



SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

LOVE GOD, SERVE GOD: EVERYTHING IS IN THAT.



“THE TIME
is FULFILLED,
and the
KINGDOM of GOD
IS *at* HAND.
Repent,
and BELIEVE
in the GOSPEL.

MARK CHAPTER ONE VERSE FIFTEEN

A Message from Fr. Matt ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last week we talked about listening. I encouraged you to take some time after your spoken prayers, and just listen for a few minutes. This week in the Scriptures we have more examples of listening. In the First Reading, the Prophet Jonah speaks to the people of Nineveh and the people of Nineveh listen. In the Gospel, Jesus calls Simon and Andrew, James and John, to follow Him. They too listen. But what strikes me this week is that not only do the people of Nineveh and the first Disciples of Jesus listen to what God is saying to them, they act on it. A couple of months ago we talked about the difference between knowledge and wisdom. Knowledge is knowing what is right while wisdom is knowing what is right and acting on it, doing what is right.

In a similar way, last week was about listening and this week is about listening to God and acting on what God has told us. Is there a word in the Scriptures this week that could encapsulate this idea? I think there is. It is found in the First Reading and the Gospel. The word is repent.

Maybe you say that repentance is about forgiveness of sins and that is a whole different subject than listening and doing. Let's look at the word "repent" and see what it really means. If you look up the etymology of the word repent, it is kind of disappointing. (Etymology is the "what makes up this word and where did it come from?" stuff!) The dictionary says that it comes from Old French via Latin and it literally means to feel regret or sorrow again. Don't get me wrong, it is good to feel regret and sorrow for our sins.

But I can't help thinking that Jesus is calling for more than that. Jesus brings life. That definition doesn't. What if we look at the original language of Mark's Gospel? Here's a hint, it wasn't written in English or Old French or even Latin. It was written in Greek. Metanoia is the Greek word that when translated into English means "repent".

Metanoia is a word that has two parts. Meta, meaning after or beyond, and nous, meaning mind. Some say that it means, to change your mind. I think, in this case, it is a little bit more than that. Metanoia does not imply a repentance that is full of guilt or shame. Metanoia is about making a decision to turn to face a new direction. I heard a really good description of what metanoia could mean. Here's how it went. Let's say that you were standing with a bunch of people in a circle around a source of light. If you were to stand with your back to the light, all that is in front of you is your own shadow. You can't see the light, you can only look into your shadow. In some ways I think this is what we think when we hear the word repent. We look so hard into our shadows. We are in darkness and we are alone. Sounds a little like this past year. But, if we were to metanoia, make the decision to turn and face the light, we would no longer only see darkness and shadows. When we turn to face the light, our shadow is behind us. You can see the other people in the circle now and know that you are connected to them and you are not alone. This is what metanoia means. This, I think, is what Jesus meant in the Gospel and what God meant when He asked Jonah to go preach to Nineveh.

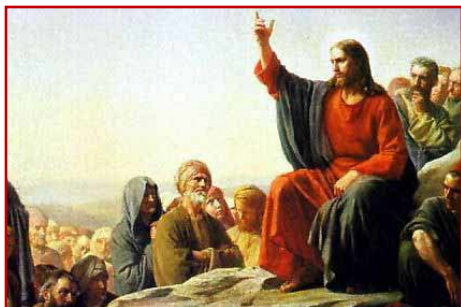
Don't get me wrong, Jesus want us to know and be honest about our sins. Not so that we can feel wicked and dirty, but so that we can see these shadows for what they are and decide to turn toward Him, the Light of the World! To me this makes the whole group of Readings this week make more sense. St. Paul in the Second Reading is going off! It could be such a scary reading. "For the world in its present form is passing away." Holy cow! Ack! But hold on. In light of our proper understanding of metanoia, what Paul is really saying is, don't worry so much about all the stuff of this world, turn toward the light!

This week we are challenged to listen to God and to act on what God is calling us to. The action word is repent. But let's make sure to understand it properly. Repentance is not merely feeling sorrow for our sins. If that were the case we would be staring into the shadow we cast. What we are called to do is to make the decision to turn toward the light. When we face the light, who is Jesus, not only will our shadows be behind us, but we will know that we are not alone. Think about it this week. Make the decision to turn away from your shadow and toward Jesus each day. Metanoia!

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt



Saint Clare of Assisi Parish Information...



LUMINOUS MYSTERIES ONLINE PROGRAM

Our Luminous Mysteries series continues, hosted by Joanne Brown. It's all online (no masks!) on Tuesday nights, 6:30-8:00pm. **Session Three is in two days, January 26.** Contact Sue Fraley to sign up for Zoom links at 724-445-3713 or sue@saintclareparish.com. Tuesday's session will feature Proclaiming the Kingdom. Attend one or all three remaining sessions!

