

# Saint Clare of Assisi

March 2, 2025

Catholic Church



## The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Resurrection Parish Mass Schedule: Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM; Tuesday, Wednesday

& Friday 8:00 AM; Holy Days & Holidays as announced.

Confessions: Saturday 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

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Rose Eckenrod, Parish Secretary, Financial Secretary

St. Clare of Assisi Mass Schedule: Saturday 4:00 PM; Monday 6:30 PM; Holy Days & Holi-

days as announced.

Confessions: Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 PM

Christine Babik, Director of Religious Education for both Parishes

Emily Roy, Director of Music for both Parishes

Dan Amrhein, Director of Maintenance for both Parishes

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE			
DATE	TIME	Mass/service	SITE
Sunday, March 2	8:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance of	Resurrection Church
8th Sunday in		Anthony "Tony" Sestrich	
Ordinary Time		By Daughter, Betsy and Family	
	10:30 AM	Marlin and Mary Miller By Family	Resurrection Church
Monday, March 3	12:00 PM	Rosary	Resurrection Oratory
St. Katharine Drexel	6:30 PM	Helen Hudec	St. Clare of Assisi
		By Carmellina Wyrwas and Family	
Tuesday, March 4	8:00 AM	Rev. Msgr. Casimir B. Ossowski	Resurrection Church
St. Casimir		By the Furman Family	
Wednesday, March 5	8:00 AM	The People of the Parish	St. Clare of Assisi
Ash Wednesday	6:30 PM	Robert Cassidy	Resurrection Church
		By Amelia Kristofco	
Thursday, March 6	No Mass		
Friday, March 7	8:00 AM	Frank and Anna Seminsky	Resurrection Church
SS. Perpetua and		By Tom Seminsky and Family	
Felicity; First Friday;	12:00 PM	Rosary	Resurrection Oratory
World Day of Prayer	6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross	St. Clare of Assisi
Saturday, March 8	4:00 PM	Good Health and Blessings	St. Clare of Assisi
BVM		for Anna Mae Johns	
		By Darlene and Denny Holtzman	
Sunday, March 9	8:00 AM	Deceased of the Bodie and Datko	Resurrection Church
1st Sunday of Lent		Families By John and Chris Bodie	
	10:30 AM	Helen "Aunt Honey" Venglarchik	Resurrection Church
		By Georgie and Family	
	4:00 PM	Solemn Vespers	Resurrection Church

This week's St. Clare of Assisi Church Sanctuary Light will burn for: The People of the Parish

This week's Resurrection Church Sanctuary Light will burn for: Marlin and Mary Miller By Family

This week's Resurrection Oratory Sanctuary Light will burn for: Birthday Remembrance of Mike Oswalt By Son, Logan



#### Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 2 Religious Ed. Classes 9:00 to 10:15 AM Resurrection Parish Center/Oratory

Monday, March 3 Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 PM Resurrection Church Hall

**Thursday, March 6** Women of the Bible Discussion Group 6:00 PM Resurrection Oratory Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Resurrection Church

Friday, March 7 Lenten Faith Sharing Group after 8:00 AM Mass Resurrection Church Hall

Sunday, March 9 Religious Ed. Classes 9:00 to 10:15 AM Resurrection Parish Center/Oratory Stuffing Easter Eggs for Egg Hunt 5:00 PM Resurrection Oratory Hall Deadline to register for Junior High Youth Day

Tuesday, March 11 Lenten Faith Sharing Group 6:00 PM Resurrection Oratory

Wednesday, March 12 Sewing Ministry 9:30 AM The Sewing Room (former Sweet Shoppe)



**PRAYER FOR THE HEALING OF POPE FRANCIS** - Lord, we lift up Pope Francis to You, asking for Your healing touch upon his body and spirit. Grant him strength, comfort, and restoration, as he continues to serve Your Church with faith and love. May Your peace surround him and

Your grace guide his recovery. We trust in Your mercy and ask that You bless him with health and vitality, so he may continue to lead us in Your truth. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

#### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS: February 23, 2025

Resurrection Parish - Weekly Offertory Envelopes: Total: \$4,108.00

Ash Weds./Mandeville \$30.00 Catholic Relief Services \$15.00 Holy Thursday \$20.00 Black and Indian Mission \$15.00 Cemetery \$151.00 Loose Offertory \$466.00

Build. and Maint. \$55.00 Easter \$110.00 Poor Box \$214.05 Candles \$101.00 Easter Flowers \$60.00 Souper Bowl \$60.00 Catholic Home Mission \$5.00 Good Friday/Holy Land \$25.00 Utilities \$138.00

TOTAL COLLECTION: \$5,573.05

St. Clare of Assisi Parish Weekly Offertory Envelopes: \$1,392.00

Black and Indian Missions \$37.00 Donations \$3,020.00 Souper Bowl \$50.00 Word Among Us \$11.00

TOTAL COLLECTION: \$4,682.00

#### IN HONOR OF THE FEAST DAY OF ST. CASIMIR - MARCH 4



Saint Casimir, we ask your intercession to aid all leaders of governments, churches, and families to emulate your virtues; to be poor in spirit, just, pure, and faithful. With your aid, may leaders guide those under their authority to love and serve their country and their God with greater fervor.

ST. CASIMIR PRAY FOR US. AMEN.

MARCH 5TH IS ASH WEDNESDAY, when the Church begins the forty day journey toward the Triduum with the annual discipline of fasting, praying and giving alms. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All other Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence only. FASTING refers to only one full meal, with two small meals and no other eating at all for the day. All those required to FAST are between the ages of 18 and 59 years old. ABSTINENCE refers to not eating meat at all for the day. All those age 14 years old and above are required to abstain. Those who are excused from fast and abstinence are anyone suffering from a chronic illness, such as diabetes, or pregnant or nursing women. Mass with distribution of ashes will be celebrated at 8:00 AM at St. Clare of Assisi Church and at 6:30 PM at Resurrection Church. Lenten Devotional Black Books are available in the Churches. Feel free to take one.



Dear God, During these forty days let us not focus on the things we are "giving up". Let us focus on the One who "gave it all up" for us. Renew our minds and draw us back to our first love. Prepare our hearts for Easter, for Your sacrifice and for Your Resurrection! Amen.

Parish News... MANY THANKS to all who helped cook and serve at the Sunday Breakfasts during the past six months: George and Carol Pisula; Ted Zajdel; Linda Symon; Gary and Hannah Miklos; Deb, Jason, Evan and Julia Thomas; John and Chris Bodie; Kathy Hanners; Sarah and Lisa Sefcik; Alexa Gardenhour; Aaron Sukenik; Faith Thomas; And any one I may have forgotten! See you in September! A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO DAN THOMAS FOR CHAIRING THE BREAKFASTS!

**THANK YOU** for your support in buying and/or selling the St Patrick's Day Special tickets. The profit for the Parish is \$2,500. Remember to watch for your Lucky number beginning this weekend. The "Summertime Special" tickets will go on sale in April. *Chris and John* 

BISHOP MCCORT GREAT BENEFIT AUCTION live on Sat., March 15 at 7:00 PM. Get your Great McCort Benefit Auction Cash Giveaway Tickets for \$10.00 each for your chance to win big cash prizes! They are on sale at the Resurrection Parish Office thru March 12!

### NEWS FROM ST. CLARE PARISH COUNCIL FEBRUARY 22, 2025 MEETING:

1) A pot luck meal is planned for September. More information to come. Parishioners will be contacted to assist. 2) A fund raiser is planned for Saturday, June 14 using the Pie Shoppe. The list of baked goods for sale will be available closer to the date. 3) A few other possibilities were discussed for community interaction. More information to come. 4) April's meeting will conclude the first year of this council

**RESURRECTION PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS: Group 1** volunteers are scheduled to count the collection on **Mon., March 3** at the Resurrection Parish Office.

