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a Message from Fr. Matt

Dear Brothers and Sisters

"Have no anxiety at all..." That's what St. Paul says in our Second Reading for today. Sometimes I just want to punch him! No anxiety?? Are you kidding Paul? How can we have no anxiety? Our world is crazy. We don't know who to believe. One channel says one thing, the next one says the complete opposite. Our lives, our kids, our families, our church, everything is under attack! Just read that billboard at the bottom of Bonniebrook! Paul couldn't understand, could he? His world wasn't anything like ours. Except....it was. Paul wrote that line from a prison cell. He was imprisoned for speaking about God. His own people, the ones he grew up with, wanted to kill him. His country was occupied by a foreign power. He had started many communities and introduced them to Jesus, but he couldn't be with them now. He heard they were fighting among themselves. All he could do was write them letters. Paul had every right to be filled with anxiety. But he wasn't. Why not? What was Paul's secret?

The First Reading and the Gospel today tell a similar story about a vineyard. Both stories urge Israel and thereby us, to bear good fruit. The Prophet Isaiah and the Lord are trying to wake the leaders of Israel up. God has done all that is needed for Israel to bear good fruit, yet Israel has not. What more could God do? These readings are a warning. Either you change your ways and bring forth good fruit Israel, or God will let someone else do it! Well...that doesn't fit with "have no anxiety at all", does it? Why would the Church choose to group these readings together? Are we supposed to have anxiety or not?

What if I told you that these readings are perfectly matched? Sometimes the Second Reading has very little connection to the First and the Gospel, but I think in this week's case they actually do. So many times, when we are faced with tough situations, we feel anger and anxiety. Let's take for instance the state of our local church. We have been through so much in the last few years and now we are in this place that is so challenging. What are we doing? Why are we doing what we are doing? How could we possibly do what we are being asked to do? Believe me, I think these things a lot. Do you feel angry about it? Do you have anxiety about our future? Or maybe think about the political world. Are you excited for the presidential election next year? I kind of dread it. All of the division and bluster that is on its way from both sides, each who think the other is the worst. There is going to be a lot of anger in the air. It is just what we do. Do you feel anxiety about it?

The Readings for this week give us two options. Either let the anxiety and anger rule us and turn us into violent, at least in words, people like the tenants in the Gospel, or "have no anxiety at all." Which would you choose? I think I'd go with St. Paul. You?

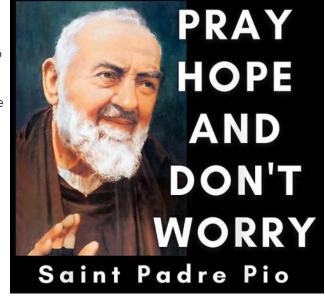
Now notice that St. Paul isn't saying that there is nothing to have anxiety about. He had plenty of things. But he is saying that we don't need to have anxiety. How is that possible? Prayer, petition and thanksgiving. Mother Teresa used to pray a Novena of Memorare's, but she would pray 10 of them instead of 9. The extra one was in thanksgiving that God had heard and answered her prayer. She knew that God was so good, so much bigger than any of our worries, that God would answer our prayers and give us just what we need. She KNEW it! She believed it! So too did St. Paul. So, all that he could have been worried about, he wasn't, because he knew

that God was good and God was in control. Padre Pio said it beautifully; "Pray, hope and don't worry."

I was telling Adam, our Seminarian, earlier this week about a time when I was in college and faced with speaking to a group in a moment where I was totally unprepared and not in the best state of mind. I felt so much pressure and was not sure I could do it. I finally told God that I could not do it and that if He wanted me to do it, He was going to have to do it through me and for me. And guess what? God did it!

This is what St. Paul means by "have no anxiety at all." God knows what we are going through. God knows what we face. Pray about what's going on in you and around you. Don't hold anything back from God. Know that there is reason to Hope. God is bigger than anything you face. Don't worry. He's got this.

Peace and Love, Fr. Matt



Praying for those in need ...