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

Remember to let us know if a name needs added or removed from the St. Clare Parish Prayer List. Fran Parker will handle ALL Prayer Lists updates, for St. Joseph, Mater Dolorosa and St. Wendelin. You can reach Fran at 724-445-7421 or Nancy Long at 814-935-5303. Thanks for helping to keep this Ministry current.



BAPTISM CLASS NEXT WEEK

Parents are required to take a Baptism Class prior to having their first child baptized, or if it has been a few years between children. Online Zoom classes are being scheduled on four Mondays throughout 2021, at 6:30pm. Dates are: **February 1, May 3, August 2 and November 1.** To register for a Zoom session or to schedule a baptism, contact Barb at 724-445-3713 x4.

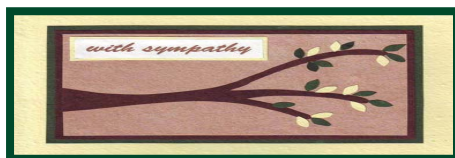
FIRST RECONCILIATION PRAYERS

The first of our youth Sacraments is scheduled. Keep in your prayers the 38 second graders who will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Saturday, February 13.**

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Ashes will be available at Masses and Liturgies at the Parishes of Assisi on Wednesday, February 17:

- 7:30am - Mass, St. John
- 7:30am - Mass, St. Wendelin
- 9:00am - Mass, St. Joseph, Cabot
- 10:00am - School-only Mass
- Noon - Mass, Mater Dolorosa
- Noon - Liturgy of the Word & Ashes, St. Joseph, Cabot
- 4:00pm - Liturgy of the Word & Ashes, Mater Dolorosa
- 5:30pm - Liturgy of the Word & Ashes, St. Wendelin
- 7:00pm - Mass, St. Joseph, N. Oakland
- 7:00pm - Mass, St. Mary



Sympathy is extended to the families of:

Marian J. Neff

whose Funeral Mass was January 19, 2021
at Mater Dolorosa Church
Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.

Katherine L. Scherder

whose Funeral Mass was January 18, 2021
at Mater Dolorosa Church
Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Chad & Julieanne Bell
on the baptism of their son
CONNOR MICHAEL BELL
on January 17, 2021

MAY JESUS ALWAYS BE HIS LIGHT

RECEPTION OF THE EUCHARIST

IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO MASS FOR AWHILE BECAUSE OF PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS, PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE A PAUSE BETWEEN EUCHARISTIC RECIPIENTS. LET THE PERSON IN FRONT OF YOU RECEIVE AND MOVE ON BEFORE YOU ATTEND TO THE PRIEST OR EUCHARISTIC MINISTER. ADDITIONALLY, AT MATER DOLOROSA, REMEMBER THAT ALL EUCHARISTIC RECIPIENTS RECEIVE IN THE MIDDLE AISLE AND RETURN TO PEWS FROM THE SIDE AISLES.

MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

THIS SCHEDULE IS ALTERED FOR HOLY DAYS & SPECIAL EVENTS

MONDAY

MATER DOLOROSA MASS - NOON

TUESDAY

ST. WENDELIN MASS - 8:00AM

WEDNESDAY

ST. WENDELIN MASS - 10:00AM

SCHOOL-ONLY - IF SCHOOL IS IN REMOTE
LEARNING STATUS, MASS IS CANCELED
MATER DOLOROSA CONFESSION - 6:15-6:45PM
MATER DOLOROSA MASS - 7:00PM

THURSDAY

ST. WENDELIN MASS - 8:00AM

FRIDAY

ST. JOSEPH MASS - NOON

SATURDAY

MATER DOLOROSA CONFESSION - 11:00-11:30AM
ST. WENDELIN CONFESSION - 11:00-11:30AM
ST. JOSEPH CONFESSION - 11:45AM-12:15PM
ST. WENDELIN VIGIL MASS - 4:00PM
MATER DOLOROSA VIGIL MASS - 5:30PM

SUNDAY MASSES

ST. WENDELIN - 7:00AM
MATER DOLOROSA - 8:15AM
ST. JOSEPH - 9:30AM
ST. WENDELIN - 10:30AM

OPEN PRAYER TIMES WRAP AROUND **WEEKDAY
MASSES**, WITH CHURCHES AVAILABLE FOR
QUIET REFLECTION:

- > AN HOUR AFTER THE TWO 8AM MASSES
- > AN HOUR BEFORE THE TWO NOON MASSES
AND THE ONE 7PM MASS

WEEKEND MASS REGISTRATION

Registration for weekend (Saturday Vigils and Sunday) Masses needs to continue for a while longer. Call 724-445-3713 X0 or email to registration@saintclareparish.com by 3pm on Fridays. Registration is for one week at a time.

