



Saint Clare of Assisi Parish

LOVE GOD, SERVE GOD: EVERYTHING IS IN THAT.



December 31, 2023

THE HOLY FAMILY

“For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.”

- Lk 2:30-31



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Saint Clare Prayer List

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2636 Ellwood Road, New Castle, PA 16101,
724-323-0033, cpca@cpca-pgh.org

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Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,

grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,

may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,

make us once

more mindful

of the sacredness

and inviolability

of the family,

and its beauty in

God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

Graciously

hear our prayer.

Amen.



Praying for those in need . . .



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Randy Freehling
Gerry Osche
Laura Johnson
Chris
Wayne Pennington
Dick Preston
Breanna Tomsey
Sue Ellen Carr
Joseph McCloskey
Jayden Albright
Rosemarie Gall Zarnick
Ron Kriess
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Kandi Nassy

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Steven Shultz
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Lena Jane Steiner
Sandy Burns
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Madalyn Rose Geibel
Jim Bergbigler
Virginia Briski
Fred Green
Carter T. Williams
Ada Skelly
Donna Green
Vince Ritzert
Dean Morrow
Madeline McCloskey
Pearl Kocher



WEEKLY READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6;
21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2,
3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or
Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or
2:22, 39-40

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5,
6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-
3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1,
3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8,
9/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4,
5/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13,
14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38
or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-
8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-
6/Mt 2:1-12



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

Thomas E. Callihan

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

**Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God
Monday, January 1, 2024
9:00 am - Mater Dolorosa**
Not a day of obligation



The parish office
will be closed
Monday, January 1, 2024.

**Pick up a copy of the *Kids' Bulletin*
for your children to enjoy!**

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays
11:00am-11:30am Mater Dolorosa
11:00am-11:30am St. Wendelin
11:45am-12:15pm St. Joseph

Appointments available upon request.
Contact the parish office.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, December 30	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Erdman & Louise Brauchle	Donna
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Mason Martin & Family	Tony & Roberta
Sunday, December 31 The Holy Family	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	For the Parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi	
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Herman A. Neff	Jack & Bonnie Neff and Family
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Denny Foust	Judy Dunn
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Grace Weiland	Joan Hartzel
Monday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God New Year's Day World Day of Peace	9:00 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Genevieve Pearl Ritzert	
Tuesday, January 2 Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Drs of the Church	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	John Cook	Donna & Dan Stephenson
Wednesday, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus	10:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Mary Miller	Family
	7:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Thomas Callihan	Tim & Marta Barger and Family
Thursday, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Dieter Schneider	The Newell Family
Friday, January 5 St. John Neumann, Bishop	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	Leo Benson	Maxine & Family
Saturday, January 6 St. André Bessette, Religious	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Dennis Pacek	Bev Wesley
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Jody Dunmyre	Anna Marie Knoll & Family
Sunday, January 7 The Epiphany of the Lord	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Ethelreda Welter	Jim Clouse
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Patrick & Mary Jeanne Rodgers	The Rodgers Family
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Ruth & Francis Schnur and Families	Family
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Joe Tomsey Sr. & Mary Tomsey	Family

Parish Giving

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS DECEMBER 17, 2023

Offertory - Mass	\$8,995.00
Offertory - Online	\$1,145.00
Total Offertory	\$10,140.00

PARISH APPEAL

Parish Appeal	\$215.00
2023 Parish Appeal to Date.....	\$46,677.50
2023 Parish Appeal Goal.....	\$64,547.00

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

Maintenance Fund.....	\$82.00
School Support	\$650.00
Immaculate Conception	\$95.00
Christmas Offering	\$160.00
Christmas Children's Charities	\$20.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$35.00

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

Due to the early submission date for the bulletin, collection totals for December 24th and all Christmas Masses will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

JANUARY Children's Faith Formation 2024

- 7- CFF- Elementary
Middle School
- 14- **OFF**
- 21- CFF- Elementary
Middle School
- 24- **First Communion Parent Meeting**
7PM St. Joseph Church
- 28- CFF- Elementary
Middle School

THANK YOU
FOR SUPPORTING OUR
BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

CHANGE IN MASS TIME



Wednesday Evening Mass Time Change

Effective January 3, 2024, the Wednesday evening Mass at Mater Dolorosa will change from 7 pm to 6 pm. Confession time will only be held on

Wednesdays during Lent and Advent. Dates and times will be listed in the bulletin closer to Lent. Confession times on Saturdays will remain unchanged; Mater Dolorosa and St. Wendelin from 11 am to 11:30 am, and St. Joseph in North Oakland from 11:45 am to 12:15 pm, and by appointment. Wednesday evening Adoration with Benediction will also be scheduled during Lent and Advent.



The next **St. Clare Senior Pot Luck Lunch** will be on **Wednesday, January 10th, at DePaul Hall (St. Joseph N.O.) from 12-2 pm.**

Please join us for food, friends, and fellowship!

