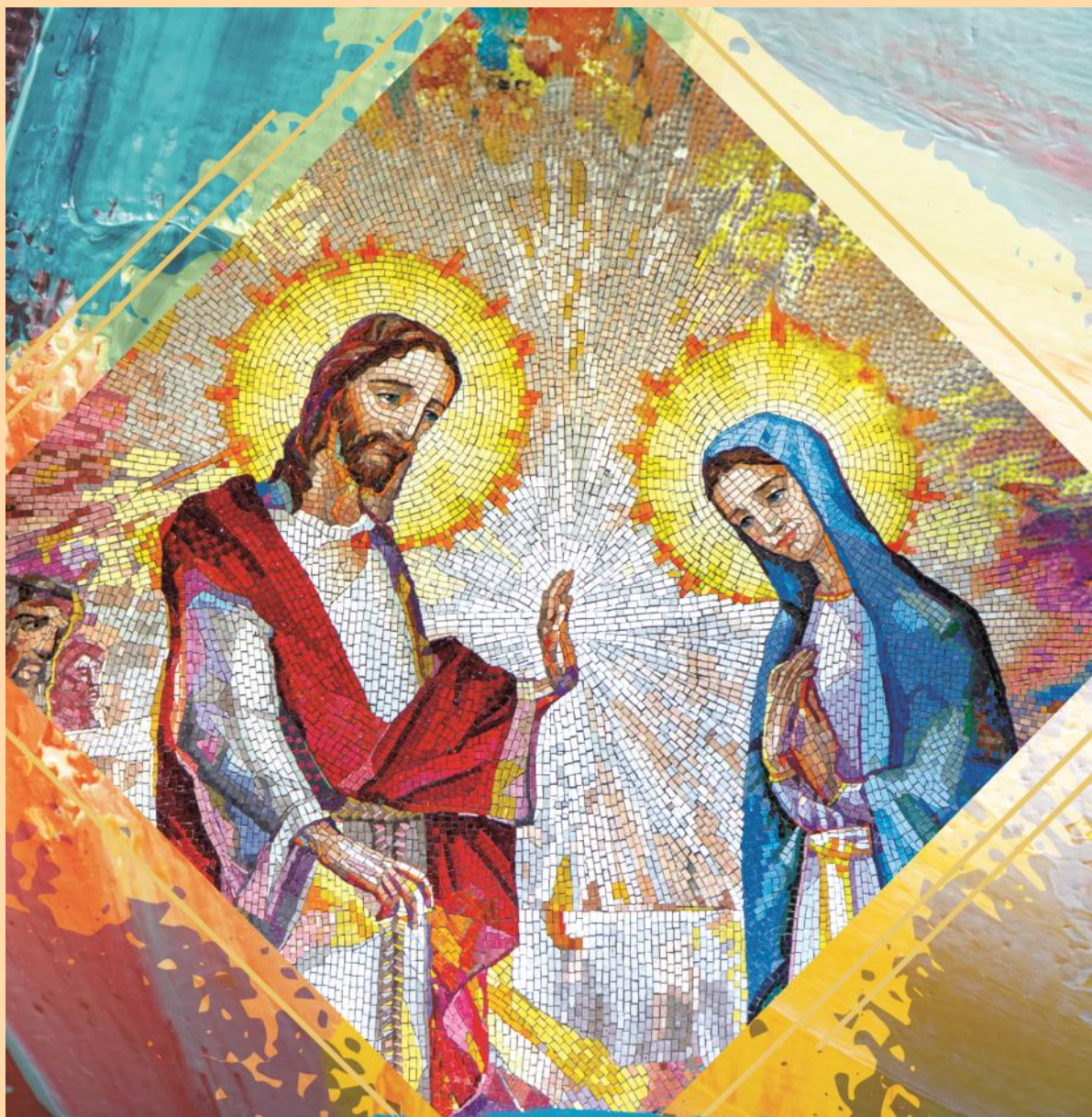




Saint Clare of Assisi Parish

LOVE GOD, SERVE GOD: EVERYTHING IS IN THAT.



10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 9, 2024

"For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." - Mk 3:35



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Saint Clare Prayer List

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MESSAGE FROM FR. MATT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have to admit, I have never understood the parable of the Strong Man. Jesus uses the parable to combat the scribes who were saying that Jesus was possessed by the demon Beelzebul. I think that I never understood it because the Strong Man is good right? He is who we want to be isn't he? Growing up, I heard it all of the time. You have to be strong. You have to be tough. Keep going. Keep fighting. Make your own way. This weekend we are celebrating our high school graduates. I am sure that they have heard these messages, maybe even during the graduation ceremony itself. It is a very American kind of thing to say. We pull ourselves up by our own bootstraps. It is a part of who we are. Yet Jesus today talks about the Strong Man in a confusing way. He says that the Strong Man will defend his house, yes, he sure will, unless you tie him up. Then you can take all of his stuff! What? That's not very inspiring. What is Jesus trying to say here? Who is the Strong Man?

