

WE ARE CALLED TO ACT

Dear Parishioners,

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! It has been 8 years since we responded to the call from Bp. Galante to gather ourselves anew and to create one stronger parish to serve the current and future needs of this region of Gloucester County. St Clare of Assisi Parish came to creation through the prayerful committed work of planning, visioning, fact-finding, analysis.

Prayerful discernment and the tithing of personal time from our Core Team was a 2-year process. I continue to be grateful for the leadership and teamwork of Donna Schweibenz, Gary Tesi, Joe Bonhage, Tom Ratcliffe, Elsie Tedeschi, Judy MacKenzie, Pat Lani III, Marie Minitti, Lance Gardner and Dave Salvatore. In 2018, we are growing towards our Parish Plan of ONE CHURCH, ONE PARISH on ONE CAMPUS.

St. Clare's next step in our growth is to gather parishioners who serve and lead in St. Clare's for this next season of our development as a parish. I am seeking leaders or nominees who have a strong sense of living and sharing our Faith into the future. Our Diocese is gathering parish lay leaders for a 4-day conference in Atlantic City in March 2019. Now we need to call forth leaders for this next season of St Clare's growth. We need leaders to call, guide and nourish us as St Clare members and families to live our faith as Missionary Disciples; supporting, guiding, challenging us to live our faith in active outreach, encounters with Christ in our neighbors, through service and advocacy. Today, as your pastor, I write to you with A Call to Lay Leadership for St. Clare's! Who will join me in leading St Clare's as we grow towards our One Church, One Parish future? Will You?

"In March 2019 the Diocese of Camden will hold one of the most ambitious events in its recent history. The Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in South Jersey will bring together pastors and representatives from every parish in the diocese for an intensive four days that, it is hoped, will have profound effect — both spiritually and practically — on the future of the diocese. One of the main themes of the convocation, Ottaviano said, will be, "How do we care for the people in our own communities?"

The hope is that enthusiasm the convocation will create leads to innovative parish ministries and new forms of collaboration, she said. For that reason, the bishop has instructed every pastor to pick 10 delegates from his parish to attend. Ideally, the delegates will represent different heritages, backgrounds, ages and viewpoints — and include parishioners who have gifts and talents yet to be tapped. "This is really a chance for pastors and lay leaders to collaborate for the future of the church Jesus has given us."



I ask your help, to recommend parish people you could see in parish leadership roles in the near future. I am gathering nominations from our leadership groups of St Clare and Guardian Angels School. And today I ask YOU to please prayerfully nominate strong leaders for our Convocation Team of parish representatives. Below is the Blog post from our Camden Diocesan website:

<http://www.camdendiocese.org/a-convocation-for-local-pastors-and-parish-leaders/>

I need your help, please send your nominations to me: frdavegrover@gmail.com or call Nancy Dwyer 856-467-0037 x312.

Gratefully,
Fr Dave

Mass Intentions

GB=Gibbstown PB=Paulsboro SB=Swedesboro
MH = Ministerio Hispano BTM=Mass with Baptism

Saturday, October 6, 2018

9:00 am SB Mary Sheetz r/o Agnes Scholl
4:30 pm GB Leo Steffier r/o Joseph & Monica Farro

Sunday, October 7, 2018

8:00 am SB Tim Rossiter r/o His Family
9:30 am GB Mario Nastasi r/o Rita & Family
9:30 am SB Zacarias Ibarra r/o Elena Ibarra – **MH**
11:00 am SB Paul E. Russo r/o Mary Anne Thomas & Family
4:30 pm SB Richard McCann r/o Dick & Mary Gertrude Bond

Monday, October 8, 2018

8:30 am GB Mary Morina r/o Nick & Santa Gattuso & Family

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

8:30 am GB Anna Montemore r/o Jean Wachter & Family

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

8:30 am GB Edmund Plucinski r/o Family

Thursday, October 11, 2018

8:30 am SB Dolores Hurley r/o John & Dona Fogarty

Friday, October 12, 2018

8:30 am SB Donald Ziegler r/o John & Dona Fogarty

Saturday, October 13, 2018

9:00 am SB Donald Ziegler r/o John & Dona Fogarty
4:30 pm GB Carmela Grasso r/o Family – Anna, Joe & Angelo