Family of Clare Green Ron Kriess Fr. Rick Thompson Kandi Nassy Larry Karenbauer Steven Shultz Mason Martin Audie Smith Mark McBride Lena Jane Steiner Sandy Burns

Bill Smith Sharon Golobish Justin S. Madalyn Rose Geibel Jim Bergbigler Virginia Briski Fred Green Carter T. Williams Ada Skelly Donna Green Vince Ritzert Dean Morrow Madeline McCloskey Eugene Bergbigler Jr. Pearl Kocher



Warm wishes and blessings to those recently baptized in our parish.

Beau Zachary Hack

son of Jarod & Tiffany Hack

Allison Noelle Murray

daughter of Andrew & Sarah Murray

Archer David Geibel

son of Timothy & Angela Geibel

Evangeline Briar Reddick

daughter of Joshua & Lauren Reddick

Douglas Brent McKinney III

son of Douglas & Darrian McKinney

Welcome to our faith community!



The Mass Intention Book for 2024 is now available. To schedule intentions please contact Nicole at the office by phone, email, or stop in during office hours.



WEEKLY READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF **OCTOBER 8, 2023**

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/ Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4,

5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-

4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4,

5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3,

4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6

and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: JI 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6,

11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

CONFESSION **SCHEDULE** Wednesday 6:15pm-6:45pm Mater Dolorosa Saturday 11:00am-11:30am MaterDolorosa

11:00am-11:30am 11:45am-12:15pm



St. Wendelin St. Joseph

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, October 7	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Edward Tomasovic Jr.	Wife, Carol
Our Lady of the Rosary	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Barbara Macurak	Betty Shields-Kee
Sunday,	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Raymond Briski	Kathy & Gary Jodzis
October 8	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	For the Parishioners	of Saint Clare of Assisi
27th Sunday	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Tony & Roberta Neff for their 60th Anniversary	Karen "Sis" Marchyshyn
in Ordinary Time	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Paige Powell	Brooke Schramm
Monday, October 9 St. Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Karen Rettig	St. Clare Book Club
Tuesday, October 10	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Larry MacKrell	Donna Wells
Wednesday, October 11	10:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Mark Stanley	Aunt Diana & Family
St. John XXIII, Pope	7:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Paul Callihan	Darin, Danielle & Girls
Thursday, October 12	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	William "Bill" Deal	Robert & Marian Kepple and Family
Friday, October 13	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	Kenny Schnur	Tony & Roberta Neff
Saturday, October 14	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Mamie Miller	Bev Wesley
St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Paul Callihan	Brenda
Sunday,	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Bob Forster	Becky Forster
October 15	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Richard "Dick" Callihan	Judy & Family
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Herman A. Neff	Margie Steiner
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Diana Lynn Neff	Brothers & Sisters



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS OCTOBER 1, 2023

Offertory - Mass	\$7,569.50
Offertory - Online	\$1,000.00
Total Offertory	\$8,569.50
PARISH APPEAL	
Parish Appeal	\$1,705.00
2023 Parish Appeal to Date	\$42,239.50
2023 Parish Appeal Goal	\$64,547.00
MINISTRY COLLECTIONS	

\$475.00 Maintenance Fund \$641.00 School Support.....

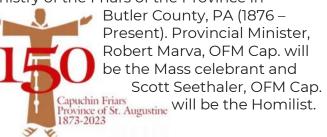
Bishop's Education Fund...... \$15.00 All Saints Day \$65.00

World Mission Sunday \$30.00

Thank you for your continued support of Ministries at Saint Clare of Assisi Parish!

Invitation to a Mass of Thanksgiving

All are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 2:00 PM at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Herman, in gratitude for the 150 years of the Province of St. Augustine, especially for the fraternal life and ministry of the Friars of the Province in



Please join us in honoring the Capuchin Friars in our community. A reception will follow at the Herman Firehall. Please let us know if you plan to attend. The form below can be placed in any collection basket.

ISt. Augustine 150th Anniversary Mass & Reception

October 29, 2023, 2:00 PM

NAME_

Number Attending____



Congratulations to . . .

Chelsea Duffield & Terrell Novak and Dusty Neff & Mark Dudzic

Who were united in marriage at St. Clare Parish on September 29, 2023

May God Bless your marriages!



Prayers for comfort and peace to the family & friends of those our parish has lost.