The morning of my ordination as a deacon, we were ordained deacons six months before we were ordained priests, I was nervous. There were many things to remember. I was going to make some life-changing promises. It was all a little overwhelming. I was sitting in a room behind the sacristy at Sacred Heart church in Shadyside. I was trying to be strong. I was trying to tough. I was telling myself that I could do this. Then my uncle, Fr. Bob, popped his head in to the room. I am sure that he could sense my anxiety. He could tell that I was trying to tough it out and be a strong man. He said this to me; "just be open and receptive to the Grace that God is going to pour into you today. Receive it like the Blessed Mother received the Incarnation." What? Be open? Be receptive? Not be tough and strong?

His words had a huge impact on that day for me and on my life going forward and I think that they can help us to understand what Jesus means with the parable of the Strong Man. The Strong Man in the parable is in fact NOT who Jesus is calling us to be. In the parable, the Strong Man is actually Satan, the devil. Jesus is the one who has come to tie him up and take his possessions. Jesus is doing the work, the heavy lifting. Jesus is the offspring of the woman we heard about in the First Reading from the Book of Genesis. Jesus strikes at the head of the serpent. Our job is to receive what Jesus has won. Jesus wants us to be open to receive His Mercy. He has exactly what we need. His Mercy is boundless.



But wait. Is that true? Isn't there a limit to His Mercy because Jesus does talk about the unforgivable sin of blaspheming the Holy Spirit? This unforgivable sin that Jesus talks about doesn't show the limits of God's Mercy, rather, as Scott Hahn says, Jesus is talking about our deliberate refusal to accept the Mercy that is offered to us through the Holy Spirit. When and why would we do that? When we try to be the Strong Man! When we think it is all up to us.

This week, let's work on being receptive. Receive what comes your way and have faith. Trust that God is working. He knows what we need more than we know it ourselves. Receive what is given to you and have faith in Jesus. I am not telling you not to work hard. Work hard! Hustle! Do your best! But do all these things with a receptive heart. It isn't all on your shoulders. There is One who is stronger. Jesus is on your side and has your back. Receive. Accept. Trust in the Stronger Man, Jesus.

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt

Praying for those in need . . .



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Paul Flick
Shawn Phillips
Pud Craig
John Williams
Maryann Fennell
Pearl Green
Gloria Andrews
Karol Halin
Kathy Steighner
Lexi Macurak
Stephanie Sellers
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Joseph McCloskey
Jayden Albright
Rosemarie Gall Zarnick
Fr. Rick Thompson
Larry Karenbauer
Steven Shultz
Mason Martin
Lena Jane Steiner
Bill Smith
Sharon Golobish
Madalyn Rose Geibel
Jim Bergbigler
Virginia Briski
Fred Green
Carter T. Williams
Ada Skelly
Dean Morrow
Madeline McCloskey
Pearl Kocher



WEEKLY READINGS

**FOR THE WEEK OF
JUNE 9, 2024**

Sunday: Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7bc)/2 Cor 4:13—5:1/Mk 3:20-35

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34



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

Keith C. (KC) Graham

Frances Nichol

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



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

Kylee Layne Schaffner

daughter of Hunter & Alyssa Schaffner

Colby James Geibel

son of Cecilia Geibel

Welcome to our faith community!

**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.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, June 8 The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Tom Dunn	Judy & Family
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Chris Dunmyre	Anna Marie Sherwin
Sunday, June 9 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Ethelreda Welter	Duane, Phyllis, Kelly, and Julie O'Donnell
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Pat Liberto	John & Donna Callihan
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Jim Kusner	Bev
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Regis B. Geibel	Bob & Joyce Geibel
Monday, June 10	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Guy & Nancy Pistorius Family	Guy & Nancy Pistorius
Tuesday, June 11 St. Barnabas, Apostle	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	William Schneider	Justin & JoLynn Clouse Family
Wednesday, June 12	6:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Denny Foust	Sharon & Will Fritch and Families
Thursday, June 13 St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Valjean MacKrell	Barry & Karen Porter
Friday, June 14	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	Jim Kusner	Bev Kusner
Saturday, June 15	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Catherine Dante Borghini	Larry & Cathie O'Donnell
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Joe Baker	
Sunday, June 16 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Father's Day	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Vince Ritzert	
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Ed Parker	Family
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	For the Parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi	
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Emma & Clyde Bresnahan	Children