Sunday, October 14, 2018

8:00 am SB Richard D. Sparks, Sr. r/o Bill & Carole Dupper
9:30 am GB Antonia Zampaglione r/o John & Anna Marie Dick
9:30 am SB People of the Parish– **MH**
11:00 am SB Patricia Mullen r/o Her Family-BTM
4:30 pm SB People of the Parish

Spiritual Reflections

In Preparation for Sunday, October 14, 2018

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11
 Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13
 Gospel: Mark 10:17-30



The **Pro-Life Rose** in SWB is in memory of Grace Pirro r/o John & Jackie Pirro



The **Tabernacle Candle** in SWB will burn this week in memory of Alfio Nicolosi & Family r/o Daughter, Lucy

Prayer List

Joseph Accordino, Angela Anderson, Michelle Barr, Vinny Battaglia, Sandy Belcher, Jeff Billig, Adam Boucher, Geri Buckley, Michael Campbell, Richard Carotenuto, Mario Carpino, Aurora Chila, Albert Cipolone, Mikie Coco, John Collins, Dee Conrad, Gabe Covici, Mark

Dawalt, Megan Davis, Andrew DiFonzo, Mikey DiPaolo, Nancy Donnelly, Edward Duerstock III, Larry Ferringo, Peggy Fiderko, Joseph Funari, Mark Gage, John Gentile, Frances Gargiulo, Toni Giorgianni-Gray, Reginald Hall, Ron Hillery, Curtis Holland, Thomas Jennings, Ronald Karpovich, Thomas Keegan, Kenley Kuhn, Lucille Leonardi, Sabrina Lisa, Louis Leonardi, Cheryl Llyod, Mary Mendenhall, Nina Lopes, Bruce & Kate Macphail, Palmina Mami, Betty Moore, Dan Morlachetta, Joan Morlachetta, Anne Owen, Yesenia Vazquez Pagan, Benny Patten, Sr., Benny Patten, Jr., Virginia Patten, Susan Paul, Pasquale Pezzano, Carolyn Reistle, Zach Rizzuto, Elaine Sopko, Marie String, Harry Sullivan, Bill Swan, Mary Ellen Szwejkowski, Gabrielle Tiedeken, Pasquale Tropiano, Dave Vanneman, Richard Viola, Michelle Vause, Jill Watson and Susan Webster

Pray for our Service Men and Women

Sgt. Christopher Clark, FA Alex Curran, Pvt. Trevor Durning, 2nd Lt. Patrick George, Mason Harris, Mitchell Harris, Lt. David Kehoe, Lt. Jeffrey Riggs, HN Michael C. Rutcosky, Jr., Harley K. Sarmiento, Daryn Smith, Lt. Cdr. Sarah Turse EOD and the Diocese of Camden Clergy who serve in the armed forces.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 7, 2018

Coffee & Donut Sunday

Fellowship after Hispanic Mass

9:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word – GB
2:00 pm Bingo – PB GARS Gym
7:15 pm 12-Step Program – SB Parish Office

Monday, October 8, 2018

6:30 pm Hispanic Lay Formation - SB Parish Office
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal – SB Church

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

6:30 pm Finance Council Meeting – GB Convent LL

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal – GB Church
8:00 pm AA Meeting – GB Convent

Thursday, October 11, 2018

9:30 am Legion of Mary-SB Parish Office
1:00 pm Bible Study Class – GB Convent LL

Friday, October 12, 2018

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration – SB Church (concludes 1pm)
1:00 pm Wedding – GB Church
7:00 pm Charismatic Spanish Liturgy – SB Church

