

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 Body and Blood of Christ - June 7, 2015

Reflection: Corpus Christi

Here we are at The Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This Feast, as St. John Paul II reminded us, “the Church does not only celebrate the Eucharist, but solemnly bears it in procession, publicly proclaiming that the sacrifice of Christ is for the salvation of the whole world.” We rejoice in the expression of our Eucharistic affection in order to deepen our attachment to the unique and unending Event that transforms our lives.

What we do is worship the living God, not dead works. Dead works being self-promoting, selfish gain. This Body of Christ is still living for us and in us. We are changed through the Christ of whom we partake. The letter to the Hebrews, from today’s reading states, “How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God?” He later states that we are delivered from our attachments and transgressions, to be free to live in Christ. Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., has the following to say concerning our choices; either to be free to live in The Body of Christ, or to be enslaved again to political, or consumerist attachments to false gods.

If we believe in an afterlife where we’re held accountable for our actions, then that belief has very practical implications for our choices in this world....

*For Christians, the trinity of virtues we call faith, hope and charity should shape everything we do, both privately and in our public lives. Faith in God gives us hope in eternal life. Hope casts out fear and enables us to love. And the love of God and other human persons—the virtue of charity—is the animating spirit of all authentically Christian political action. By love I don’t mean “love” in a sentimental or indulgent sense; the kind of empty love that offers “tolerance” as an alibi for inaction in the face of evil. I mean love in the Christian sense; love with a heart of **courage**, love **determined** to build justice in society and focused on the **true** good of the **whole** human person; body and soul.*

Human progress means more than getting more stuff, more entitlements and more personal license. Real progress always includes man’s spiritual nature. Real progress satisfies the human hunger for solidarity and communion. So when our leaders and their slogans tell us to move “forward,” we need to take a very hard look at the road we’re on, where “forward” leads and whether it ennobles the human soul, or just aggravates our selfishness and appetite for things.

*What all this means for our public life is this: Catholics can live quite peacefully with the separation of Church and state, **so long as** the arrangement translates into real religious freedom. But we can never accept a separation of our religious faith and moral convictions from our public ministries or our political engagement. It’s impossible. And even **trying** is evil because it forces us to live two different lives, worshiping God at home and in our churches; and worshiping the latest version of Caesar everywhere else. That turns our private convictions into lies we tell ourselves and each other.*

Peace, Fr. Chuck

~ ~ ~ This Week ~ ~ ~

Sunday, June 7

10:45AM - Counting Team #1

Wednesday, June 10

7PM - Mass of Healing - St. Clare of Assisi Parish

Friday, June 12

World Day of Prayer For Priests

Saturday, June 13

9AM - Health Screenings - Clairton Municipal Building

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. . .

Viola Edwards (Sister of Former Parishioner Mary DaBaldo),
Angeline Oczypok

For our Sick and Shut-ins. . .

*Leo Aloysius, Lorrie Anderson, Barbara Antroni, 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 Charimo, 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, Betty Lou Gasda,
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, 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.

CONCERNING OUR FUNDRAISERS . . .

FAB FIVE - \$500 LOTTERY TICKET - May 31

Winner: #410 Patty Klebacha Seller: Kathy Ulmer
Next Lottery Ticket: Tuesday, June 30

New Fab Five Tickets can be picked up in the Sacristy this weekend. We thank **M & M** (*who wish to remain anonymous*) for sponsoring our Ticket for June. Call the Parish Office if you wish to be placed on our "waiting list" to receive a Fab Five Ticket in the future.

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MAY GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY - Drawn June 1

Winner: Mary Ann Lewis Prize Amount: \$385.00

Send in your Golden Opportunity Envelope with \$5 inside to be included in this monthly drawing.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

FISCAL YEAR JULY 2014 - JUNE 2015

Budgeted Weekly Offering.....	\$ 5,282.00
Actual Weekly Offering May 30/31.....	\$ 3,565.75
Weekly Deficit.....	\$ - 1,716.25
Maintenance.....	\$ 1,696.00
Parish Share YTD.....	\$ 10,628.00
Cemetery Envelopes 2015 YTD.....	\$ 3,619.00

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

The Second Collection THIS weekend is for the Diocesan **Parish Share Program**. Your donations will help us to meet our \$40,000 assessment goal this year!

CONCERNING OUR PARISH . . .

CLASS OF 2015

Congratulations to our young parishioners who are **Eighth Grade Graduates** this year: **Paul Chonko, Celina Maselli, Seneca Thompson** and **Lauren Weatherspoon** and to our **High School Graduates**: **Austin Eismont, Hope Felicetty, Zachary Ference, Jessica Large, Kara Nickolich** and **Megan VanWormer**.

