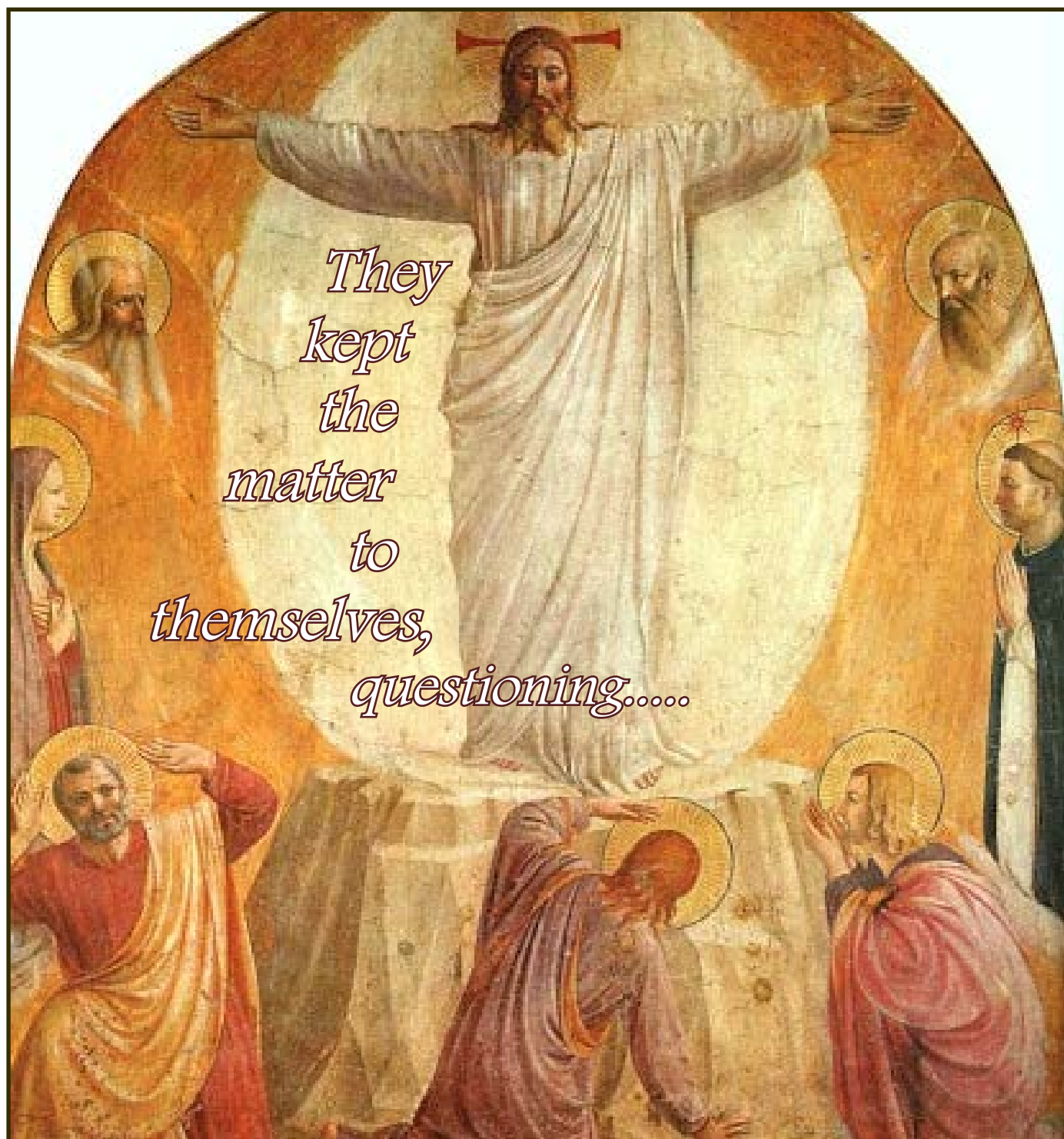




SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

LOVE GOD, SERVE GOD: EVERYTHING IS IN THAT.