This week's St. Wendelin School

Student of the Week is:

CAMPBELL CLOUSE

Campbell is in 6th grade and began her journey at St. Wendelin School in preschool. Campbell has two siblings who also attend St. Wendelin School, and two Boston Terriers, Buzz and Bolt, at home! Campbell has an extremely busy life outside of school. She participates in horseback riding, volleyball, basketball, hunting, fishing, and gymnastics. She enjoys eating Mexican food, especially Moe's, with her family. Campbell's favorite subject is social studies particularly American history. Campbell is a great student, classroom helper, and a good friend to everyone at school. Congratulations to this week's St. Wendelin School Student of the Week, CAMPBELL CLOUSE!

Reminder that TODAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, CCD Sacrament Grades meet in the Hall.

*Second Grade: 9-10:15am

*Eighth Grade: 6:30-8pm



Catholic Identity Program

This program highlights a variety of virtues and values through short lessons, prayers, Scripture references, and more.

This Week's Virtue:

WELLNESS

Wellness is the practice of caring for the entire self, body, mind, heart and soul, in recognition that each person is made in the image and likeness of God.

I WISH
ABOVE ALL THINGS
THAT YOU MAY
PROSPER AND BE
IN HEALTH, EVEN
AS YOUR SOUL
PROSPERS.

• 3 JOHN 2 •



A TASTY NEW BOOK - Recipe Deadline EXTENDED

St. Wendelin School PTG is creating a new recipe book from our three Churches of St. Joseph, Mater Dolorosa and St. Wendelin. The book will be under the school and new Parish name, St. Clare of Assisi. Submit recipes ASAP to:

1. PTG email at ptgstwend@zoominternet.net

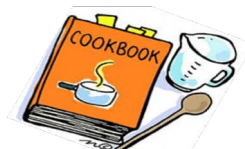
OR

2. Mail to St. Wendelin School, 211 St. Wendelin Rd., Butler, PA 16002

OR

3. Place a hard copy in the school drop box.

Forms for submitting a recipe are on the school website, <https://www.stwendelin-school.com/>. Sales start mid-Spring.



SWS PLANS ACTION-PACKED CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

FEBRUARY 1 - Artist Study (Crazy Socks and Crazy Hat Day) Students will research and learn about famous artists. They will create a masterpiece using the same medium as the artist they are studying.

FEBRUARY 2 - Author Study (School Spirit Day: St. Wendelin Shirt) Students will listen to portions of famous authors' works and learn about their lives. Students will create a project that represents that author. School choice Lessons will be presented today!

FEBRUARY 3 - A Saint's Life (All-School Picture Day) Students will learn about their class saint's life. They will attend school Mass and pray to their saint for the love and support through the changing world. In the afternoon, students will complete a skit about the life of their saint in their classrooms.

FEBRUARY 4 - Action Heroes in Real Life (Dress Down Day for donations to the Volunteer Fire Department) Students will utilize the internet to read through current events to find heroes and present what they have found as a newscast.

FEBRUARY 5 - Activities in Science (Pajama Day) Each class will complete a science activity and explain it! Students will close Catholic Schools Week with an afternoon class movie and popcorn!

~ All weekly projects will be recorded for parents to view on the website! ~

~ Alumni Reverse Raffle and Middle School Dance are planned for TBA dates. ~



Saint Clare of Assisi Parish Information...



Pictures to the left and below from our Parishes' trips to last year's MFL.



March for Life: In the Parishes of Assisi!

For those who have wanted to go to Washington D.C., but never could, St. Clare and St. Francis Parishes together present...

The Procession for Life - "Together Strong: Life Unites!"

on **Friday, January 29**. It is in-conjunction with the 2021 NOW VIRTUAL March for Life. Our Procession will include a variety of pro-life prayer and reflections at all six Churches of Assisi:

11am, St. Joseph, Cabot

Noon, St. Mary, Herman

1pm, St. John, Colesville

2pm, Mater Dolorosa, Chicora

3pm, St. Joseph, North Oakland

4pm, St. Wendelin, Butler (Carbon Center)

You are welcome to participate in any or all stops.

It is suggested and would be helpful to sign up at *Sign Up Genius*: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084ba9ac29a4f85-assisi>

Walk-ins are welcome. If you have questions or need assistance, let Sue or Cecilia know.

Sue: 724-445-3713, X3103, sue@saintclareparish.com

Cecilia: 724-822-0614, cillove86@gmail.com

If you walk in, you will need to sign in. Face coverings required and social distancing guidelines will be followed. Event will NOT be canceled due to weather!

2021 can be a year of LIFE! It starts with you and your Parish.

Join us on Friday, January 29 as we virtually lock arms with the nation, and celebrate locally with our Sister Parish. Let's come together in 2021 to champion life and finally put an end to the tragedy of abortion.