Parish Giving

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS –JUNE 2, 2024

Offertory - Mass	\$7,288.00
Offertory - Online	\$1,912.00
Total Offertory	\$9,200.00

PARISH APPEAL

Weekly Parish Appeal.....	\$800.00
2024 Parish Appeal to Date...	\$32,364.40
2024 Parish Appeal Goal	\$64,547.00
2023 Parish Appeal Total.....	\$48,622.50
2023 Parish Appeal Goal.....	\$64,547.00

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

Maintenance Fund.....	\$457.00
School Support	\$901.00
Peter's Pence	\$40.00
Feast of the Ascension	\$20.00
Catholic Relief	\$11.00

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



St. Clare parishioners at St. Wendelin will host the **Community Dinner at St. Paul in Butler, on Tuesday, June 18th**. Volunteers are needed and we are accepting donations of desserts.

Workers will pack and distribute the carry out meals from 3-6:30pm on June 18. If you are interested in volunteering or can offer desserts, contact Gina (contact office) by Friday, June 14. Arrangements can be made for dessert drop off. Confirmation Candidates for 2025 - this is a great opportunity to earn service hours! Community dinners are a Corporal Work of Mercy shared among Catholic churches and their ministries around Butler.

Attention ALL current Eucharistic Ministers (Parish or Nursing Home). Please plan to attend one of the upcoming **Diocesan required Eucharistic Minister Training sessions**. All sessions (approximately 2 hours) will be held at **Marian Hall at St. Mary in Herman**. No need to RSVP, just attend. If you are unable to attend one of the scheduled dates, or have any questions, please contact Sue Fraley at 724-445-3713.



- Tuesday, July 9th, 6 pm
- Saturday, July 13th, 9 am



The next **St. Clare Senior Pot Luck Lunch** is **Wednesday, June 12th**, at DePaul Hall (St. Joseph N.O.) from 12-2 pm. Please join us for food, friends, and fellowship!

Spring is here and we are asking for volunteers to help beautify the grounds at St. Wendelin. Anyone interested in caring for a plot of flowers at St. Wendelin, please contact the office.



ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

Honor or Remember Your Father with

Father's Day Candles at the Altar



Quality Glass Candle
Your candle will be placed at the church requested and lit at the Altar for all Father's Day weekend Masses.
Candles may be taken home after Sunday's last Mass.

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

Circle Location:

Mater Dolorosa St. Joseph St. Wendelin

Father's Name _____

Father's Name _____

I have enclosed \$5.00 for each Father's Day Candle. Please place in the offertory by **JUNE 9, 2024** drop off in the black box by the office (St. Joseph, North Oakland), or bring to the office by **JUNE 10, 2024**. Due to the quick turnaround time ... **please DO NOT MAIL!** Forms received after the due date are not guaranteed due to candle inventory.



A MESSAGE FROM FR. LOU

Thank you to all who let me be part of our parish family. Since I turn 70 this month, Bishop Zubik has graciously given me permission to retire from assignment to active ministry and to reside at St. John Vianney Manor starting July 15th. I will still be helping parishes with Masses but at a more relaxed pace and without driving at night or in bad weather.

At my request, there will be no observances. If I were the pastor, or at a single parish, that might make sense, but with 12 Mass communities at 6 scattered locations in 2 parishes, not so much. Also, since I won't have room for anymore plaques or trinkets, and since I don't need to support grandchildren, please direct any possible gifts to your parish. Enlivening Saints Francis and Clare will warm my heart, thanks. My prayers remain with you.

God bless,
Fr Lou

Donate Raffle



Baskets Now!

The Annual St. Clare Parish Picnic is Sunday, August 18, 2024! We are asking for donations for our always amazing basket raffle. New items, gift cards, cash, lottery tickets, etc. can be dropped off at the parish office. Contact Nicole at the office with any questions.

Family Ministry Event



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



**Wed. June 19th
6:30pm**

**Family Field Day and Picnic
@ St. Joe's - Cabot**
Join us for some friendly
competitive games.
Parents vs. kids

OUTDOOR CONCERT

June 27

Saint John
688 Clearfield Road

****CHECK NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN
FOR MORE INFORMATION**



"You must propagate veneration of the Most Blessed Sacrament with all your might, for the devotion to the Holy Eucharist is the queen of all devotions."

-Pope Benedict XV



Registration Forms:

-saintclareparish.com
 -Back of church
 -dre@saintclareparish.com

**Registration Due:**

Sunday, June 30, 2024

To: Parish Office or
 dre@saintclareparish.com

St. Clare of Assisi Parish Vacation Bible School

At St. Wendelin Church

July 8-11, 2024

9AM-Noon



Send your kids on an out-of-this-world adventure!