February 28, 2021

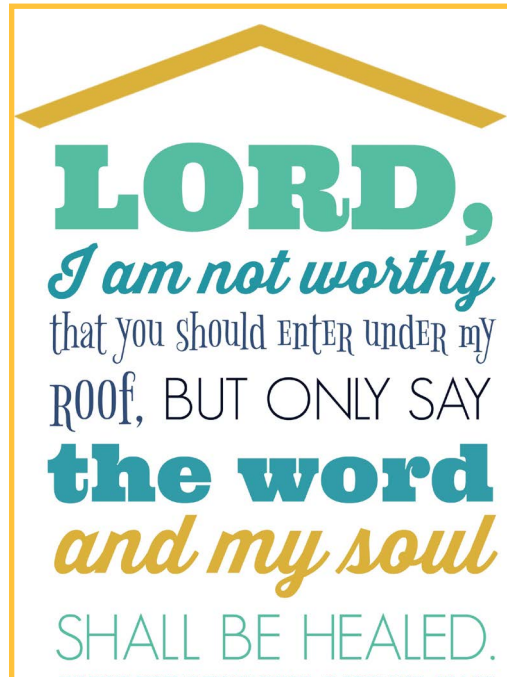
The Second Sunday of Lent

A Message from Fr. Matt ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Do you know how much God loves you?

Our beautiful Readings today tell us just how much. In the First Reading we see Abraham put to the test. God asks Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac. But then God stops him. God had seen Abraham's faith. God sees that Abraham knows how much God loves him. That was enough.



But God doesn't stop there. In the Second Reading we are reminded that God did spare Abraham's beloved son, but God did not spare His own beloved Son, Jesus. But God doesn't stop there. Not only did God sacrifice His beloved Son for us, but Jesus rose from the dead, unlocked the gates of Heaven and now prays for us! He died for us. He rose for us. He prays for us.

Do you know how much God loves you?

God does all of this because He loves you and wants to be with you forever in Heaven. Oh man, does He love you! Do you believe it? Do you think you're worth it?

Before you start thinking of all of the reasons why you're unworthy of God's love, let me tell you who believes that you are deserving. God does. And let me tell you who believes that you are not worthy of God's love. Satan. Satan thinks it is ridiculous that God would lower Himself to love you like He does. Satan can see us. He knows what we do and say, what we are like. But here is where Satan gets it wrong. He thinks this is all about you. It isn't. This is all about God.

The thing is, this God, who it's all about, is all about you. There is no way that we could make ourselves worthy of God's love. Nothing we give up could ever earn God's love. But this isn't about us. It is about God who is for us, and all about us. Satan wants us to be wrapped up in questions and self concern, like the disciples in the Gospel after Jesus tells them what He is going to do. They were confused, even terrified. But God says that we don't need to be trapped in self concern, worries about our status, our grievances against each other, our doubts and fears. He will take those on for us. He will die for us. He will rise for us. He will pray for us at the right hand of the Father. Jesus will do it! He will do it not because of what you have done, but because He loves you first. God is all about you, so you don't need to be.

This week, focus on the fact that God loves you. *You are worthy of God's love because God decided you are.* No other reason. Just sit with that thought each day this week and be grateful.

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt



GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALES

Girl Scout cookies will be for sale AFTER all Saint Clare Parish Masses **THIS WEEKEND, February 27 and 28.** Boxes are \$5 each and include your favorites: Lemon-Up, Trefoil, Do-Si-Do, Samoa, Tagalongs, Girl Scout S'mores, Toffee-tastic and those irresistible Thin Mints!

MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

THIS SCHEDULE IS ALTERED FOR HOLY DAYS & SPECIAL EVENTS

MONDAY

MATER DOLOROSA MASS - NOON

TUESDAY

ST. WENDELIN MASS

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**

MASSSES, 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.

PARISH NOTES

40 DAYS SAVES LIVES!

JOIN OUR PARISH CAMPAIGN

The Peaceful Prayer Vigil is daily through Lent from 7am-7pm, outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh. Saint Clare Parish is signed up for **Saturday, March 6, 11am-1pm**. If you would like to attend, contact Sue **by TOMORROW, Monday, March 1**, at 724-445-3713 or sue@saintclareparish.com. Weekly trips will be made to the Vigil **on Thursdays**, too, departing from St. Joseph, Cabot, at noon and returning about 4pm. Carpooling can be arranged. See the **40daysforlifePittsburgh.com** website for more information. Join this worldwide effort to save lives, offer hope, and raise awareness.

