



SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

LOVE GOD, SERVE GOD: EVERYTHING IS IN THAT.

Love
beyond
all telling

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

A Message from Fr. Matt

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Easter! This Lent has flown by for me. I can't believe the great Feast of our Salvation is here already. I don't know why Lent seemed to go so fast. I guess because so much of it was new and different. I am so happy to celebrate Easter with you. I feel like the luckiest, most blessed person in the world to have the assignments that I have. You show such faith, hope and love. You are an inspiration to me. Thanks for opening your hearts to me and to Fr. Lou, Fr. Jim, and Fr. Ward. We love you a lot. Thanks for loving us and being patient with us.

I have a friend who is a pastor at a non-denominational Christian church. We met during my first assignment in Wexford. He is a good pastor and a good man. We were walking through our church one time and he looked up at the Crucifix and said to me, "That is something that I will never understand." I thought he was talking about the amazing love that Jesus showed by dying on the Cross for us. So I said, "That is love beyond all telling." He said, "No. I mean I will never understand why you guys have the body still hanging on the Cross. Aren't Christians supposed to be Easter people? You don't ever let anyone stop thinking about Good Friday."

Does he have a point? Aren't we supposed to be Easter people? Well, yes. Easter is a wonderful part of who we are. But, what does Easter mean without Good Friday? I think one of the coolest things about being Catholic is the three days that we call The Triduum. On Holy Thursday we begin Mass like we always do with a Sign of the Cross. But have you ever noticed that we don't end Holy Thursday with the Sign of the Cross, like we would every Mass? Do you know why? Because the Mass isn't over. On Good Friday we don't begin the service with the Sign of the Cross because it is a continuation of what we began the night before. Same with the Easter Vigil. The Sign of the Cross only comes at the end of the Easter Vigil. We do this because The Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, are one, huge, three-day long, cannot-be-separated, solemn remembrance and celebration. Do you see what the Lord and His Church are teaching us here? We are not just an Easter people because you cannot separate Easter from Good Friday and Holy Thursday. Passion, Death and Resurrection. Any of them on their own do not make sense or have full meaning. We are not merely an Easter people. We are a Triduum people!

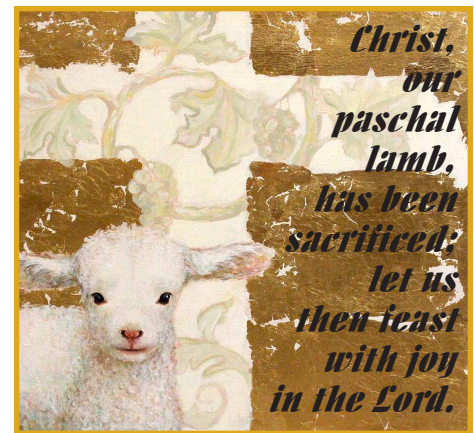


To me, that says our God is real! He isn't some "Don't worry. Be happy" God! That's not real. God knows that we have suffering, and He says to us in The Triduum that our suffering has meaning. God knows that things can be hard, but says that the tough stuff can help us to see the good stuff. This isn't a day for empty celebration. Today is a day to celebrate that we are alive, and life isn't easy but there is reason to hope. If for no other reason, because our God isn't distant and absent. Our God hurts with us, is abandoned like we are sometimes, is betrayed by those He loves. Our God dies with us and rises to tell us there is so much more to the story. Behold, He makes all things new! Our God is the realest!

Today, I hope that you celebrate. I hope you know that you have a reason to celebrate! Christ is risen from the dead. Christ is Crucified out of love for you. Christ's Body is broken and blood is poured out for you. Christ humbles Himself to be your servant so that you might be encouraged to serve others. None of these things on their own is a suitable answer, but together they are the only answer we need.

Keep these three - the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus - always together in your heart because our God is real. He knows they are together in our lives. Be a Triduum person! May you have the most meaningful Easter ever!

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt



Happy Easter to Our Parish Family!

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**

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 will continue. Call 724-445-3713 X0 or email to registration@saintclareparish.com by 3pm on Fridays. Registration is for one week at a time. **IF YOU CALL OR EMAIL AFTER 3PM, YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED.**

Saint Clare of Assisi Parish Notes

THANK YOU FOR FLOWER OFFERTORY

Please enjoy the insert in this Easter Sunday bulletin. It lists Flower Offertory "in memory of" or "in honor of" loved ones.

MOTHERS' DAY CANDLES

Next week's bulletin will include an insert with information about how to place a Mother's Day candle on the altar "in memory of" or "in honor of". Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9.



FIRST COMMUNION MASSES AT SW

The two FIRST COMMUNION MASSES this year are for family only and there will be no registration accepted. They are **Saturdays, April 10 and 17 at 4pm** at St. Wendelin. Because of Covid-19 guidelines, families have a limited number of people they can bring and we would like to maximize that for this special occasion. The Masses will be live-streamed. On Saturdays, St. Mary's in Herman celebrates 4pm Mass and Mater Dolorosa celebrates Mass at 5:30pm.

