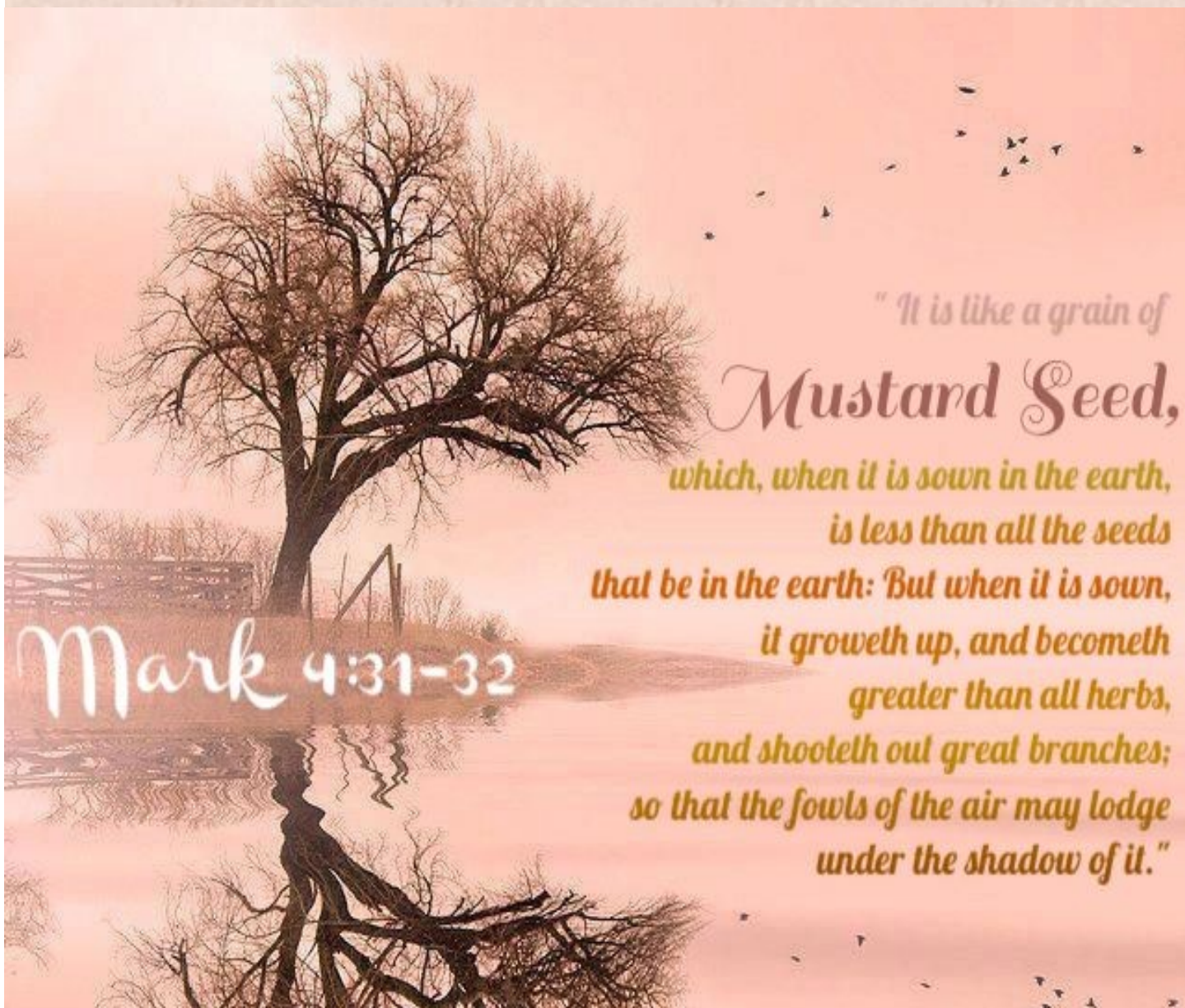




SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

LOVE GOD, SERVE GOD: EVERYTHING IS IN THAT.

June 13, 2021



"It is like a grain of

Mustard Seed,

which, when it is sown in the earth,

is less than all the seeds

that be in the earth: But when it is sown,

it groweth up, and becometh

greater than all herbs,

and shooteth out great branches;

so that the fowls of the air may lodge

under the shadow of it."

