



SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

LOVE GOD, SERVE GOD: EVERYTHING IS IN THAT.



A Message from Fr. Matt ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Archabbot Boniface Wimmer, founder of St. Vincent Archabbey and Seminary where I studied, had a great motto. Parishioners from Saint Clare have heard me refer to this before. It is very simple but powerful, and it is a motto that I keep in the front of my mind and heart. *"Forward. Always Forward. Everywhere Forward."* That motto has been on my mind a lot recently because in so many ways, it seems like we are stuck. How do we move again? Because we have to go forward. The whole mission of our lives, of our Parish, is to go forward. Not forward for forward's sake, but forward toward our Salvation. That is the reason for all that we do. So how do we do it? How do we get through this stuck-ness and go forward, always forward, everywhere forward, toward Salvation and Eternal Life? Let's see what the Readings show us.

In the First Reading today, we meet Job. Man, what a place Job was in. He was hopeless. He was confused. He had lost everything, his children, his possessions, his health. He was desperate. The thing about Job is, even though he was wallowing in self pity, and who could blame him really, he kept moving forward. How did he do that?

He complained! Yeah I know, people who complain can be a pain. But while Job complained to people around him, he also complained to God. Do you know what that is called? Praying. Even in the midst of his devastation, Job kept the line open to God.

Eventually, Job came to know God's Glory. If we want to move forward, we have to keep talking to God and listening for God's response. To move forward, we need to pray.

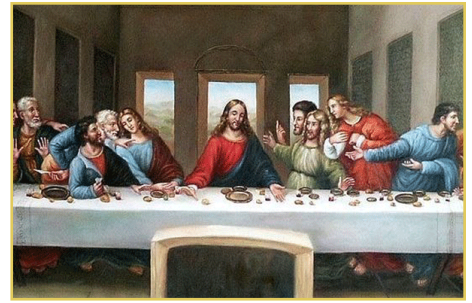
In the Second Reading, St. Paul says so much! Sometimes he is confusing to me! But if you boil it down, St. Paul is telling us how he moves forward. St. Paul is all about the other person. He meets people where they are. He treats other people as if they were more important than him. He isn't all about himself and what he thinks. St. Paul says, "I have become all things to all, to save at least some." He is worried about the other person moving forward to experiencing Salvation more than he is worried about himself. He doesn't stand on political principle. If they need him to wear a mask so that they feel safe in church, St. Paul would wear a mask because he is about them! How do we keep moving forward? Meet people where they are and consider them more important than you.

In the Gospel, Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law. Jesus is, as always, the greatest example for us to follow today, but let's come back to Him. Let's look first at the example of Simon's mother-in-law. How does she move forward after Jesus lifts her up? She serves. Service of others is love. How do we keep moving forward? Serve others.

Honestly we could have just focused on Jesus and gotten the same answers. Twice in this short passage Jesus shows us the way forward. He prays, first at the synagogue and later in a deserted place. He meets people where they are and finds out what they need. Then He serves them. He loves them.

We have been given a great mission. Move forward toward salvation! Job, St. Paul and Simon's mother-in-law give us examples. Jesus shows us best. We do this by praying, meeting others where they are and putting their needs before ours, and serving. *Forward. Always Forward. Everywhere Forward...* to live out our mission.

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt



PREPARING FOR LENT?

Join the online Luminous Mysteries Series on Tuesday, 6:30-8:00pm.

Session Five is February 9 and features THE EUCHARIST. Contact Sue Fraley to sign up for Zoom links at 724-445-3713 or sue@saintclareparish.com. *Attend this final Luminous Mysteries session!*

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.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES: ASH WEDNESDAY AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Ashes will be available at Masses and Liturgies
at St. Clare and St. Francis

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

Registration is required for Ash Wednesday events.
Registration is open Mondays, February 8 thru
February 15, closing at 3pm. Call 724-445-3713 X0
or email to registration@saintclareparish.com



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

at St. Clare & St. Francis of Assisi Parishes

Fridays at 7pm

February 19 - St. Joseph Cabot & Mater Dolorosa

February 26 - St. John & St. Joseph North Oakland

March 4 - St. Joseph Cabot & St. Wendelin

March 12 - St. John & Mater Dolorosa

March 19 - St. Joseph Cabot & St. Joseph North Oakland

March 26 - St. John & St. Wendelin

LENTEN UPDATES

ASH WEDNESDAY CHANGES

Ash Wednesday services on February 17 will be different this year due to pandemic health guidelines.

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments announced that clergy are to first bless the ashes, sprinkle them with holy water, and address all those present by saying one time, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel," or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Then, instead of making the sign of the cross with ashes on the forehead of each person, THIS YEAR ASHES WILL BE SPRINKLED ON TOP OF THE HEAD.

"It will help the priest to avoid having direct contact with a large amount of people," said Fr. Tom Kunz, Diocese of Pittsburgh Associate General Secretary and Vicar for Canonical Services. "This method of receiving ashes is common in other countries."

"Even in a pandemic, Lent is a season of grace and an important moment in the Church's penitential practice," Fr. Tom said. "The Church encourages us toward ever-deeper conversion through acts of penance, including prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We then rejoice in the mystery of the resurrection of the Lord during the Solemnity of Easter and throughout the Easter season."

LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States.
2. The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at age 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18-59. No one should consider this lightly.
3. Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.
4. Pastors and parents are asked that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age.
5. Notable during this Lenten season is that the Solemnity of Saint Joseph falls on a Friday. Because of this, there is not an obligation to abstain from meat on Friday, March 19, 2021, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, according to the norm of canon 1251.
6. The faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by the law.