Please keep them in your prayers that they will find success as they continue their education on a higher level at the various schools they will attend in the fall.

ALL ARE INVITED

The "Fraternity of Priests" will be celebrating a **MASS FOR HEALING** at our Parish on **Wednesday, June 10 at 7PM**. You are invited to celebrate the Eucharist with them, expecting the healing presence of the Lord Jesus, as at every Mass, to touch you in all of your needs.



CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place; on the street, in a city square, during work, or on a journey.

PRAYER OF ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

May today there be peace within.
May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.
May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.
May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.
May you be content knowing you are a child of God.
Let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.
It is there for each and every one of us. Amen.
~ Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

CONCERNING OUR CEMETERY . . .

We have been encouraged by the Catholic Cemeteries Association to periodically address and publish several issues regarding a Cemetery:

- Burial space in a Catholic cemetery is not purchased as real estate. It is the right of burial that is purchased. As this is not real estate, you cannot treat this right of burial space as you would your yard.
- Grass cutting is NOT PERMITTED BY INDIVIDUALS and can ONLY be done by OUR authorized service provider.
- If a foundation was damaged or lost in the course of opening a grave for a second burial, the loss of the foundation is not caused by any action initiated by the cemetery, but because a family elected to use the grave for a second (or third/fourth) burial. Monuments are the personal property of the family and it is the family's financial responsibility to have the monument and foundation re-set.
- Older Monuments that are leaning over may be due to decades of ground upheaval or deterioration of the burial container. Sometimes the weight of the monument can cause a shifting or tilting of a foundation. It is the family's financial responsibility to have the monument and foundation re-set.
- Any work requested by a family to be done by a third-party individual must first gain permission from the Parish Office.
- The Catholic Church requires that cremated remains be respectfully buried in a cemetery or placed in a columbarium and not kept at home or scattered. The cremated remains should be afforded all the respect due to a deceased human body.
- Anything that could become projectiles or can become a safety hazard such as: borders, marble chips, mulch, fencing, wire, toys, glass, solar lights or any objects that are unsightly or detract from the spiritual setting of a Catholic cemetery are not permitted.



SUMMER RETREATS at St. Vincent Archabbey

The rising demands of contemporary life and the nature and values of our secular society, have the combined effect of eroding our spiritual lives. It becomes important then, to be aware of this effect and to respond by actively nurturing the spiritual life. A retreat can be a catalyst for spiritual renewal and for concentrating on God's purpose for our earthly existence.

The St. Vincent Retreat Program is staffed primarily by the monks of the abbey who serve as retreat masters, spiritual directors, confessors, the program director and retreat program assistants. This program offers weekend retreats for fathers and sons, for men, silent retreats and a self-directed weekend retreat, as well as a charismatic prayer retreat. Accommodations include private rooms, linens and towels and all meals.

To check out all the Retreats offered, please go to <http://www.stvincentstore.com>. There is one scheduled for June 12-14. You are guaranteed to be spiritually renewed!

CONCERNING OUR WORSHIP. . .

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

4:30PM For The Parishioners

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

Monday, June 8 - Weekday

7:00PM Ethel Havrilla - (Family)

Tuesday, June 9 - Weekday

8:00AM Helen M. Demchak - (Terri & Jerry Hanley)

Wednesday, June 10 - Weekday

8:00AM Thomas Rossi - (Family)

7:00PM Healing Mass

Thursday, June 11 - St. Barnabas, Apostle

8:00AM Michael & Marie Hovanec - (Bob & Blanch
Hovanec)

Friday, June 12 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00AM Mary Sacco - (Family)

Saturday, June 13

12:30PM Reconciliation

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - June 13/14

4:30PM Henrietta Kazmierski - (Arlene & Linda Pepke)

9:30AM For The Parishioners

WEEKEND MINISTERS - June 13/14

4:30PM - Eucharistic Ministers - *Tom Caldwell,
Rebecca Farabaugh, Lino Ferrari*

Lector - *Monica Kapsha*

Altar Servers - *Keith Cotter, Aaron Maricic*

Head Ushers - *Mike DiCarlo, Ed Obusek*

9:30AM - Eucharistic Ministers - *Lee Lasich,
Martha Mathews, Susan Finnegan*

Lector - *Kara Nickolich*

Altar Servers - *Lydia Bernardo, Laura Cronkhite*

Head Ushers - *Ray York, Vince Gori*

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PRAYERS FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

This week, please pray for **David Egan** from
St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Glenshaw.

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

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