At Stellar VBS, kids shine Jesus' light! Stellar is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life— something we call God Sightings®. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot! **St. Clare Parish Office: 864 Chicora Rd., Chicora, PA 16025 (Attn: CFF)**

DID YOU KNOW?

Your Soul is Like a Garden

Just as a garden requires labor, care, and attentiveness to flourish, so too does the spiritual life demand nurture and vigilance.

St. Teresa of Ávila used the metaphor of a garden to describe the soul's development in *The Interior Castle*. She wrote: "The soul is like a garden enclosed, full of great beauty, abounding in delights, and rich with fruits. The owner of this garden is God Himself." The gardener's role is to cooperate with God's grace in rooting out the weeds of sin and planting virtues, just as a gardener cultivates beautiful flowers and edible plants. St. Thérèse of Lisieux used the imagery of flowers to represent souls. Each soul, like each flower, is unique and contributes its beauty to the splendor of creation, which she considered the garden of the Lord. She encourages us to offer ourselves as "little flowers" to Jesus, reminding us how even the smallest acts, when done with love, are a delight to Him.



Catholic Identity Program Family Link

This Week's Virtue: HONESTY

Honesty is being
 truthful in
 thoughts, words
 and actions.
 It means telling
 the truth.



MARK YOUR CALENDER! FOR THE ANNUAL ST. FRANCIS PARISH RUMMAGE SALE

JULY 26 & 27 8 AM-4 PM

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 724-352-2149- FOR NUMBER}
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 TO VOLUNTEER.**

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 GUILD CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**



It was a beautiful day for the Eucharistic Procession celebrating the Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ last Sunday. Many thanks to all who joined along the voyage that visited all six locations of St. Francis & St. Clare parishes!





AT THE ARK AND THE DOVE
JUNE 28, 2024
Festival of Praise
 10745 BARCOCK BLVD. GIBSONIA, PA 15044



MARYSARAH MENKHAUS



NATURE OF FIRE



FR. WILL WUENSCHTEL

All are Welcome!

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Dinner

7:00 - 9:00
 Praise & Adoration

Parking On-Site

Confessions

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. If you would like to arrange to pick up a blanket, please contact the St. Francis Parish Office, 724-352-2149.

Hospice Volunteers Needed-Volunteers help our patients with everyday tasks, so they may live each day to the fullest. Our volunteers enhance the quality of life for those receiving hospice care by simply holding a hand, sharing a story or being a friend. Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Erin Boyles eboyles@good-samaritanhospice.org or 1-800-720-2557 ext. 5

If you are a member of **St. Clare or St. Francis** parish and your child will attend a **Catholic school**, including preschool, in the 2024-2025 school year, you may receive a **financial award towards your child's tuition** from the parishes. Forms are available at the parish office, on each parish website, and in the entrance of each church. Please complete the form and return it to your registered parish office. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole at the Parish Office.

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 on **Tuesdays, June 11th and 18th from 2:00 to 3:00pm, June 25th from 7 to 8pm (No gathering on June 4) -at ABBA'S HOUSE, 320 W. MAIN ST, SAXONBURG.** For info, email: pato-maszewski@zoominternet.net

Italian Penne Pasta & Meatball Dinner-Benefits Butler Meals on Wheels-Includes Penne Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Bread & Dessert! **Tuesday, June 18, 2024, from 3 - 6 pm** at **St. Peter's Anglican Church**, 218 E. Jefferson St. (Please use Cliff St. Entrance) **\$12** (Pre-sale tickets available or at the door) Open to the Public. Main dish catered by The Monroe.

For all couples planning to marry in the coming year, registration is now available for the **Butler Area Marriage Preparation Retreat for the Fall of 2024**. The retreat consists of two Saturday sessions, November 2nd and November 9th and is held at St. Michael the Archangel Hall in Butler. Registration forms and information are available on our parish website under Sacraments.

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. Meetings are every **Wednesday, 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.



Widowed, Divorced, Separated? The Beginning Experience© Pittsburgh Lay Apostolate will host a 1-day Saturday seminar, Coping with Life Alone -In the Beginning Program, intended to help widowed, divorced, or separated men and women work through their grief and begin to move forward with hope on their life journey. Join us Saturday, July 13th from 8:45am - 4:00pm at Martina Spiritual Renewal Center, 5244 Clarwin Ave., West View, PA 15229. The fee is \$30.00 (lunch included). Register by June 30th at www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com or make a confidential call to Kim at 412-352-2653.

St. Joseph High School \$20,000 Super Raffle! Only 500 tickets available at \$100 each! The drawing will be held on Friday, June 14 during the Spartan Scramble, and the winner doesn't need to be present to win. Contact Debbie Beresik at 724-226-7872 to secure your tickets or for any inquiries.

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