

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

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Mark
1:29-39

February 3/4, 2018 ♦ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

PASTOR: Rev. Charles J. Baptiste
STUDENT RESIDENT PRIEST:

Rev. Fortunatus Mugisha

BUSINESS MANAGER: Kathleen Ulmer

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SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR:

Lorraine Carter

ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-800-932-0313

VICTIM ASSISTANCE HOTLINE: 1-888-808-1235

MASSES:

Saturday 4:30PM (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 9:30AM

Weekdays 7:00PM (Monday)

8:00AM (Tuesday thru Friday)

RECONCILIATION:

After Mass on Monday Evenings

& 12:30PM Saturdays

BAPTISMS: Call the Parish Office to schedule a class; then a day and time.

WEDDINGS: Call the Parish Office at least six months in advance.

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

ST. CLARE CEMETERY: Worthington Ave.

For Cemetery information, call Catholic Parish Cemeteries Association at 412-256-9370.



Masses for the Week

February 3/February 4

4:30PM For the Parishioners

9:30AM Elizabeth Laughlin (Children)

MONDAY, February 5 - St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

7:00PM Caroline Bernardo (Tom & Kathy Moloney)

TUESDAY, February 6 - St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

8:00AM Helen Yanik (John Yanik)

WEDNESDAY, February 7 - Weekday

8:00AM Josephine M. Kushner (Kathy Sgroi)

THURSDAY, February 8 - Weekday

8:00AM Freda Moorhouse (Donna Pomella)

FRIDAY, February 9 - Weekday

8:00AM Edward Razorsek, Sr. (Roberta Shoaf)

SATURDAY, February 10 - St. Scholastica, Virgin

12:30 PM Reconciliation

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - February 10/11

4:30PM Rocco & Rose Curinga (Family)

9:30AM For the Parishioners



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - February 3/4
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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - February 10/11

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 – Page 68

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 – Page 69

Mark 1:40-45 – Page 69

WEEKEND MINISTERS - February 10/11

4:30PM - Eucharistic Ministers

Rebecca Farabaugh, Jennifer Massaro, Br. Raymond Reitmeyer

Lector - Bernadette Baznik

Altar Servers - Colton Boring, Joe Chasko

Head Usher - Mike DiCarlo

9:30AM - Eucharistic Ministers

Larry Carra, Nancy Carra, Mary Beth Flaugh

Lector - Patrick Thornton

Altar Servers - Elizabeth Marsh, Kevin Stretavski

Head Usher - Vince Gori

Reflection:

The Mass, Why do we do this?

Do you ever wonder why we do the things we do at Mass? For instance, why do we bless ourselves when coming into the church, or why do we always sing? Do you wonder why you are invited to the Eucharistic meal and are asked to think about our sinful lives first? Well, if you didn't, you may be wondering now.

The Mass is full of ritual and an invitation to an intimate time with God. It is like Luke's story of the Road to Emmaus. The disheartened and bewildered disciples are oblivious that they are walking with Christ. All the while, the scriptures are being explained to them and then, bread is broken. At this venture, they realize the Eucharistic, or the Last Supper aspects and teachings are understood. Now Hope, Joy and Love is given a new and eternal meaning.

The Mass incorporates volumes of scripture. Often I hear it said, "I go to a Scripture-based church". Well, we Catholics are a scripture-based church and we have that scripture in the first place, because of the forethought of the early Christians. We have at almost every Mass, an Old Testament reading, a Psalm, an Epistle and the Gospel. How is that for bringing all aspects of our history and tradition to our hearing? These Early Christians organized the patterns, *traditions* that we follow today. They are the ones who sorted through the many writings about Jesus and decided just what was inspired and what was man-made as far as the early writings were concerned.

The Mass has so many levels of life, hope and truth to bless us for the journey. These different parts of the Mass are there to help us participate with just a little deeper understanding of our faith. We can go to other places to grow in faith but, to make a bad analogy, why eat horrible diet food

when you can be satisfied with juicy rich food and choice wine? This is why we are offering a five-week series on the Mass, entitled, **Getting More out of the Mass.**



This could be something positive we could do for our *Lenten Sacrifice* as we prepare to fully participate, not in diet soul food, but in the juicy rich food and choice wine that Isaiah proposes.

We are offering this series at two different times for a five-week period. Starting February 22nd through the 22nd of March at 2:00pm for the Thursday sessions -- and Starting February 24th through the 24th of March at Noon for the Saturday sessions. All are invited. The Men's Group will be having their sessions on their gathering days.