<https://pittsburghcatholic.org/2021/01/29/what-to-expect-covid-protocols-for-ash-wednesday/>

This week's St. Wendelin School

Student of the Week is:

JOSEPH BISHOP

Joseph is currently a sixth grade student who would someday like to become a music teacher. Joseph began his career at St. Wendelin in first grade.

Joseph's dad is a social studies teacher which makes social studies one of his favorite subjects. Outside of school, Joseph loves playing golf and piano. Joseph is an excellent classmate and is extremely kind and caring. His favorite meal is a large bowl of wedding soup. Joseph has a great sense of humor and works hard in his academics.

Congratulations to this week's

St. Wendelin School Student of the Week,

JOSEPH BISHOP!

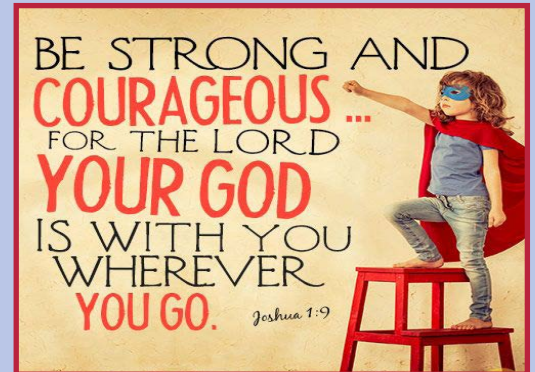
Catholic Identity Program

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

This Week's Virtue:

FORTITUDE

Fortitude is the virtue that enables us to act bravely in the face of trouble and fear.



Girl Scouts!



Catholic Schools Week! Always the BEST week of the year!

Saint Clare of Assisi Parish Information

~ Monday-Sunday, February 8-14 ~ MASSES, CONFESSIONS, OPEN CHURCHES ~

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Noon **Mass** at MD
For Harold & Jane Callihan
By Ken & Jane Fair

Open church 11am till Mass starts

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8am **Mass** at SW
For Herb & Edie Steighner
By Larry & Family
Open church after Mass till 10am

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

10am School-only **Mass** at SW
For John Clouse
By Jau & Susie Gillisplie
6pm **Confessions** at MD
Open church 6pm
till **Mass** starts at 7pm at MD
For Ed Parker
By Martha Robinson

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8am **Mass** at SW
In Memory of Regis Neff
By The Wilkin Family
Open church after Mass till 10am

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Noon **Mass** at SJ
For Michael Alan Neff
By Donna Weiland Wells
Open church 11am till Mass starts

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Confessions are
11-11:30am at both MD & SW
11:45am-12:15pm at SJ
4pm **Mass** at SW
For Garnet Kriley
By Rick & Deanna

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13 (Continued)

5:30pm **Mass** at MD
For Patty Huff
By Paul & Tracy Kaczmarck

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7am **Mass** at SW
For Rose Marie Snyder
8:15am **Mass** at MD
For Jennifer Bly Myers
By Joe & Debbie Bly
9:30am **Mass** at SJ
For Tom Snyder
By Keith & Melissa Snyder
& Family
10:30am **Mass** at SW
For Edward Tomasovic, Jr.
By Wife Carol Tomasovic

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

RECEPTION OF THE EUCHARIST

IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO MASS RECENTLY 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 SIDE AISLES.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Aiden & Destiny
on the baptism of their daughter
HALLIE MARIE JEFFERS
on January 31, 2021
MAY JESUS ALWAYS BE HER LIGHT

Parish Offertories

January 30 & 31

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

Offertory at Mass.....	\$3,493.00
Offertory ONLINE.....	\$946.00
TOTAL Offertory.....	\$4,439.00
Weekly Goal.....	\$10,700.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$550,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal...	\$184,654.97
Maintenance Fund	\$51.00
Maintenance Fund ONLINE.....	\$40.00
School Support.....	\$96.00
Parish Share (PSP)	\$145.00
Parish Share ONLINE.....	\$750.00
TOTAL Parish Share.....	\$895.00
2020 Parish Share Goal.....	\$74,984.00
2020 Total PS Received	\$70,949.60
St. Anthony & DePaul Schools.....	\$170.00

**Thank you for your generosity
to Parish Ministries!**



FEBRUARY 8-14

MONDAY:

GN 1:1-19;
Ps 104:1-2A, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35C;
Mk 6:53-56

TUESDAY:

GN 1:20-2:4A; PS 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

WEDNESDAY:

GN 2:4B-9, 15-17;
Ps 104:1-2A, 27-28, 29BC-30;
Mk 7:14-23

THURSDAY:

GN 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

FRIDAY:

GN 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

SATURDAY:

GN 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

SUNDAY:

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11;
1 COR 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Saint Clare of Assisi Parish - The Procession for Life - "Together Strong: Life Unites!"



Our Parish's FIRST-EVER LOCAL March For Life on January 29 was a huge success! Known as ***The Procession for Life - "Together Strong: Life Unites!"*** the event replaced the national March for Life bus trip to Washington D.C. It included pro-life prayers and reflections at the three Churches of St. Clare Parish and the three Churches of St. Francis Parish. At Mater Dolorosa (above left) participants prayed the Rosary for the Unborn. St. Wendelin (above right) ended the Procession with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. To the left, a participant checks in to receive a Divine Mercy Chaplet booklet.

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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