On the occasion of the **800th anniversary of the "Nativity scene of Greccio"**, the **Apostolic Penitentiary** granted a **plenary indulgence** to all the faithful who, from December 8, 2023 (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) to February 2, 2024 (Feast of the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord Jesus Christ) will **visit a Nativity scene in a church entrusted to the Franciscan friars** all over the world. **By stopping in prayer in front of the nativity scenes, the faithful may obtain the Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions**



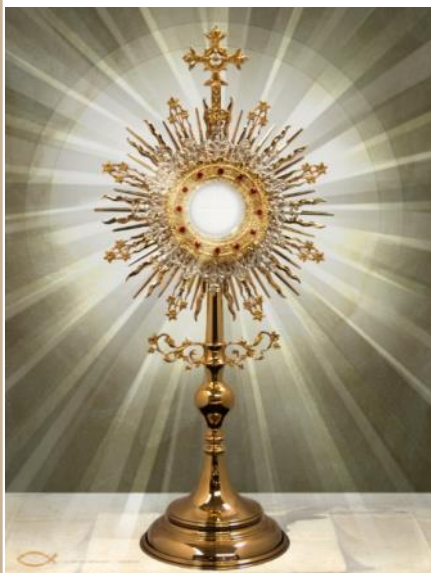
(Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff).

St. Francis Parish is seeking an organist/choir director to play at St. Joseph Church in Cabot. Resumes may be sent to St. Francis Parish, 315 Stoney Hollow Rd., Cabot, PA 16023, Attn. Barb Boltz or emailed to office@saintfrancisparish.net.

St. Clare continues to collect nonperishable food items for the Petroleum Valley Food Cupboard. Boxes are located in the back of each church for donations. Thank you for your continued support!



ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS!



- *Eucharistic Ministers
- *Choir
- *Lectors
- *Sacristans
- *Musicians
- *Decorators
- *Cantors
- *Ushers

COME LET US ADORE HIM

While the Magi acknowledged and worshipped the baby that Mary cradled in her arms as the one awaited by the nations and foretold by prophets, today we can also worship him in the Eucharist and acknowledge him as our Creator, our only Lord and Savior. — POPE BENEDICT XVI

You are invited to a Holy Hour to revive and deepen your faith in our Eucharistic Lord!

St. Clare Parish
At **St. Wendelin Church**
On **Wednesday,**
January 3rd
6:30 to 7:30 pm
&
St. Francis Parish
At **St. Joseph Church, Cabot**
On **Tuesday,**
January 9th
6:30 to 7:30 pm



You are welcome at either one or both.

Please share this invitation with anyone you know who serves the Lord in the Liturgy.

Come, Adore, Revive your Faith!

All are welcome!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Twelve Days of Christmas!



Christmas is the beginning of the twelve day celebration, which continues through the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6th. In the Liturgy of the Hours, each of these days has the prayers and readings of Christmas Day. That means that each of the Twelve Days are treated as Christmas Day itself. We are celebrating God born in the flesh. We couldn't possibly fit all our wonder and jubilation into just one day!

Join St. Francis & St. Clare Parishes on Friday, January 19, 2024, on a bus trip to the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Sign-Up Now! A sign up sheet is posted in each church. There is also a sign-up sheet for *Prayer Supporters*, those who cannot personally attend.

There will be two departure locations


MARCH FOR LIFE

to choose from, **St. Joseph, North Oakland and St. Mary in Herman.** Two drop off locations in DC are available, attend the Rally or go to the Basilica for Mass before the March. **Pick up the flyer in church** for more details about the itinerary, costs, permission forms, and what to bring. School Permission Request forms are available. Donations payable to "St. Francis of Assisi Parish" are gladly accepted! Questions, please contact Cil Love (724-822-0614).

**Have a Blessed
New Year**

EVERYONE LOVES A VISIT FROM JINGLES!





Additional Christmas Flower Donations 2023

In Memory of . . .

Tyler Barger
 Daniel J & Lillian Burns
 All Deceased Members of Burns Family
 Albert, Helen, Kathy & Ann Clouse
 Bailey Jo Easley
 Regis & Eleanor Fallecker
 Joseph & Lois (Susie) Fallecker
 All Deceased Members of Fallecker Family
 Marie & Peter Fugini
 Mr. & Mrs. Peter S Green
 Joseph Huf
 Mrs. Gain Hungerman
 Mr. Herb Hildebrand
 Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Leech
 Mr. & Mrs. James Leech
 John Leech
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 Ralph Warheit
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 Mildred Weber
 Bill Wesley
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 Philip & Josephine Neff
 Alan & Ted Neff

In Honor of . . .

Jim & Mary Ann Young

General Donations . . .

Patricia Calta
 Barry & Karen Porter
 Doris Weiland
 Teresa Weiland



Catholic Identity Program Family Link

This Week's Virtue: GENEROSITY

Generosity is a
 readiness to give to
 others in the way
 God gives to us,
 free from smallness of
 mind or character.