LITTLE WHITE BOOKS AVAILABLE

Little White Books, part of the Little Book Series, were handed out on Palm Sunday. There are still a few left and you are welcome to them. Year B Gospels are featured with interesting six-minute reflections for the Easter season through Pentecost on May 23.

CROCHETERS NEEDED

Saint Clare Parish offers white baptismal blankets to 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. Pattern & yarn supplied.



2021 BAPTISM CLASSES

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 three Mondays in 2021, at 6:30pm. Dates are: **May 3, August 2 and November 1**. To register for a Zoom session or schedule a baptism, contact Barb at 724-445-3713 x4.

LIVE STREAM MINISTRY

We are looking for a few people interested in volunteering with Mass video programming which happens out of the St. Wendelin Church Live Stream Booth (bird's eye view of Mass!). All ages are welcome, but you need to be comfortable with computers, cameras, and video and audio equipment. Questions to Adam Murray, Director of Digital Media, at adam@saintclareparish.com or call the St. Joe Office.

NEW ONLINE GIVING PLATFORM

If you currently give offertory online, you will soon receive an email with instructions on how to log into the new system. Existing payment and donation information will be migrated over so you will not have to set up your gifts again.

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

Remember to let us know if a name needs added or removed from the St. Clare Parish Prayer List. Fran Parker handles 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. Access the Prayer List on the website <https://www.saintclareparish.com/>. Names are listed on the website and you can print out a hard copy, too. Thanks for helping to keep this Ministry current.

MASS REGISTRATION CLARIFICATION

Thank you to the many faithful Parishioners who are registering for weekend Masses according to posted guidelines. Registration is for one week at a time. IF YOU CALL OR EMAIL AFTER 3PM ON A FRIDAY, YOU ARE NOT CONSIDERED REGISTERED AND WILL NOT RECEIVE A RETURN PHONE CALL OR BE ASSIGNED A NUMBER.



Sympathy is extended to the family of:

Timothy A. Noullet

whose Funeral Mass was March 29, 2021 at St. Wendelin Church

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Lance & Katie Hinton
on the baptism of their daughter
NORA JANE HINTON
on March 28, 2021

Damien & Christina
on the baptism of their daughter
ISABELLA NOVA PICKETT
on March 21, 2021

Shaun Krill
on the baptism of his son
MASON KRILL
on March 21, 2021

MAY JESUS ALWAYS BE THEIR LIGHT

This week's St. Wendelin School

Student of the Week is:

AKOSHA DOWNING

Our sixth grade student, Akosha, has attended St. Wendelin School since kindergarten, following in the footsteps of her older brother and sister. Math is her favorite subject, and she is always open to learning new concepts. Just like her older sister, Akosha, plays softball in her free time. She is a pitcher and occasionally takes the outfield. Her favorite food is French toast with lots of syrup and butter. Keep up the great work, Akosha! Congratulations to this week's St. Wendelin School Student of the Week, **AKOSHA DOWNING!**

Catholic Identity Program

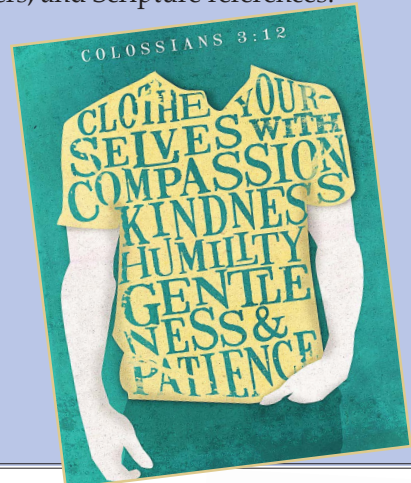
This program highlights a variety of virtues and values through short lessons, prayers, and Scripture references.

This Week's

Virtue:

KINDNESS

Kindness means to be gentle and generous toward others.



Coming this Spring...

St. Wendelin School's annual fundraisers for:

Mother's Day Hanging Flower Baskets

Annual Flowers

Vegetable Plants

Order forms for Hanging Flower Baskets on the School website:

<https://www.stwendelinschool.com/>



ST. WENDELIN SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

FOR THE 2021-22 YEAR.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT

WWW.STWENDELINSCHOOL.COM

ON THE WEBSITE, YOU CAN TAKE

A VIRTUAL TOUR AND DOWNLOAD FORMS.

QUESTIONS? CALL THE

SCHOOL OFFICE AT 724-285-4986.



THE DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH'S DRY BONES MINISTRIES is offering Youth Programs this summer at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Camp & Retreat Center in nearby Volant, Lawrence County. The goal is to provide young people with an effective, fun, and joyful opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ. This project can be a catalyst for positive impact in the Church of Pittsburgh for years to come. Contact: sue@saintclareparish.com, 724-445-3713. Scholarships available.

FOR TEENS: CAMP LAJAS

Women's Week 1: July 5-10; Men's Week 1: July 12-17; Women's Week 2: July 19-24;

Men's Week 2: July 26-31. All sessions are overnight.

FOR COLLEGE KIDS

College Missionaries will be responsible for facilitating the kids' day camp by leading games, singing songs, making crafts, etc. and supervising the teen leaders. We are seeking young adults (ages 19-23) who can be faith role models and are not afraid to get dirty!