Please call the Parish Office ASAP so that we can order the proper amount of teaching aids for this time of growing in the faith. I am looking forward to this myself and am sure it will be a blessing for our faithful parish family. A donation of \$5 will cover the cost of each booklet.

Peace, Fr. Chuck

This Week

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

10:45AM - Counting Team #2

9:15-10:45AM - CCD Grades K-4 - *Holy Spirit*

Fr. Chuck will be on Retreat from Sunday, February 4 to Sunday, February 11.

Fr. Fortunatus will be celebrating all Masses during this time.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7-8:15PM - CCD Grades 5-8 - *Holy Spirit*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

6:30PM - Choir Practice

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

12:30PM - Reconciliation

REQUESTS – for – PRAYERS

Our Sick and Shut-ins ...

Dean Ackinclose, Barbara Antrom, Fr. Chuck Baptiste, Bill Baznik, Fred Bercik, Eleanor Berggren, Frances Bindas, Caden Boring, Cullen Boring, Carol Burgess, Rich Burgess, Tom Caldwell, Maria Campano, Kathleen Cassady, Genevieve DelVecchio, Anne Donnelly, Sheila Eddy, Rebecca Farabaugh, Meryl Ferrare, Stanley Kaska, Off. James Kuzak Jr., Audrey Mihalko, Rev. Peter Murphy, Virginia Perlick, Nancy Razorsek, Ralph Reitmeyer, Edgar Shandel, Fr. Angelus Shaughnessy, Elizabeth Slivan, Kathleen Slivan, Rayne Tortorice, Catherine Vukovich
 ~ and all Names and Intentions listed in our Prayer Request Book

If you are a shut-in or know someone who is and they would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office.

Our Seminarians ...

Daniel T. Kushner from Mary, Mother of Hope Parish
Br. Thomas Piolata, OFM Cap



Family members of our parishioners serving in the Military:

Dante Capane, Richard Cronkhite, Tara Felker, Michael Goliat, Jason Middleton, Garrett Santoline, Michael Santoline, Anthony Svez, Luke Thornton, Zachary Thornton, Andrew West, Jeffery West, Jeffrey Yuhars

This Week's Flowers at the Altar
 were donated in Memory of
Mary Julian, Anna Pastore & Shirley DiFalco
 By Paul Julian



If you would like a **Statement of the Contributions** that you made to St. Clare of Assisi Parish in 2017, please call the Parish Office to request a copy.

Mass counts for the month of January 2018:

DATE	4:30PM	9:30AM	TOTAL
January 6/7	119	125	244
January 13/14	73	109	182
January 20/21	140	135	275
January 27/28	140	131	271

Mass counts will continue through April 2018. The data collected will play a very important role in deciding how many Masses each Church in our grouping will offer. We encourage you to ATTEND MASS EVERY WEEKEND because you count and WE COUNT ON YOU!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

FISCAL YEAR JULY 2017 - JUNE 2018

Budgeted Weekly Offering Required	\$ 5,249.00
Actual Weekly Offering (Jan 27/28)	\$ 2,852.26
Weekly Deficit	\$ - 2,396.74
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 992.78
Parish Share 2017 YTD	\$ 44,548.00
Cemetery Envelopes 2017 YTD	\$ 9,366.00

The **SECOND COLLECTION THIS** weekend is for the kick-off of our 2018 Diocesan **Parish Share Program**. Please use your pink envelope to make your 2018 Pledge along with your first donation.

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The **SECOND COLLECTION NEXT** weekend will be used for the **Super Bowl of Caring** that will help to fight hunger and poverty in our community of Clairton. All donations collected next weekend will be sent to the "Clairton Food Bank". If you wish to receive credit for your donation, please use a plain white envelope and write your name on it.

Please use the **Easter Flower** envelope that is included in your February envelope packet to make a donation that will be used to purchase the flowers and decorations in Church this Easter Season. All memorials will be listed in the Special Intention Book in Church. The deadline for submitting donations is **Sunday, March 25**.

ST. ELIZABETH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Are you looking for an affordable private school that can provide a quality education for your children? St. Elizabeth Elementary School in Baldwin (right off Route 51) can meet those needs. Tuition is affordable and tuition assistance is available. An informational meeting will be held at our Parish, **St. Clare of Assisi Church**, on **Thursday, February 8** from **6-7:30PM**. The Principal, Ms. Linda Bechtol, along with faculty members, the Athletic Director and parents will share their knowledge and experiences and provide information and answer questions about St. Elizabeth School. If you do not have school age children, perhaps a neighbor does and you could spread the word about this meeting.