Evelyn "Pat" Graham

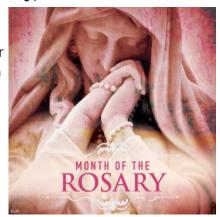
May they rest in the peace and glory of the Risen Christ.

The Knights of Columbus are having a Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, October 8, at DePaul Hall, St. Joseph in North Oakland, from 8:00 am until 12:30 pm. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast. We look forward to seeing everyone!

October is the month of the Holy Rosary

Please join us Saturday, October 14th at noon

for an outdoor. public recitation of the Rosary at Mater Dolorosa Church in front of the Pieta shrine to pray for world peace through our Blessed Mother. Rain or shine!





St. Clare Christian Mothers are hosting a social and hoagie & brownie sale on October 22nd after the 9:30am mass at St. Joseph Church.

Everyone is invited to attend!

Mark your calendars for the next

St. Wendelin School Friday Night Bingos!

October 20th & November 1st

Catholic Identity Program Family Link

This Week's Virtue:
RESPECT ALL LIFE
Respect All Life is to
regard highly and to
hold as sacred, life
in all forms from
conception to
natural death.



We are looking for at least 30 families to sign up and donate a Raffle Basket valued at \$50 or more. Each basket donation will receive a NUT card. You can also list this on your STAR form. You can sign up and get basket theme ideas on the PTG website (or you can go with your own theme). Any questions contact the chair:

Gwen Dickey at 724-679-0142

Please sign up by October 25th. All donations can be dropped off Thursday, November 9, from 4pm to 6pm at the Saint Wendelin Rectory (unless a different time and location has been agreed with the chair.)

Thank you for your continued help and support!!



St. Clare Parish 2024 Lottery Calendars are available now! The cost is \$20 each. Calendars are available in the back of each church. Money can be turned in with the completed stub from the calendar when sold. Ticket stubs and payment can be mailed or dropped off at the Administrative Office, dropped in the collection basket or in the lock boxes

located at each church. Contact the

office with any questions!

Children's Faith Formation



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15- CFF Grades K-8

Confirmation Class with Parents **6:30PM** in St. Joseph Hall

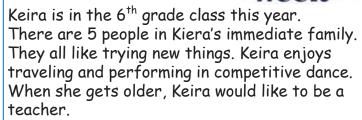
22- CFF Grades K-8

29- CFF Grades K-8



St. Clare of Assisi Children's Faith Formation Student of the Week is:

Keira Cypher!



Congratulations to St. Clare of Assisi Children's Faith Formation Student of the Week.

Keira Cypher!!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Significance of Mary's Name

When God bestows a name in Scripture, this is often a clue to His future plans for that person and a sign of their role in salvation history. Mary's name is no different. She has the role parexcellence in salvation history as the Christ-bearer, the Mother of the world's Savior. "light," "Star of the Sea," "Lady of the sea," "myrrh of the sea," "mistress of



the sea," "loved by the Lord," "Lady," "beautiful one," "beautiful lady," and "ruling one."

Today the Church venerates the Most Holy Name of Mary because of her unique privilege as the Mother of God, the holiest of all God's creatures, the Queen of Heaven and Earth. Her name is therefore a royal one of the highest order and, as such, should be given the greatest honor after that of her Divine Son, Jesus Christ.

Saint Wendelin School Teacher Feature!



Meet Miss Reck

A Little Bit About Me

My name is Rebecca Reck and I am 26 years old. This is my fourth year as a Preschool teacher at St. Wendelin's. I was raised by my loving parents Mike and Lisa. By my side growing up was my younger brother, Alan. I graduated from Clarion University in 2019 with my Bachelors degree in Early Childhood Education. I recently graduated from Duquesne University in May with my Masters degree in Reading and Literacy Education.

Over the summer I got engaged to my boyfriend, Roy, of 5 years. We are busy planning our November 2024 wedding. In my free time, I enjoy reading, cooking, and spending time with my family.

Why I Love St. Wendelin

I love teaching at St. Wendelin School because it is rooted in my faith. Teaching here challenges me as both a teacher and a Catholic. My students have so many questions about our faith and I love sharing new information with them about Jesus. St. Wendelin's is unlike any school that I have taught at in the past. Our small school allows me to foster new relationships not only with all of my students but with my colleagues too. We are more than just teachers in a building, we are a family. I can rely on teachers and staff to support me during difficult times. Everyone has an open door policy and it has been very beneficial for me during my first couple of years here.