**ROSARY TIMES:** Please join us for the Rosary at the Resurrection Oratory on Mondays and Fridays at 12:00 PM. We hope to see you. A schedule of Rosary Leaders is as follows:

<u>Monday</u> <u>Friday</u>

Mar. 3 - George Pisula Mar. 7 - Diane Ashbridge Mar. 10 - Joan Cammarata Mar. 14 - Janet Yuras

THE LADIES' AUXILIARY will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, March 3 at 6:00 PM at Resurrection Church Hall. Please note the change in date due to Ash Wednesday. New members from Resurrection and St. Clare's are always welcome! We look forward to seeing our Parish sisters and welcoming new members!

**CRS RICE BOWL COLLECTION** is a program that allows us to help those less fortunate. Rice Bowls are available in the back of the Church. Please take a Rice Bowl as you leave Mass on Ash Wednesday and return it on Holy Thursday, April 17 at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

**WOMEN OF THE BIBLE:** Our discussions about the remarkable women in the Bible and how these women relate to us today will resume in March. We will meet on Thursdays at 6:00 PM in Resurrection's Oratory. Our first meeting will be held on March 6.

CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held on Thurs., March 6 at 6:30 PM at Resurrection Church. New members are always welcome!!

**LENTEN FAITH-SHARING:** As pilgrims of hope in this Jubilee Year, come journey with us by joining one of our Lenten Faith-Sharing groups. Two sessions are being offered. The first group will meet on the six Fridays in Lent (March 7 – April 11) after the 8:00 AM Mass in Resurrection Church Hall. Diane Gorka will lead this group. For those unable to attend the Friday sessions, the same materials will be offered on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6:00 PM in Resurrection's Oratory, moderated by Deacon Nelson. These sessions will begin on Tuesday, March 11 and continue until Tuesday, April 15. Parishioners from both parishes are invited and you are encouraged to bring a friend. Each session will last 1 to 1-1/2 hours. If anyone would like to do the sessions alone or with a group of friends, the same materials can be found on each parish's web site.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held on the Fridays of Lent (except Good Friday) beginning on Friday, March 7 at 6:30 PM at St. Clare of Assisi Church. All are welcome to attend. We are asking for volunteers to assist as cross & candle bearers for Stations of the Cross. To participate, you do not need to be an altar server. Families are encouraged to participate. If you can assist, please sign the registry located in the sacristy at St. Clare. Parishioners from both parishes are encouraged to take part.

DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 9 (2:00 AM). Set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

SUNG EVENING PRAYER (VESPERS) will take place at 4:00 PM on the First Sunday of Lent, March 9 at Resurrection church. Please join us.

IT'S TIME TO STUFF EASTER EGGS! All are welcome on Sun., March 9 at 5:00 PM at Oratory Hall to help us stuff 1500 eggs. Students, service hours can be obtained.

**SEWING MINISTRY will meet on Wed., March 12 at 9:30 AM in the Sewing Room.** We welcome all those with any skill level. You can pick up supplies and work from home.

**LENTEN HOLY HOUR** will be held every Wed. during Lent **beginning on Wed., March 12 at 12 Noon at Resurrection Church.** All are welcome to attend.

**THE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:** During the month of March we will be reading any book on life of Saint Joseph. We will meet on Sun., April 6 at 6:00 PM in the Sewing Room.

**DISPOSING OF OLD PALMS:** If you are looking for a convenient way to dispose of your blessed palms from last year, bring them to the church and place them in the container found in the rear. They will be burned as part of the new fire at the Easter Vigil.

**HANDMADE PASCHA BASKET COVERS** made by the Sewing Ministry are for sale for \$12.00 each in the Resurrection Parish Office. This is a nice tradition to start or continue.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES:** Copies of the liturgical ministry schedules for the seasons of Lent and Easter have been emailed and also are available in the priest's sacristy. As mentioned earlier, the services for the Easter Triduum are not included in this schedule. Beginning in early April, we'll reach out to ministers in the hopes of filling the positions needed. As always, thank you for your service to the Lord and to your parish.

