

# 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** 8:30 AM & 11:30 AM

**Weekdays** 8:00 AM (Monday thru Friday)

**St. Clare Cemetery** - Worthington Avenue, Clairton, PA

For all cemetery information, call the Parish Offices.

**St. Clare Montessori Preschool** - Frances Bindas - Instructor

**Reconciliation** - Noon (Saturdays only)

**Baptisms** - Call the Administrative Offices to pre-register for Baptism

Classes. Classes are held February, May, August & November

**Weddings** - Contact the Administrative Offices at least six mos. in advance.

The Diocese requires each couple to attend a pre-marriage course.

**Music Ministry** - Sean Thornton - Organist, pro tem

**Youth Ministry** - Rosanne Maksin - Coordinator

## ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

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### MISSION STATEMENT

**WE ARE A FAMILY, UNITED IN 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.*

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time - October 18, 2009**

#### REFLECTION:

##### ***Church Service on Behalf and View of God***

In a homily given by Pope Benedict XVI at the ordination of five new bishops, the Pope encouraged the bishops to have a spirit of service and not one of careerism. After all, service is at the heart of the Church.

Pope Benedict said, ***"We know how in civil society and often also in the church, things suffer because many people on whom responsibility has been conferred, work for themselves rather than for the community, for the common good."*** He went on to say that ***"the church is not our church but the Lord's church."*** He further stated, ***"We do not bind people to us (meaning the clergy); we do not seek power, prestige or esteem for ourselves. We lead men and women toward Jesus Christ, hence toward the living God."***

Some of what the Pope had to say in his homily applies to more than the bishops. It can be said of any position of responsibility in the church. It can apply to any Christian since all of us are called to be of service to each other and all of us are called to be responsible Christians.

One can apply the above statements to parents in a family or the lay leaders in a Parish, such as members of our Councils (Pastoral, Finance and Stewardship). One might say how does this apply to parents?

The responsibility of parenting is bigger than helping their children to discover who they are and what their gifts are. A parent's responsibility also includes teaching children how to live in relationship with other family members. However, there is also a responsibility for teaching their children to mature in such a way so that they can be part of the greater community of humans and to seek the common good of society. If parents, like bishops, work for themselves in raising their children, then their children will be like them and work for themselves rather than for the community (which would include the church) and the common good. Bishops who work for themselves inadvertently teach their flock to do the same.

If children do not come to an understanding that they are communal beings who are to seek the common good of society and not their own self interests, then there is a good chance that they will be limited in being able to work for the common good of society and the life of the church.

Parents, as the first teachers of the faith and the most influential teachers, have the responsibility to teach

children that they are part of God's human family and are called to seek the common good.

It takes great effort for clergy to shepherd the ***"Lord's Church"*** and not slip into the mindset that the church is his. Parents have the same difficulty when it comes to being responsible for their children. Granted, children belong to their parents, but children evolve into becoming ***our children***, society's and the church's.

After all, after the baptism of a child at Mass at St. Clare of Assisi Parish, I raise ***our child*** for the congregation to welcome the baby into the ***Lord's church***. Earlier in the baptism ceremony, parishioners sign the baby with a cross, claiming the child for Christ and also committing themselves to support the faith development of ***our child in the Lord's church***.

*~ Fr. Rich*



#### Sunday - October 18

10-11:15AM - CCD Grades 1-2-3-4 - parish offices

11:30AM - Family Ministry Mass

Ministries Organized by Grades 7 & 8 Families

#### Tuesday, October 20

1-3PM - Free Flu Shots - St. Clare Church Vestibule

7PM - Protecting God's Children Workshop

St. Ann, Castle Shanon

7:30PM - Pastoral Council Meeting - parish offices

#### Wednesday, October 21

6:30-8PM - CCD Grades 5-6-7-8 - parish offices

#### Thursday, October 22

7PM - Men's Group Meeting - parish offices

#### Friday, October 23

7-8PM - Preschool Reading Workshop

Preschool Classroom

#### Saturday, October 24

9AM - Noon - Cemetery Clean-up

12 Noon - Reconciliation

**STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY SUNDAY 2009:  
Cultivating New Knowledge of Christ's Presence**

**CONCERNING OUR PARISH . . .**

**PRAYER CORNER**

For our recently departed. . .

**Joan Barr, Philomena Russo**

For our sick and shut-ins. . .

