6/7

4:30PM - Eucharistic Ministers - *Regina Behary, Russell Behary, Tom Caldwell*

Lector - *Mary Tullius*

Altar Servers - *Keith Cotter, Ron Lomis*

Head Ushers - *Mike DiCarlo, Ed Obusek*

9:30AM - Eucharistic Ministers - *Larry Carra, Nancy Carra, JoAnne Kaskin*

Lector - *John Baltrus*

Altar Servers - *Laura Cronkhite, Kevin Stretavski*

Head Ushers - *Ray York, Vince Gori*

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PRAYERS FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

This week, please pray for **Deacon Jack Demnyan** from Holy Rosary Parish, Muse.

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

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