Parish Offertories

January 16 & 17

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

Offertory at Mass	\$4,295.00
Offertory ONLINE.....	\$971.00
TOTAL Offertory.....	\$5,266.00
Weekly Goal	\$10,700.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$550,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal ...	\$174,911.97
Maintenance Fund	
Formerly Project Fund & House	\$59.00
School Support	
Formerly Adopt A Child	\$154.00
Parish Share (PSP)	\$720.00
Parish Share ONLINE.....	\$00.00
TOTAL Parish Share.....	\$720.00
2020 Parish Share Goal.....	\$74,984.00
2020 Total Received.....	\$69,824.60
Christmas Offertory	\$400.00
Children's Christmas	\$25.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$40.00
St. Anthony & DePaul Schools	\$554.00

Note the following about Offertory:

- ONLINE offertory for St. Clare is NOW AVAILABLE. Set up an account on the website, <https://saintclare-parish.com/>
- Project Fund and House Collection envelopes have become Maintenance Fund envelopes.
- Adopt A Child envelopes have become School Support envelopes.
- Monthly envelope has become Parish Share envelope.
- Offertory envelopes you receive should now say St. Clare Parish.
- Checks should be written out to St. Clare Parish.

Thank you for your generosity to Parish Ministries!



JANUARY 26 - 31

MONDAY:

ACTS 22:3-16 OR ACTS 9:1-22;
PS 117:1BC, 2; Mk 16:15-18

TUESDAY:

2 TM 1:1-8 OR TI 1:1-5; PS 96:1-3, 7-8A, 10;
Mk 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY:

HEB 10:11-18; PS 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20

THURSDAY:

HEB 10:19-25; PS 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25

FRIDAY:

HEB 10:32-39; PS 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40;
Mk 4:26-34

SATURDAY:

HEB 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

SUNDAY:

DT 18:15-20; PS 95:1-2, 6-9;
1 COR 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Saint Clare of Assisi Parish Information: Mass Intentions & Church Schedule

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

Noon **Mass** at MD

For Tera Callihan

By Paul & Brenda

Open church 11am till Mass starts

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

8am **Mass** at SW

For Herb & Edie Steighner

By Larry & Family

Open church after Mass till 10am

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

10am School-only **Mass** at SW

For Richard Waltman

By John Neff's Family

6pm **Confessions** at MD

Open church 6pm

till **Mass** starts at 7pm at MD

For June McGrady Lowers

By Bill McGrady Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

8am **Mass** at SW

For Anna Tomsey

By Rick & Pam Miller

Open church after Mass till 10am

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

Noon **Mass** at SJ

For Dr. Edward McClain

By Alberta & Kelly Dunn

Open church 11am till Mass starts

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

Confessions are

11-11:30am at both MD & SW

11:45am-12:15pm at SJ

4pm **Mass** at SW

For Robert Weiland

By Sis Neff & Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30 (Continued)

5:30pm **Mass** at MD

For Marian Neff

By Salli O'Donnell

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

7am **Mass** at SW

For Tim Baptiste

By Bernie & Jackie

8:15am **Mass** at MD

For Gertrude Berteotti

By Bernard & Deborah Berteotti

9:30am **Mass** at SJ

For Pauline Boyle

By Dick & Shirley Graham

10:30am **Mass** at SW

For Cora Carbin

By Tom & Faye

2021 MASS INTENTION BOOK IS OPEN. CONTACT NICOLE@SAINTCLAREPARISH OR 724-445-3713 X3110.

St. Joseph Church & Administrative Center

Located at 864 Chicora Road, Chicora, PA 16025

724-445-3713 Fax: 724-607-1183

Office Hours: M. W. F. - 9am-Noon

Offices for ALL Clergy and Staff are located here.

Names and emails listed to the right.

Mater Dolorosa Church

Located at 409 North Main Street, Chicora, PA 16025

Office Hours at St. Joseph Administrative Center

St. Wendelin Church & School

Located at 210/211 St. Wendelin Road, Butler, PA 16002

Office Hours at St. Joseph Administrative Center

WEBSITE: <https://www.saintclareparish.com/>

Sunday Mass Registrations (temporary)

Reservations are required for the six Sunday Masses.

Call 724-445-3713 X0 or email by Friday at 3pm to registration@saintclareparish.com. You will receive at call to confirm and be assigned an attendance number. Until further notice, you must call every week.

Prayer List

For ALL Prayer List updates, call Fran Parker @ 724-445-7421

Cemetery Inquiries

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

Bulletin & Website Information

Submission deadline is Tuesdays at 10:00am.

Contact Gina at communications@saintclareparish.com

To place an ad, call 1-800-945-6629, Parish Number 947100

Facilities Scheduling

Contact Barb @ 724-445-3713, barb@saintclareparish.com

Facility usage temporarily suspended due to Covid

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