*Andrew Bartos, Leona Beetlestone, June Bendik, Rita Brink, Dorothy Calkusic, Kathleen Cassady, Louise Chorba, Nancy Clark, Barbara Colaianni, Keith Cotter, Celeste DeBellis, Frances DiCarlo, Dolores Ferrero, Alice Geletko, Viola George, MaryLisa Holzwarth, Julia Janczewski, Ellen Julian, Leona Kasmerski, Rita Kearney, Lawrence Kraus, Marie Julian, Sophie Jupin, Joseph Madden, Matilda Maffeo, Helen Maksin, Marty Massaro, Helen Medved, Kathryn Milas, Marty Milas, Adeline Mihal, JoAnn Mourey, Br. Charles O'Connor, John Parach, Helen Patrick, Mary Pavlik, Carmella Pholar, Emma Prosperino, Nancy Razorsek, Anthony Rothbauer, Cathleen Sebeck, Robert Sebeck, John Sorrentino, Carol Sye, Anna Mae Triglia, John Toth, Sandy Welsh, Mary Ann Yoest, Ed Yonich, Joyce Yonich, Loretta Zdrale, Ralph Zelik*

For our parishioners serving in the military. . .

*Jonathan Morris*

*If you are a shut in and would like to receive communion in your home, please call the parish offices.*

**CONCERNING OUR DIOCESE AND COMMUNITIES. . .**

**THANK YOU**

. . . for the **\$1,255.75** that your parish has contributed for the 2009 Mission Cooperation Plan (MCP). This heart-felt gift will help Sister Ann of the Sisters of St. Ann who made the appeal to your parishioners to pass on the message of Christ to those who have not heard it or still do not understand it, and to serve the poor as Jesus has instructed us. May you have a gentle and joy-filled day!

*In Christ's love,*

*Rev. Ronald P. Lengwin*

**FREE FLU SHOTS**

On **Tuesday, October 20**, Free Flu Shots will be available for residents 18 years of age or older from **1-3PM** in the vestibule of St. Clare of Assisi Church. These shots are made available by the Community-to-Community Initiative of the Mon River Fleet, PA Department of Health, State Health Improvement Plan Partnerships, & Local Emergency Medical Services. This Vaccine will **not** prevent the H1N1 Virus.

**SOCKS FOR THE NEEDY**

Clairton Public Library is collecting "new socks" for the needy until **October 31**. All sock sizes for children and adults are needed. For your convenience, a **Sock Box** will in the church vestibule for you to place your sock donations. "Sock-it-to-me".

**PARISH INCOME/EXPENSES**

**July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010**

	<u>10/11/09</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<b><u>Weekly Offertory</u></b>		
Reg/Holy Day	\$ 4,288.50	\$ 73,152.02
Repairs/Mainten.	\$ 58.00	\$ 4,289.74
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,346.50</b>	<b>\$ 77,441.76</b>
<b><u>Fund Raisers</u></b>		
FAB Five	\$ - 0 -	\$ 1,500.00
Golden Oppor.	\$ 112.50	\$ 1,980.00
<b>Other Income</b>	<b>\$ - 0 -</b>	<b>\$ 21,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 112.50</b>	<b>\$ 24,480.00</b>
<b><u>Weekly Expenses</u></b>		
Estimated	\$ 6,882.00	\$ 103,230.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ -2,423.00</b>	<b>\$ -1,308.24</b>
<b><u>Special Parish Collections</u></b>		
Caring Ministry	\$ 763.00	\$ 1,709.50
Roof Banks	\$ 77.00	\$ 1,612.00
<b><u>Diocesan Collections</u></b>		
Parish Share	\$ 472.00	\$ 27,608.50

Please remember St. Clare of Assisi Parish in your Will.

**SECOND COLLECTION - THIS WEEKEND - 10/18**

**World Mission Sunday** is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. This second collection is organized by the Propagation of the Faith, the Diocesan Mission Office. Please be generous.

**SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND - 10/25**

The second collection next weekend will be for the ongoing **Repairs and Maintenance** of our parish properties.

**October 2009 - WEEKEND MASS COUNT**

	<u>10/4</u>	<u>10/11</u>	<u>10/18</u>	<u>10/25</u>
<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>158</b>		
<b>8:30am</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>110</b>		
<b>10:30am</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>135</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>403</b>		

**MASS BOOKINGS**

We are now booking Masses for January 1 through June 30, 2010. Families are permitted to schedule 2 weekend Masses and 1 weekday Mass every six months. If scheduling a mass by telephone, the mass stipend **must** be received in the parish offices by Tuesday of the following week. If not, the requested date will not be reserved and can be scheduled by another party.



## GOOD NEWS . . .

### ***The Old Switcheroo***

Often, parishioners get nervous if I hear a good story about how some folks are living their faith and I say "that's a Good News piece" for the bulletin. Folks are humble and do not want their name in print so I will not use names in telling the Good News for this week.