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**SUN., MARCH 2 -** Religious Ed. 9:00-10:15 AM Resurrection Parish Center, Oratory Hall

SUN., MARCH 9 - Religious Ed. 9:00-10:15 AM Resurrection Parish Center, Oratory Hall

**SUN., MARCH 16** - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Discipleship Retreat 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Please meet in the St. Benedict school gym. Mass will be celebrated and food will be provided; **RELIGIOUS ED.** 9:00-10:15 AM Resurrection Parish Center, Oratory Hall; **JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH DAY- HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS-** Bishop Carroll High School for youth in Grades 6-8 Registration forms are available at Religious Ed or from your Catholic School Principal. **Please register by Sun., March 9, 2025.** 

**SAT., MARCH 22 -** First Reconciliation 9:00 AM at St. John Gualbert Cathedral in the St. Anne Shrine.

**SAT., MARCH 22 -** 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Gifts of the Holy Spirit Retreat 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM St. Benedict's School gym. Parents are required to attend the retreat.

SUN., MARCH 23 - Religious Ed. 9:00-10:15 AM Resurrection Parish Center, Oratory Hall

SUN., MARCH 30 - Religious Ed. 9:00-10:15 AM Resurrection Parish Center, Oratory Hall

What's ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH will have a Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday, March 5 at the Activity Center, corner of D Street and Barron Ave. A Lunch Special (Fried Fish Sandwich and French Fries, no substitutions) will be offered from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM (Take Out Only). The full menu will be served from 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM, eat in or take out. Orders for lunch and dinner will be taken from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 by calling 814-539-3518. We welcome walk-ins, but strongly suggest that orders be placed in advance. Meals will be served while supplies last.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Gwen Molnarko; Mike Macchiarolo; Deacon Richard Wentzel; Gloria; Betty; Denny; Ken Heath; Jane
Hershberger; Dee Young; Victor Flores; Cindy Kris; Premie twins, Michael Anthony Eppolito III and Sophia Marie Eppolito; Rosalia Pietrolungo; Margie Duranko; Ed Tursic; Nicholas Booth; Baby Max Turley; David Cross; Eric Rozich; Pat
Meagher; Rita Piro; Mary Falvo; Chris Klopfer; Florence Urbassik; Mary Ann Bellak; Dembrosky Family; Michelle Burns; Kathy Raymer Hurley and Family; ; Debbie; Christine Freed;
Maria Piro; Betsy Konar; Ashlee Fecko; Nellie Adkins; Jane Goodwin; Mary Roberts;
Michelle C.; Sandy Karas; Lois DiBuono; Chuck Schmidt; Nicole; Manny Layman; Helen
Khula; April Skalek; James Piro; Margaret Kovach, Marty Vrabel; George Salata; Caroline
Fetzko; Ann Hoffman; Verbine Family and Friends; Fran Findley; Mary Lynch; Joseph
Gregorchik; Kay Komar; Rita Ozog; Charlotte Fesko; and all blessed blanket recipients including: Dezi; Baby Kissell; Shirley H.; Juliana; Baby Little; Kim Waddel; Helen Gagan; Flo
Bischok; Paul Ferbiak; Mary Fabo; Julie Bogs; Carol Laugard; Jim Milla; Mary H. Miller;

**Baptisms:** Call the Office three months prior to the preferred date. (New parishioners, call six months prior to preferred date.) One of the parents must be a practicing Catholic. Godparents need a certificate of eligibility from their home Pastor.

Rosemary Oswalt; Ray Lingly; Allie; Neysa C.; and all Down Syndrome patients. To add

**Marriages:** Call the Office nine months prior to the preferred date. One of the partners must be a practicing Catholic.

#### St. Clare of Assisi Parish Council

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If you have a need for a prayer and would like to be put on the prayer chain, please contact Barb Gulick at 814-792-8647 or <a href="mailto:jbg213@atlanticbb.net">jbg213@atlanticbb.net</a>