**Mark your calendars for the next
 St. Wendelin School Friday Night Bingo!
 January 26th & February 16th!**



REVERSE RAFFLE

supporting St. Wendelin School advertising and advancement

Saturday, February 3, 2024

6:00 PM at St. Wendelin Hall

Doors open @ 5:00 pm

Donation:
\$20.00

*Dinner
Pull Tabs
50/50
Chinese Auction
Basket Raffle*

**ONE LUCKY
WINNER OF
\$1,500!**

**WINNER ON
EVERY 10th
TICKET PULLED!**

FOR TICKETS, PLEASE CONTACT THE
 SCHOOL OFFICE:
 724-285-4986

EITC TAX Credit Program to benefit School Choice

- We have information of available Tax Credits for Qualified donors who can make a 2 year donation on behalf of our Scholastic Opportunity Scholarship Program. Recently the State of PA through the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) has increased the Education Improvement Tax Credit(EITC) program by 25 million statewide. Donors can specify St. Wendelin to receive the aid through there donation. For more information, please contact the Stewardship Office at 412 -456-3085.

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, January 2nd, 9th and 16th - 2 - 3pm, and January 30th - 7 to 8pm** *No gathering on Jan 23rd* ABBA'S HOUSE, SAX-ONBURG. Information: patomaszewski@zoominternet.net

The Sweet Gremlin, LLC is hosting 2 **Pierogi Classes!** Join us for a fun evening learning how to make your own potato and cheese pierogi! Each participant will be provided a recipe card and receive step by step instructions for 2 dozen pierogi. All ingredients will be provided. **January 10, 2024 6-9 pm at St. Joseph Hall in Cabot or January 25, 2024 6-9 pm at Mater Dolorosa Hall in Chicora.** The cost is \$50, seating will be limited. Be sure to sign up early to guarantee your spot. Classes will be taught by Jennifer McConnell & Julie Patrick. Participants will need to bring their own potato peeler, rolling pin, apron, and container to take home their pierogi. **Register at www.thesweetgremlin.com/classes**

Planning to Marry? Couples contemplating marriage should contact a priest at least six months prior to the date of the intended marriage. A marriage preparation program is held twice a year in Butler. **The next marriage preparation retreat will be held on two consecutive Saturdays, March 2 and March 9, 2024** 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.

Don't suffer through another Christmas. **Hope and help for troubled marriages are available through Retrouvaille.** For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on February 16, 2024, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information is available at helpourmarriage.org.

The ASPIRE Ministry invites Catholic Singles to join us on January 12th at St. Luke the Evangelist Parish. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. in the CDC Building located at 2586 Wexford Bayne Road, Sewickley, PA 15143 on the Saints John & Paul Catholic Church campus. A private Mass begins promptly at 6:45 p.m. After Mass, a light meal will be served. Fr. Joe Carr will speak on the topic of "Forgiveness" with time for discussion and fellowship. Please RSVP to <https://saintluke.net/aspire> for planning purposes.

Bereavement Support - If you have experienced the death of a loved one, All Saints Parish invites you to be part of a program - **GriefShare** - that offers support, conversation, and comfort. The group meets on **Wednesdays from 6pm to 7:30pm at St. Peter Hall in Butler** and explores different topics each week. You can join the group at any time and will still be able to participate in the full program. Contact Sue Cadwallader at SCadwallader@AllSaintsButler.org or 724-421-9340 for information or go to GriefShare.org to register.

Bus Drivers are urgently needed to transport residents at the **Concordia's Haven Apartments in Cabot to St. Joseph Church for the 5:30 pm Mass on Saturdays (4:30 - 7:00 pm).** A small transport bus is provided. ANY help is appreciated! Please contact Neal Trimble at 724-448-8916 (cell) or 724-353-2506 (home) to volunteer or for more information.

Women's Retreat Restored

An invitation for your feminine heart to encounter
the Beloved



February 9-10, 2024

Register at:

WWW.THEARKANDTHEDOVEWORLDWIDE.ORG/RESTORE

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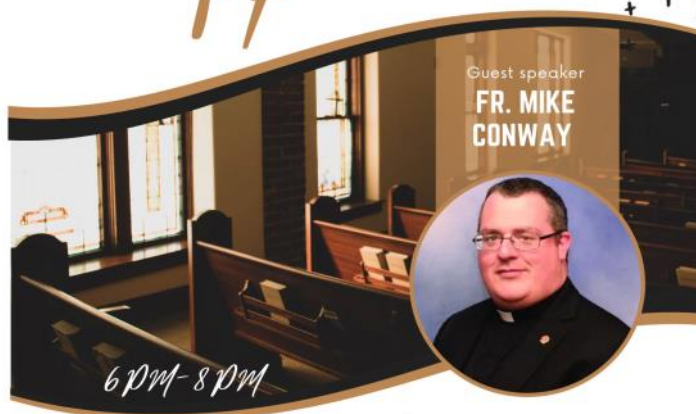
Jacklynn
Good



Sr. Marie Fidelis
Sledgeski, DLJC

THEOLOGY ON

Tap



Guest speaker
FR. MIKE
CONWAY

6 PM - 8 PM

El Campensino

4097 William Penn Hwy, Monroeville, PA
15146

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To register, please call our Parish
Office and ask for Shannon

(412) 373-0050 ext 128