Our school offers many wonderful opportunities for our families. The STAR program allows for Catholic education to be affordable for all families and students. This program is funded by an anonymous donor who generously pays for portions of student tuitions. If you have any questions about this program or our school, please contact us.

St. Wendelin's not only provides opportunities to its families but also to its teachers. The Diocese of Pittsburgh was given a fantastic opportunity for teachers to earn their Masters degree for free! I was fortunate enough to be one of the few recipients of the Pierce Family Scholarship to attend Duquesne University.

Additional teachers from our school have also been blessed with this amazing opportunity that we would not be able to receive anywhere else!



ST. FRANCIS PARISH APPLE DUMPLING FESTIVAL & BAKE SALE-SATURDAY, OCT. 14TH 8 AM UNTIL SOLD OUT!

ST. JOHN CHURCH HALL 668 S. CLEARFIELD RD, FENELTON









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- •1 dozen cooked Cabbage Rolls -\$24

To order, call or email Jen Thornton; 724/256-1968; sjmthorn@gmail.com.

Pay by cash or check to St. Francis Marian Guild when you Pick Up Your Order at the Festival. **All pre-orders due by October 8.**



Volunteers needed to prepare festival food at St. John's Church Hall:

- Tuesday, October 10th from 9 AM to 1 PM & 6 to 8 PM
- Wednesday, October 11th from 9 AM to 1 PM & 6 to 8 PM
- Thursday, October 12th from 9 AM to 1 PM & 6 to 8 PM
- Friday October 13th from 9 AM to 1 PM & 6 to 8 PM

Please call Jennifer Thornton, 724/256-1968 to let her know when you can help out.

Any time you can help Tuesday through Saturday would be appreciated!

Bake Sale bakers needed: best sellerspies, sweet or savory breads, cookies, muffins—whatever your specialty! If you can help, please call Jennifer Thornton, 724/256-1968, to let her know what you're baking. Baked goodies can be delivered to St. John's Church Hall on Thursday, October 12th from 6-8 PM & Friday, October 13th from 8 AM - 2 PM.

Thanks in advance for your help!

An Anointing
Mass will be
held at
St. Joseph in
Cabot on
October 15th at
2 pm.



All are welcome. This Mass is for

anyone who is chronically ill, suffers from depression or other mental disorders, or has an upcoming surgery. Seating is in every other pew to allow the priests to walk in between the aisles to anoint those in need. No RSVPs are required. The Anointing Mass does satisfy your Sunday obligation. Several volunteers are needed to greet guests and assist with seating people in the church. A lector and altar servers are also needed. Please contact the office if you would like to help with this special Mass.

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish hosts an Aging Gracefully



Resource Fair

When: Sunday, October 15

Any time from Noon to 4 pm

Where: Saint Joseph Catholic Church Hall

315 Stoney Hollow Rd. Cabot. PA 16023

*Anointing Mass: 2 pm sharp @ the Church

What is a Resource Fair? This walk-through event provides you with an opportunity to gain information from different organizations about planning ahead for your future and taking charge of your health and well-being now.

Some Participating Organizations Include:

Concordia - Retirement Apts, Adult Day Services & Physicians Practice

The Community at Holy Family Manor - Personal & Memory Care

Lutheran SeniorLife VNA - Home Health & Hospice

Butler Co. Area Agency on Aging - Assistance at Home, with Insurance, Care...

Martin Funeral Home - Funeral-related Services

Charlton Law Firm - All areas of Law including Wills, Estates, Power of Attorney

Freeport Area Meals On Wheels - Home Meal Delivery

Hearing Life of Butler - Hearing Assessment, Tests, Aids and Support

Call 724-352-2149 or email outreach@saintfrancisparish.net to involve your organization!