LENTEN ROSARY SERIES SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

Saint Clare Parish's online Rosary Series continues with the Sorrowful Mysteries on Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00pm. **Session Two is March 2 and features THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR.** Contact Sue Fraley to sign up for Zoom links at 724-445-3713 or sue@saintclareparish.com. *Attend the four remaining sessions or whatever you can make.*



STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS AT 7PM

The remaining schedule is:
March 4 - St. Wendelin
March 12 - Mater Dolorosa
March 19 - St. Joseph, *This is the Feast Day of St. Joseph*
March 26 - St. Wendelin



THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU CONFESSION OPPORTUNITY

Wednesday, March 10

6-9pm @ Mater Dolorosa

This Lent, rediscover the healing power of God's love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Catholic parishes throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh on March 10. If you've been away for a long time, don't worry: The Light Is On For You. Mass at MD will not be celebrated this day. Additionally, all regular Confession times are available through Lent. No confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday, April 3.

THANK YOU!

BLESSING BAGS DISTRIBUTED

"Thank you so much for your support of the Girl Scout Blessing Bags project for the third year in a row. With donations and money from the Parish, we were able to complete 80 men's and 20 women's Blessing Bags. We also donated extra food and candy to the Warming Center to distribute at a later time. We ask you to keep your eyes open for cheap winter hats, scarfs, gloves and hand warmers that might be going on clearance. Look for MEN's hats and gloves. We have enough women's items for next year. (Be careful not to pick up kids' items, as they sometimes are in the same bin.) We can store these necessities to distribute next winter. Thanks again, Mercedes and Mary Beth"

CROCHETERS NEEDED BAPTISMAL BLANKETS

Saint Clare Parish offers white baptismal blankets to all children and adults baptized in the Faith. The blankets have been lovingly made by Parishioners for years. If you can crochet and would like to join this Ministry, call the Parish Office. A pattern and yarn are supplied.

Friday.



it's still a thing.

FRIDAYS OF LENT DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. 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) is for individuals ages 18-59 who are without a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful. If you cannot fast, almsgiving is suggested. Fasting is obligated on Good Friday.

See page 6 for information on Friday Fish Dinners at neighboring St. Mary's.

INFORMATION TO YOU ONE CALL NOW

Saint Clare Parish subscribes to *One Call Now*, which allows the Parish to send text messages, emails, and phone calls with information updates. Not everyone has a computer to access the website or receive emails, but everyone does have a phone. Telephone numbers associated with the parish census are used. To update information or if you would like to receive a text and not a phone call, notify Barb at 724-445-3713 or barb@saintclareparish.com.

This week's St. Wendelin School
Student of the Week is:

VINCENT CONERTY

*Vince is in eighth grade,
and has been at
St. Wendelin since
Pre-Kindergarten.*

*Vince has one sister,
Erin Grace. His favorite
subject in school is
Physical Education.*

*Outside of school you
can find Vince riding
snowmobiles and going
mountain biking.*

*Vince has had
a long time dream of
riding and owning
his own dirt bike.
He has wanted his own
since he was five!*

*Congratulations to
this week's
St. Wendelin School
Student of the Week,
VINCENT CONERTY!*

Catholic Identity Program

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

This Week's Virtue:

INITIATIVE

Initiative is
the ability or
willingness to take
the first step toward
accomplishing a goal.