A "forty something" parishioner who regularly participates in the Sunday Eucharist with his family and renders his services to the parish, as does his family, missed several of our Sunday liturgies but had participated in the Eucharist elsewhere. An older faithful parishioner who participates in the Sunday Eucharist noticed that this younger parishioner and his family were absent from the Eucharist at Saint Clare of Assisi Parish. To the forty year olds surprise, he received a call from the eighty year old wondering where he had been the last few weeks. He checked to make sure that the younger parishioner and his family were all right. The younger parishioner was touched by such concern for him and his family. It made him and his family feel more connected to the Parish.

***The Good News is that usually, younger members check on the older ones, but this was the "old switcheroo"! The senior member was checking on the younger member. Just think if our senior members did this on a regular basis with those families who recently had a child baptized?***

## CONCERNING OUR FUNDRAISERS . . .

### **STEELER LOTTERY TICKET**

Last week we received **212** requests for our new Lottery Ticket. With the holidays coming, think about tucking one of these \$5 tickets in a Halloween or Thanksgiving Day card and then on **Sunday, December 6** you've given your relatives and friends a chance to **WIN: 2 Tickets** to the **December 20 Packers/STEELERS Football Game**, a **Gift Card** to the **Terrace Gardens & \$300 in Cash**. Thanks to our "**Anonymous Angels**" for hooking us up with the game tickets and donating the cash prize, to **Nancy Plavchak** for the Gift Card and to **Rich Lattanzi** for paying for the printing of this ticket.

Pre-requested tickets can be picked up after all the masses next weekend. Tickets will also be sold at that time. Please help us to "move" these tickets. **If all 1000 tickets are sold we will make a profit of \$5000!!!**

### **GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY**

**Next Drawing: Monday, November 2**

**Prize: 1/2 of Oct. money plus \$1,127.50 (Aug. & Sept.)**

**Deadline to Enter: Saturday, October 31**

**Entered To Date: 121**

### **MARKET DAY**

Market Day order forms are on the bulletin tables and are due back by **Friday, October 30**. Pick-up will be on **Saturday, November 7**.

## CONCERNING OUR WORSHIP . . .

### TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Oct. 17/18

4:30PM Alessandrina Capecci - (Daughters)  
8:30AM For The Parishioners  
11:30AM Catherine Cassinelli - (Billy & Virginia Barella)

### Monday, October 19 - SS. John deBrebeuf & Isaac Jogues

8:00AM Mary Mance - (Family)

### Tuesday, October 20 - Weekday

8:00AM Frank Demis - (Friends)

### Wednesday, October 21 - Weekday

8:00AM M/M Robert Donnelly - (Chuck & Deb Donnelly,  
Ray & Colleen Hicks)

### Thursday, October 22 - Weekday

8:00AM Richard Martin - (Colleen McCormley)

### Friday, October 23 - St. John of Capestrano

8:00AM Samuel & Marie Barone - (Daughter-In-Law &  
Grandson Joseph)

### Saturday, October 24 - Weekday

12 Noon Reconciliation

### THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Oct. 24/25

4:30PM Dominic & Mary DeFazio - (Family)  
8:30AM For The Parishioners  
11:30AM Michael M. Demchak - (Rich & Susan Restagno)

#### WEEKEND MINISTERS - October 24/25

**4:30PM - Eucharistic Ministers - Rebecca Farabaugh,  
Gary Massaro, Jennifer Massaro**

**Lector - Monica Kapsha**

**Altar Servers - Billy Sopko, Eliza Sopko**

**Head Ushers - Mike DiCarlo, Ed Obusek**

**8:30AM - Eucharistic Ministers - Bernadette Baznik,  
Nancy Carra, Kathy Tachoir**

**Lector - Joseph Geletko**

**Altar Servers - Michael Capolupo, Matt Mozzoni**

**Head Ushers - Ed Razorsek, Ray York**

**11:30AM - Eucharistic Ministers - Cathy Casco,  
Joseph Costello, Judi Valvo**

**Lector - Patrick Thornton**

**Altar Servers - Matthew Julian, Dave Massaro**

**Head Usher - Vince Gori**

#### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - October 17/18

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#### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - October 24/25

Jeremiah 31:7-9 - Page 70

Hebrews 5:1-6 - Page 71

Mark 10:46-52 - Page 71

#### PRAYERS FOR THE NEW SEMINARIANS

This week, please pray for **Kristian Sherman** of St. Fidelis Parish in Lyndora/Meridian. He is in his first year of pre-theology and is one of the nine men who make up the new class of seminarians studying for the priesthood at St. Paul Seminary in Crafton.

For more information about the  
Capuchin Province of St. Augustine,  
log onto their web site @ [www.capuchin.com](http://www.capuchin.com)