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Weekly Prayer Shift at Planned Parenthood of Pittsburgh

This Fall's 40 Days for Life Vigil kicked off on Sept 26th and will



continue **through Nov 5th**. Please join us in prayer and, if you feel called, fasting for an end to abortion. St. Francis Parish will be at the Vigil in Pittsburgh at Planned Parenthood **on Thursdays from 1-3 pm**. Fr. Jim will depart from St. Joseph, Cabot around noon and return around 4pm. If you would like to join us some week, please contact Cil at 724-822-0614 or meet us there. The Vigil is daily from 7:30 am – 5:00 pm. For more information and daily reports, visit the blog: 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com .

Italian Penne Pasta & Meatball Dinner

Benefits Butler Meals on Wheels



Includes Penne Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Drinks & Dessert!

When: Tues., October 17, 2023

Time: 4 - 7 pm

Where: St. Peter's Anglican Church

Tickets: www.allsaintsbutler.org/rich-donnelly-event

218 E. Jefferson St. (Please use Cliff St. Entrance)

Cost: \$12 (Purchase tickets at the door—cash or check)

Open to the Public (Eat-in or To-Go)

HOPE AND HEALING ARE POSSIBLE!!! For those struggling with addiction or substance abuse, for their families and for those who have lost loved ones to the disease of addiction and overdose. We come together in prayer! PLEASE JOIN US FOR ROSARY AND SPECIAL INTERCESSIONS- TUESDAYS, October 10th and 31st - 2:00 to 3:00pm & October 17th - 7-8pm (Nogathering on the 24th) at ABBA'S HOUSE, 320 W. MAIN ST., SAXONBURG. For information: patomaszewski@zoominternet.

Planning to Marry? A marriage preparation program is held twice a year in Butler. The next marriage preparation retreat will be held on two consecutive Saturdays, October 28 and November 4, 2023 at St. Michael the Archangel Church hall. You must attend both Saturday sessions. The registration form is available on our parish website. For more information or to register, contact Cheryl Weiland at 724-991-2639 or cweiland@zoominternet.net.

OLMC Family Day - October 14th

Come enjoy a day of family fun! Activities include the monkey climb, archery, arts & crafts, frisbee golf, and gaga ball. You can also go for a hike or bring your own gear and go fishing or ride your mountain bikes. The day starts at 10:00 and ends at 4:00. The event is very laid back and you are free to come for part or all of the day. Bring a picnic lunch or have fun roasting hot dogs and s'mores over the campfire for an additional \$5/person (cost covers full lunch). Cost is \$10/person with no family to exceed \$50 - no pre-registration required.

To RSVP for lunch, email camp@drybonespgh.org

Men's & Women's Retreats

Life is busy and time with the Lord is essential. OLMC camp and retreat center is offering Men and Women an opportunity to get away from our busy lives and spend time in reflection, community, silence, and the Sacraments. The Women's retreat is Sunday, October 29th and the Men's retreat is Saturday October 28th with an optional overnight Friday into Saturday. For more information and to register go to OLMCcamp.org.

ALL SAINTS PARISH DINNER & PRESENTATION Hear how his daughter's message from Heaven led to a World Series Championship, and renewed his Catholic faith. THE CHICKEN RUNS AT MIDNIGHT NOV 4 ST. CONRAD- 7PM (125 BUTTERCUP RD., BUTLER, PA) CATERED MEAL - 6PM LIMITED SEATING- GENERAL SEATING AVAILABLE WITH NO DINNER **CONTACT TOM MCCONNELL: 724-482-2690 X222** VIP Seating Assigned Seating 6 per table I book per guest Dinner Included \$280 \$30 \$15 An inspirational and life-changing story from former Pittsburgh Pirate coach, Rich Donnelly. A book signing and meet-n-greet will follow.

KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS COMFORT? The Prayer Blanket Ministry at St. Francis Parish has a beautiful selection of blankets for anyone who needs the comfort of prayer. If you know of someone who is sick, depressed, lost a loved one, or is struggling with a mental illness, please consider the gift of one of our blankets. The blankets are blessed and come with a rosary. The recipients are lifted in prayer every Tuesday morning at our meeting. We also have blankets for children of all ages, as well as crocheted shawls, and a nice selection of breast cancer support blankets. Stop by the St. Francis Office in Cabot Mon-Thurs. or call the office to make arrangements