THEN I HEARD THE VOICE
OF THE LORD SAYING
"WHOM SHALL I SEND?
AND WHO WILL GO FOR US?"
AND I SAID
"HERE AM I, SEND ME!"
ISAIAH 6:8



**ST. WENDELIN SCHOOL
REGISTRATION IS OPEN
FOR THE 2021-22 YEAR.
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.STWENDELINSCHOOL.COM
TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR AND
DOWNLOAD FORMS.
QUESTIONS?
CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE
AT 724-285-4986.**

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Saint Clare of Assisi Parish Information

MASSES, CONFESSIONS, OPEN CHURCHES, MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 1

Noon **Mass** at MD
For Bernard "Uncle Bean" Callihan
By Lori, Doug, Cale,
Brooke & Lawson
Open church 11am till Mass starts

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

8am **Mass** at SW
For Helen Fello
By Sue Fraley
Open church after Mass till 10am

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

10am School-only **Mass** at SW
For Nancy McClain
By Sue Fraley
6pm **Confessions** at MD
Open church 6pm
till **Mass** starts at 7pm at MD
For Mary Louise Fugini
By Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

8am **Mass** at SW
For Regis Neff
Open church after Mass till 10am

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

Noon **Mass** at SJ
For Ed Knoll
By Anna Marie
Open church 11am till Mass starts

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

Confessions are
11-11:30am at both MD & SW
11:45am-12:15pm at SJ

4pm **Mass** at SW
For Paul Miller

5:30pm **Mass** at MD
For Katherine Scherder
By Daughters

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

7am **Mass** at SW
For Gino Pascazi
8:15am **Mass** at MD
For Ed Parker
By Family
9:30am **Mass** at SJ
For Harold & Rita Korn
By Keith & Melissa Snyder
& Family

10:30am **Mass** at SW
For Saint Clare Parishioners



Parish Offertories

February 20 & 21

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

Offertory at Mass	\$3,796.00
Offertory ONLINE.....	\$1,261.00
TOTAL Offertory.....	\$5,057.00
Weekly Goal	\$10,700.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$550,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal...	\$202,097.97
Maintenance Fund	\$105.00
Maintenance Fund ONLINE.....	\$25.00
School Support.....	\$50.00
School Support ONLINE	\$00.00
Parish Share (PSP)	\$590.00
Parish Share ONLINE.....	\$00.00
TOTAL Parish Share.....	\$590.00
2020 Parish Share Goal.....	\$74,984.00
2020 Total PS Received	\$73,264.60

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



MARCH 1 - MARCH 7

MONDAY:

DN 9:4B-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

TUESDAY:

Is 1:10, 16-20;
Ps 50:8-9, 16BC-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

WEDNESDAY:

JER 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16;
MT 20:17-28

THURSDAY:

JER 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

FRIDAY:

GN 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A;
Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

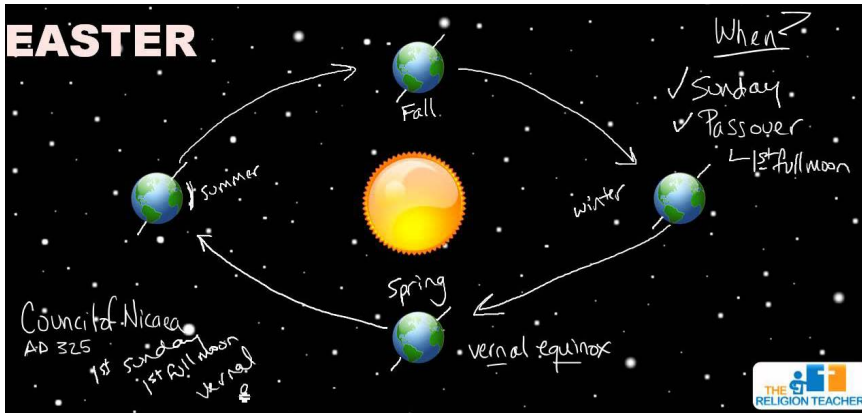
SATURDAY:

Mt 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

SUNDAY:

Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11;
1 COR 1:22-25; JN 2:13-25

EASTER



HOW TO TELL WHEN EASTER IS

Easter is always the Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the Spring Equinox on March 21st.

This full moon may happen on any day between March 21 and April 18. If the full moon happens on a Sunday, Easter will be the Sunday following. Easter cannot be earlier than March 22 or later than April 25.



**St. Mary's Church
FISH DINNERS**

821 Herman Rd. (That's the Church!)

DRIVE THRU ONLY

Please follow signs and directions

Fridays, March 5, 12, 19 & 26

2-6pm, \$10 per dinner

**Includes pan-fried fish,
French fries, green beans,
coleslaw, bread & cake :)**

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 a 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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