Mark 4:31-32

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Matt

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I was with my uncle, Fr. Bob, earlier this week. He had been in the hospital many weeks, and was moved recently to a nursing home in hopes of getting him back to his home at St. Augustine Friary in Lawrenceville. Man does he want to go home! He is a pretty saintly guy, but I have to admit, even knowing that, his attitude has been amazing. His struggle has been mighty these last few weeks, but today he told me that he had two thoughts about what was going on. First, he said, it has been amazing to see the unfolding of God's Providence for him these last weeks, and second, he has to eat well and drink his Ensure so that he can go home to the friary! I was thinking that if I was in his shoes, I don't know if I would have the same attitude. I might be outwardly sweet, but I'm pretty sure I'd be grumbling to those close to me. Not him. Oh he doesn't lie and say everything is fine. He knows he is still in a tough spot and he freely admits that it isn't easy. But even in the midst of that, he is able to see God providing for him. It gives him a sweetness and a peace that goes much deeper than the surface. My uncle's attitude and his motivation have seen him through days and are preparing him for a peaceful, even happy death.

I think today's readings challenge us about attitude and motivation. The First Reading and the Gospel speak of the generous and sometimes mysterious love of God. God is so good to us. God provides for us. God is so kind and so humble. All that God asks for is the smallest amount of faith, "the size of a mustard seed" our Gospel says, and He will respond with abundance. God will "lift high the lowly tree" our First Reading tells us. God's attitude toward us is generosity and humility. God's motivation is love. This is what my uncle means when he speaks of God's providence. He is experiencing God's attitude of generosity. He knows in the depths of his heart that God is motivated by love of him.



It is in the Second Reading that St. Paul lays down our challenge. St. Paul says that "we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ." I think sometimes we like to downplay this judgment thing, but God doesn't lie. We will all be judged based on what we have done. It is just a fact. How does this make you feel? Is it fear? Is it dread? Or does it make you think that you better get to work fixing some things before you are judged? Maybe this is just good old "Catholic guilt". But why would we feel this way? Think about it. You will be judged, and so will I (in fact I will be judged based on you because I am responsible for helping to get you to Heaven!). But we will be judged by Jesus! He who ate with sinners, who wouldn't condemn the woman caught in adultery, who said "Father forgive them" as they mocked him on the Cross. We should have proper sorrow for our sins and proper fear of judgment, don't get me wrong, but how can we be anything but hopeful, knowing who our judge is?

What about our motivation? St. Paul says that we should "aspire to please Him." This aspiration can also be motivated by fear, but is this what St. Paul is challenging us to do? Will this bring us peace and trust in God's Providence? No. Fear will never lead to this. One thing will. Love. If love is our motivation then peace and trust will be ours.

In today's readings we see our God, generous and hopeful about us. A God motivated by love for us. We are challenged to look into the very core of our being and see if we find the same. Saint John Paul said in his first address as Pope, "Do not be afraid!", I know that our world, our lives, our health, our relationships can all be scary sometimes, but those words still ring true. Ask the Lord to open the eyes of your heart to see His generous providence for you, that you might have hope. Ask the Lord to let you know and feel His love, that you might be motivated to love in return.

Peace and Love, Fr. Matt



Confession Times

WEDNESDAYS

MATER DOLOROSA - 6:15-6:45PM

SATURDAYS

MATER DOLOROSA - 11:00-11:30AM

ST. WENDELIN - 11:00-11:30AM

ST. JOSEPH - 11:45AM-12:15PM

Daily Mass Readings

Readings for the week of June 13, 2021

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps
98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt
5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps
146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps
112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-
6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps
111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-
15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps
34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt
6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps
34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt
6:24-34

Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/
Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29,
30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk
4:35-41

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Date	Time	Location	Intention	Offered By
Saturday June 12 The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary	4:00 PM	St. Wendelin	Robert Weiland	Grace Weiland
	5:30 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Mary Jeanne Rodgers	Anna Marie Sherwin
Sunday, June 13 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Bob Forster	Becky Forster
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Patricia Liberto	Becky Groger
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	For the Parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi	
	10:30AM	St. Wendelin	Paul Miller	John & Carlene Cook
Monday, June 14 Flag Day	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Marian Neff	Ron & Ina Kocian
Tuesday, June 15	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Rose Marie Snyder	Debbie Neff & Dustin
Wednesday, June 16	7:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	June McGrady Lowers	Bob & Norma Miller
Thursday, June 17	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Don Double	Larry & Family
Friday, June 18	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	Katherine Ricciardella	Ron Ball & Family
Saturday June 19 St. Romuald, Abbot	4:00 PM	St. Wendelin	Edward Tomasovic Jr.	Your Wife
	5:30 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Robert Zanella	Robert, Alissa, Robert Jr. & Matthew
Sunday, June 20 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Father's Day World Refugee Day	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Loretta Geibel	James & Mary Kay Angert
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Larry Cogley	Brent & Bernedette Francisco
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Mary Louise O'Donnell	Anna McGill & Family
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Virginia Bergbigler	Family

