



Parish Tidings



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Saint Clare of Assisi



Saint Clare was born to wealthy and politically powerful parents in 1194 in Assisi, Italy. From her earliest years Clare seemed to have been blessed with the rarest virtues. As a child she was most devoted to prayer and yearned for a more spiritual life. When she was eighteen years old, St. Francis came to preach the Lenten course in the church of San Giorgio of Assisi. After hearing the inspiring words, Clare sought him out secretly and begged him to help her to live "after the manner of the Holy Gospel." On Palm Sunday, Clare attended mass at the cathedral, but when others went forward to the altar rail to receive a branch of palm, she remained in her place as if lost in a dream. All eyes were upon her as the bishop descended from the sanctuary and placed the palm in her hand. That was the last time the world saw Clare. That night she secretly left her father's house, by St. Francis's advice, and accompanied by her aunt Bianca and another companion, proceeded to the humble chapel of the Porziuncula, where St. Francis and his disciples met her with lights in their hands. Clare then laid aside her fancy dress, and St. Francis, having cut off her hair, clothed her in a rough tunic and a thick veil, and in this way the young woman vowed herself to the service of Jesus Christ. Clare was placed by St. Francis with the Benedictine nuns. Her father did his utmost to dissuade her and even tried to drag her home by force. Clare was

later joined by her younger sister Agnes. They and others who followed them lived in a crude dwelling adjoining the poor chapel of San Damiano situated outside of town which St. Francis had rebuilt with his own hands, and which he now obtained from the Benedictines as a permanent home for his spiritual daughters. Thus was founded the first community of the Order of Poor Ladies, or of Poor Clares, as this second order of St. Francis came to be called. Clare was canonized in 1255 by Pope Alexander IV. Her feast day is August 11 and is the patron saint of eye disease, goldsmiths, needle workers, and good weather.

Annual Blessing of Cars and Drivers



St. Christopher's Day is the occasion for the blessing of drivers and cars. St Christopher is the patron saint of travelers.

Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.

Mother Teresa

SIX LITTLE STORIES

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain, on the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That's FAITH
2. When you throw a baby in the air, she laughs because she knows you will catch her. That's TRUST
3. Every night we go to bed, without any assurance of being alive the next morning but still we set the alarms to wake up. That's HOPE
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That's CONFIDENCE
5. We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children. That's LOVE
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old . . . I am sweet 16 with 64 years experience.' That's ATTITUDE

Have a happy day and live your life like the six stories!

August at a Glance

Sunday Mass at 9 AM

Coffee Social after Mass

Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM

August 7 – Coopersburg

Organizational Meeting

August 12 – Iron Pigs Ball Game

August 19 & 20 Pierogi Making

August 23, 24 & 25 – Central

Diocese Clergy Retreat

August 27 - Ordination to the Holy

Priesthood of Deacon

Donald Wunderlich

August 28 – Blessing of Students, Teachers, Parents and Backpacks

Upcoming Fundraisers

In order to maintain our church property and pay the monthly bills, it is necessary to have various fund raising projects throughout the year. Weekly Bingo, monthly pierogi making, the Lottery Calendar sales along with the Fall and Spring Bazaar are the most popular and financially beneficial projects. The next few months are the busiest time of the year with the forthcoming events.

- Saturday, September 17, 2016 - Coopersburg Community Day – Again this year Our Lord's Ascension PNCC will have a booth selling pierogi, haluski, kielbasa sandwiches, hot dogs, baked goods and crafts. An organizational meeting will be held on Sunday, August 7 and a sign-up sheet will be posted on the easel by mid-August.
- Tuesday, October 18, 2016 - Boscov's FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS – A 25% discount shopping pass may be purchased from any member of the ANS for \$5.00 (the entire donation benefits our church). Nancy Poposki and Andrea Gritman will be selling the discount shopping passes at Boscov's, Lehigh Valley Mall on the day of the sale
- Saturday, November 5, 2016 - Annual Fall Bazaar – Preparation for this annual event has already begun. Countless hours are spent making pierogies and stuffed cabbages, baking rolls and kiffles, along with setting up for this four-hour affair. Bring your white elephant items to the church any time before October 23.
- Lottery Calendar - The sale of the Lottery Calendars is second only to the Fall and Spring Bazaar in earnings. The 2017 Lottery Calendar will be available in mid-September. Please see Andrea Gritman or Jackie Bayak for your 2017 Lottery Calendar. Remember you can play the evening daily number every day for just \$25.00. A Lottery Calendar makes a great Christmas present for the "hard to shop for person" on your gift list.

Around the Parish

- Volunteers are needed to lend a hand at bingo on Wednesday nights.
- Please keep Jenna DeVivo in your prayers as she completes her cross country bike trip for Habitat for Humanity.
- Please pray for the safe return of Barbara and Magda Yurchishin who are spending the summer in Russia with their grandparents.
- Thanks to Catherine and Ron Trawinski for trimming the shrubby around the church.
- Thanks to Anna Yurchishin for planting the flowers at the entrance to the church.
- Do you have a favorite hymn? A signup sheet is posted on the easel for anyone wishing to hear their desired hymns at a future date.

- Currently we have pierogies and nut, poppy seed and apricot rolls for sale. Please see Nancy Poposki or Andrea Gritman if you are interested in purchasing rolls (\$12.00) or Pierogies (\$6.00).
- Contact Father Bogdan if you are interested in attending Deacon Donald's ordination in Scranton on August 27.
- Remember the "Go for the Gold" flour drive.

Marriage in Heaven

On their way to get married, a young Catholic couple is involved in a fatal car accident. The couple found themselves sitting outside the Pearly Gates waiting for St. Peter to process them into Heaven. While waiting, they began to wonder: Could they possibly get married in Heaven? When St. Peter showed up, they asked him. St. Peter said, "I don't know. This is the first time anyone has asked. Let me go find out," and he left. The couple sat and waited, and waited. Two months passed and the couple were still waiting. While waiting, they began to wonder what would happen if it didn't work out; could you get a divorce in heaven? After yet another month, St. Peter finally returned, looking somewhat bedraggled. "Yes," he informed the couple, "You can get married in Heaven." "Great!" said the couple, "But we were just wondering, what if things don't work out? Could we also get a divorce in Heaven?" St. Peter, red-faced with anger, slammed his clipboard onto the ground. "What's wrong?" asked the frightened couple. "OH, COME ON!," St. Peter shouted, "It took me three months to find a priest up here! Do you have any idea how long it'll take me to find a lawyer?"



Wing Dingers

- 1 pouch onion soup mix
- 1 to 2 tps. hot pepper sauce
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 18 chicken wings (cut in 3 pieces, discarding the tips)
- 1/4 cup taco sauce



In large bowl, combine all ingredients except chicken wings. Add chicken wings; toss to coat well. Cover; refrigerate at least 2 hours or overnight.

In 15 by 10-inch jellyroll pan, place chicken wings and marinade in a single layer. Bake at 400 degrees for 45 minutes, basting occasionally.

Savory, simple and fresh, these wings are a real crowd-pleaser!"

Submitted by Jo Ann Schaffer