CONCERNING OUR FUNDRAISERS

Winners of our fundraisers—the Golden Opportunity Drawing and the Fab Five Lottery—will be published in next week's bulletin.

New February Fab Five tickets can be picked up in the Sacristy this weekend. Thank you to **Kathy Kovtun & Eileen Rossi** of *Peterson Machine Shop, Inc.* for sponsoring our February ticket.

CONCERNING OUR DIOCESE & COMMUNITY

The Pittsburgh Catholic Diocese has announced dates for **“Sensory Friendly” Masses** made available especially for autistic children and their families. Masses will be held at *LaRoche College*, Magdalen Chapel (9000 Babcock Blvd., PGH 15237) at **3PM** on **February 4, March 4** and **April 8**. For inquiries, call Lale Virostek at 412-486-6700 ext. 7.

La Roche College invites high school sophomores, juniors, seniors and transfer students to their winter **Preview Day** on **Saturday, February 10** beginning at **8:30AM**. Information will be provided regarding admission, tuition and financial aid, including a tour of the campus. To register, go to: laroche.edu. For more information, call 412-536-1272.



St. Mark’s Parish (Liberty Site), 3210 Liberty Way, is hosting a **Polka Mass and Party** featuring *Jack Tady and the Tady Bears* on **Saturday, February 10**. The Polka Mass is at **4PM** with a Polka Party immediately following in Fr. Rowan Hall from 5:30-9PM. Tickets are \$15 and available by pre-sale only, (No tickets will be sold at the door). To purchase, call their Administration Center at 412-678-6275. Admission includes food and beverages and is a BYOB event.

Bishop David Zubik will celebrate a **Mass of Remembrance and Healing** for those affected by drug addiction at **2:30PM** on **Sunday, February 11** at *St. Paul Cathedral* in Oakland. All are welcome to attend. This Mass is an opportunity to remember and pray for those who have died as a result of drug addiction and for peace and healing for their families and loved ones. It is also an opportunity to pray with and for those currently struggling with substance abuse. Join Bishop Zubik in praying for all those suffering as a result of the drug addiction that is affecting our communities.

A **Night at the Races** will be held at *St. Agnes School* (653 St. Agnes Lane, W. Mifflin) on **Friday, February 9**. Doors open at **6PM**. Horses are \$10 and admission tickets are \$10 which includes food and drinks. For tickets or info, call their school office at 412-466-6238.



Holy Spirit Church is hosting a **Super Bingo** on **Sunday, February 11**. Doors and kitchen open at Noon and Early Bird games begin at 1PM (note the new start time). Tickets are \$25 and available at the door. For more information, call 412-346-0477.



Father Terry O’Connor, Pastor of *St. Therese of Lisieux*, will be leading a **Shrines of France Pilgrimage** from **May 25 to June 3, 2018**. Daily Mass will be celebrated in churches so sacred to our faith. The price of the pilgrimage is \$4,299 per person. For information, contact Maria Pisano at 800-777-7432, or email: mpisano@unitours.com.

Marriage MOMENTS
 “They brought to Jesus all who were ill ... and He cured many who were sick.” (Mark 1:32-34) This is the season of sickness. Some people like to be pampered when they are sick. Others like to be left alone. What comforts your beloved when they don’t feel well?

Parenting POINTERS
 February 2 was Ground Hog Day. Legend has it that these cute furry critters can predict the weather. Talk with your kids about what kind of weather they like best. If they are old enough, discuss climate change and how we humans can reduce our carbon footprint.

Family PERSPECTIVE
 In today’s gospel, Jesus went to the “house of Andrew and Simon” to relax, but discovered that “Simon’s mother-in-law was very ill.” Like Jesus, we come home to relax but are confronted with problems. Take a tip from Andrew and Simon who “told Jesus about it at once.”

BILLBOARD SIGNS FROM GOD

**“To live your faith,
 you need to know your faith.”**
 - God

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 This Week

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

Registering at our Parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community.
 We extend a warm welcome and hope you will find our Parish Community a place where your faith will be nourished.
 If you are moving into, or out of the Parish, please let us know. Fill out this Form and return it to the Parish Office.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

Check One: New _____ Change of Address _____ Moving out of Parish _____ Want Envelopes _____