FOR GRADES 1-7: DAY CAMP

Many adventures await kids going into Grades 1-7. Four daylight (not overnight) sessions available: July 5-9; July 12-16; July 19-23; July 26-30.

Saint Clare of Assisi Parish Information

MASSSES, CONFESSIONS, OPEN CHURCHES, MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 5

Noon **Mass** at MD
For Mary Mikolay
By Sue Fraley
Open church 11am till Mass starts

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

8am **Mass** at SW
For Gino Pascazi
Open church after Mass till 10am

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

10am School-only **Mass** at SW
For Lee Christie
By Family

6:15pm **Confessions** at MD
Open church 6pm
till **Mass** starts at 7pm at MD
For Tera Callihan
By Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

8am **Mass** at SW
For Paul Miller
By Bob & Shirley Shurtleff

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

Noon **Mass** at SJ
For Harold & Jane Callihan
By Ken & Jane Fair
Open church 11am till Mass starts

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

Confessions are
11-11:30am at both MD & SW
11:45am-12:15pm at SJ
4pm **Mass** at SW/FIRST COMMUNION
For Larry Webber
By Floyd & Delores Neigh
5:30pm **Mass** at MD
For Patrick Rodgers
By Anna Marie Sherwin

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 11

7am **Mass** at SW
For Loretta Geibel
By Norma Geibel
8:15am **Mass** at MD
For Tootie, Sam, Ed, Bernard,
Dick & Bob
By Sam Callihan Family
9:30am **Mass** at SJ
For Helen Covert
By Anie Dally, Cheryl,
Lisa & Family
10:30am **Mass** at SW
For Doris Stephenson
By Chuck & Nancy Stephenson



Parish Offertories

March 20 & 21

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

Offertory at Mass	\$3,622.00
Offertory ONLINE.....	\$1,456.00
TOTAL Offertory.....	\$5,078.00
Weekly Goal	\$10,700.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$550,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal...	\$227,664.97
Maintenance Fund	\$144.00
Maintenance Fund ONLINE.....	\$25.00
School Support	\$24.00
School Support ONLINE	\$00.00
Parish Share (PSP)	\$2,995.00
Parish Share ONLINE.....	\$850.00
TOTAL Parish Share.....	\$3,845.00
2021 Parish Share Goal.....	\$80,599.00
2021 Total PS Received	\$7,615.00
Easter	\$20.00
Easter Flowers	\$370.00
Holy Thursday	\$2.00
Holy Land - Good Friday	\$5.00
Campaign for Human Development.....	\$2.00
Christmas 2020	\$20.00

**Offertory for March 27 & 28
listed next week.**



Congratulations to
St. Wendelin School
First Graders
as they participate
as Lectors during
School Mass for
the first time ever!
*How good to proclaim
the Word of the Lord!*

School Masses are on
Wednesday mornings.
Due to Covid-19 guidelines,
it is presently for students and
teachers only. You can watch
it on our live stream. Log on
through the School or Parish
websites.



**APRIL 5
THRU
APRIL 11**

MONDAY:

ACTS 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2A, 5, 7-11;
Mt 28:8-15

TUESDAY:

ACTS 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
Jn 20:11-18

WEDNESDAY:

ACTS 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

THURSDAY:

ACTS 3:11-26; Ps 8:2AB, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

FRIDAY:

ACTS 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27A;
Jn 21:1-14

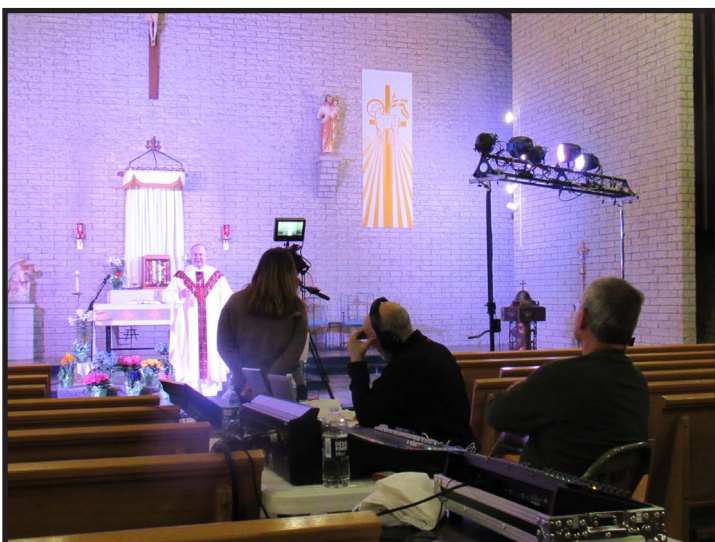
SATURDAY:

ACTS 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15AB, 16-21;
Mk 16:9-15

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

ACTS 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

We Have Come A Long Way...



*We are not quite "there" yet, but if we look at 2020 Palm Sunday and Easter Masses (above), through the grace of God, no more empty pews! If this is your first Mass back - **WELCOME! HAPPY EASTER!***

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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