Saint Clare of Assisi Parish Notes

Little Sisters of the Poor

The Little Sisters of the Poor have been caring for the elderly poor of Pittsburgh since 1872. If you can contribute to their good works, **this weekend, June 12 & 13**, their offertory basket will be in our three Churches. You can also mail a donation to: 1028 Benton Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. Your contributions allow the Sisters to care for the neediest of the elderly with dignity and God's grace.

Ministry scheduling

A reminder to those who volunteer as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers, a schedule will start July 1, so please update your preferences in the Ministry Scheduler.

AUGUST PICNIC UPDATE

Raffle Baskets

WE NEED RAFFLE BASKETS!!! Looking for prepared baskets, gift certificates, monetary donations or any items that can be used to prepare baskets! Parishioners are always so generous and creative with basket donations! If you can donate anything, or have any questions, contact Nicole at 724-445-3713, x7

Picnic Envelopes

Envelopes containing the picnic letter and raffle tickets can be found in the vestibule of each Church for all registered parish families. Envelopes will be at the Church location you originally registered with, if you registered this year, your packet will be at St. Wendelin. Feel free to grab your extended family or neighbor's envelope if they are not currently attending Mass. More tickets are available, sell as many as you can! Please contact the Parish Office for more tickets or any other information.

Picnic Volunteer sign-up

Please fill out the picnic volunteer sheet in today's bulletin and return to the Administrative Office by July 12th. The sheet can also be found on the website, and can be emailed to nicole@saintclareparish.com. The Picnic takes months of planning and many hardworking hands to make it a success. We are so thankful for our volunteers.

Wreaths Across America

Knights of Columbus Council 14103 are once again participating in the Wreaths Across America Fundraiser. This is not only a great fundraiser for the KoC, it is also a beautiful way to honor veterans across the country. A sponsor sheet can be found in the back of the bulletin, on our website, or sponsor online directly at , www.wreathsassamerica.org (Click **Local Sponsorship Group**, Enter sponsor **PA0269P**) Sponsorship forms are requested by October 10, 2021.

Diocesan Covid updates

- FULLY VACCINATED individuals are not required to wear a mask at Mass or parish activities.
- Mass registration is no longer required.
- Worship aids are discontinued and Breaking Bread books are in pews.
- Holy water is available in fonts by entrances and exits.



*Zachary & Haley Feith
United in Marriage
on June 5, 2021*

Parish Giving

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

JUNE 6 & 7

Offertory at Mass	\$3,267.00
Offertory ONLINE	\$1,301.00
TOTAL Offertory.....	\$4,568.00
Weekly Goal	\$10,700.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$550,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal.....	\$288,325.97
Maintenance Fund	\$377.00
Maintenance Fund ONLINE	\$30.00
School Support	\$147.00
School Support ONLINE	\$40.00
Parish Share (PSP)	\$1,365.00
Parish Share ONLINE.....	\$36.12
TOTAL Parish Share.....	\$1,401.12
2021 Parish Share Goal.....	\$80,599.00
2021 Total PS Received.....	\$37,539.12
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$5.00
Feast of the Ascension.....	\$5.00
Human Development.....	\$20.00
Mission Co-op Collection	\$580.00

**Thank you for your support
of Parish Ministries!**

St. Joseph Church & Administrative Center

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

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

Offices for ALL Clergy and Staff are located here.

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Contact North Regional Office, 2636 Ellwood Road,
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Bulletin & Website Information

Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesdays at 10:00am.

Contact Jenn at communications@saintclareparish.com



In the community

Recitation of the Rosary in Commemoration of the 2nd Apparition of Our Lady Fatima will be on Sunday, June 13th at 6Pm at the Grotto in the Butler Catholic School parking lot. All are welcome.

Butler County Area Agency on Aging is mandated to receive and investigate reports of suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation, and abandonment of incapacitated Butler County residents aged 60 and older and to provide activities, resources and supports to detect, prevent, reduce, and eliminate these conditions. Trained staff are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to receive reports, to conduct investigations and provide case management. All information is confidential and persons who report any suspected issues are immune from civil and criminal liability under the laws of Pennsylvania. To report, call 724-283-6955.

Widowed, Divorced, Separated?

The loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation is a traumatic experience. 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.

Please plan to join us Saturday 10 July 2021 from 8:45am – 4:00pm. Fee is \$30.00 (lunch included). Location: Martina Spiritual Renewal Center, 5244 Clarwin Avenue, West View, PA 15229. Register by July 1st at www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com or make a confidential call to Rob at 412-584-5575 or Mary at 412-523-2405 to learn more about this healing ministry

This week's St. Wendelin School

Student of the Week is:

Samuel Tiche!

Samuel has recently completed the Kindergarten Program and is excited to get ready for his First Grade Year at Saint Wendelin! His favorite subject at school is Mathematics, especially subtraction and throughout this year he became a very strong reader! When he is not in school, Samuel enjoys spending time with his family and jumping on his trampoline. When he grows up, he hopes to become a Veterinarian! Congratulations to this week's Saint Wendelin School Student of the Week, **Samuel Tiche!**



Yearbooks will be delivered during the summer months. Hopefully we will be able to have an open house picnic for the new school year where yearbooks can be picked up.



St. Wendelin students at the Memorial Day Parade in Chicora. Thanks for representing the school!

Catholic Identity Program

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

This Week's Virtue:

LOVE

Love is the free self-giving of the heart to God and neighbor. It is the greatest virtue.



Be ACTIVE
not PASSIVE!

Your parish is hoping you will answer the call to actively participate in its Faith



Faith Formation

Formation Program. Do you enjoy sharing the faith on your own with your children or grandchildren? We "echo" God's Word when we share the teachings of the church. Did you know the best way to learn something is to teach? If you ask any instructor, they will tell you that one of the best ways to learn is to teach.

- You "echo" God's Word when you share the teachings of the church.
- Your own faith will come alive.
- You become an ACTIVE participant in one of the essential responsibilities of a Church community.
- You show your own family that you value the faith.
- You become a role model.

There are other ways of assisting in the Faith Formation program, such as, hall monitor, parking lot assistance, office assistance (copying, delivering to catechists, preparing supplies and materials for future events), Catechist's aides, and hospitality. Let's come together "ECHOING" God's Word! We need assistance in all grade levels K-8th grade in person and remote teaching. Teens come forward and be active. Children look up to you. Thank you to all who help make this program energetic, rich with faith, and fun in CHRIST! Preparation and training available. Contact Audra Brown at dre@saintclareparish.com.



Many thanks to Courtney Ricciardella and all the PTG Officers for organizing, participating, and leading the school's PTG fundraisers to continue to meet the budget goal.



Congratulations

St. Wendelin's
8th Grade
Graduates



Casey Clouse
Vincent Conerty
Shylee Karenbauer
Patrick Nowakowski
Kylie Tirk


Congratulations!
CLASS OF 2021
High School Graduates from
Saint Clare Parish

Colton Craig
Robert Lipnichan III
Sophia Lucas
Byron Manchester
Donovan McKivigan
Joshua Ritzert
Connor Schaffner
Nathan Waltman



Thanks to everyone who attended and all
those that organized the
End of Year Roundup
Middle School Dance
Looks like everyone had a stomping good time!





WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Wreath Sponsorship Form

Sponsored wreaths are placed on grave markers at state and national veterans' cemeteries, as well as at local, community cemeteries each December. Wreaths may also be sponsored online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org. If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card, please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Please make checks payable to:

Wreaths Across America
PO Box 249
Columbia Falls, ME 04623

Call 877-385-9504 with any questions.
Thank you for your sponsorship and joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!

GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED ON THIS FORM

Sponsorship Type	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual = 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Mailed "In Honor" card = If you wish to send a physical honor card telling someone of your sponsorship, please see "In Honor" section below. The \$2 fee is required for this mailing.	\$2.00		
Family = 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business = 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate = 100 Wreaths	\$1,500.00		
		Grand Total	

In Honor of:

Below, please provide email or mailing address of "In Honor of" recipient so we can notify them of your sponsorship in their honor. If you have a specific message please write it on the back of this sheet.

Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

In Memory of:

This name will be listed on our online memory wall. Below, please provide name, rank, branch of service and state resided.

Branch of Service: _____

Rank: _____

State: _____

Please note, ALL sponsored wreaths are shipped directly to the location and NO wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

Location ID: PABNCA Fundraising Group ID: PA0269P

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Cash: _____ Total: _____ Date Received: _____

Total No. Checks: _____ Reconciled: _____

MO: _____

Entered: _____

GEN: _____