Saturday, October 13, 2018

10:30 am Baptisms - SB Church

Sunday, October 14, 2018

9:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word – GB
11:00 am Baptisms-GB Church
1:00 pm Youth Ministry Event – SB Parish Hall
2:00 pm Bingo – PB GARS Gym
7:15 pm 12-Step Program – SB Parish Office

The parish office will be closed Monday, October 8, in observance of Columbus Day

There will be a second collection next week for Parish Improvement



The Family Strengthening Network empowers families to achieve their dreams and be successful in all areas of life. They can assist you with gaining control of your finances, setting a clear path toward your career goals, health/wellness, finding opportunities to serve your community and so much more. For more information, view the Parish website or you may contact Lydia Ramsey at 732-241-9424.



Faith Formation

The Office of Faith Formation

Faith Formation offers 3 models (traditional fall program, accelerated summer program, whole family catechesis) of spiritual formation for children who are in 1st - 8th grade and children over the age of reason (7) and older who are not baptized or catechized. If you are interested in learning more about the program, please email faithformation@stclarenj.org or visit <http://stclarenj.org/>

Guardian Angels Regional School

For more info about Guardian Angels Regional School events and news, please visit at www.gars-online.com.



Youth Fellowship at Saint Clare

Sunday, October 14

1:00- 3:00

Join us for an afternoon of Friendship, Fun, Music & Games

We look forward to seeing you at the Swedesboro, Parish Hall:140 Broad Street

Luncheon Celebration

at St. Clare for

Joseph Farro and Anthony Petillo

Join us on Sunday, October 21

Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan has called

Joseph Farro and Anthony J. Petillo, members of our parish, to the Order of Deacon. The church rejoices in the commitment to ministry which Joe and Anthony have made, and we announce it to you with great joy. The ordination is to take place at 10:30am on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at the Catholic Community of Christ Our Light (St. Peter Celestine Church) in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

A celebration is planned for Sunday, October 21 starting at 12pm in the Swedesboro Parish Hall to rejoice with Joe and Anthony. Please give us a call at the Parish Office or fill out the response form located at the entrances of the church, so we have an idea of how many people to plan for. Please come and celebrate with Joe and Anthony.

Beginning July 1, 2018, the Diocese of Camden has transitioned from CAP to VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children as the safe environment training program for adults who have regular contact with minors. Registration for Protecting God's Children is easy and completed online.

New adults will register as "First Time Users." Adults who attended a CAP session five years ago will attend a session as their "retraining".

If you need to attend VIRTUS, please call 856-467-0037 x308 or email vmullen@stclarenj.org.
VIRTUS Upcoming Dates:

10/10/2018 6:00 PM	Infant Jesus Parish (Woodbury Heights)
10/11/2018 6:00 PM	Holy Family Parish (Sewell)

Collection Totals September 29 and

September 30 Weekend Masses

Regular Plate Collection	\$ 8,289
Online Giving Collection**	\$ 3,588
Misc. Income	\$ 7,107
Total	\$ 18,984

Parish Goal	\$ 25,882
Surplus/Deficit	(\$ 6,898)

Our parish goal is determined by dividing our annual budgeted church expenses of \$1,345,873 by 52 weeks in a year. If we could meet this weekly goal, the parish would not have to use its savings fund to meet its obligations/ministries.

**Online contributions can be made through our parish website <http://stclarenj.org>



Your Legacy to St. Clare of Assisi Parish

Many parishioners faithfully give to St. Clare each week through our Sunday offertory collection. But what will happen after your death? When planning your estate, and after considering your family needs, please consider a bequest to St. Clare in your will. As we plan the future of our parish, your thoughtful gift will help St. Clare remain a vibrant source of faith and service to our communities.

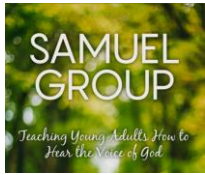
Thursday, October 18 - 7:00p.m.

Greenwich Library

Swedesboro-Paulsboro Road in Gibbstown



Fr. Grace Manano from St. Clare of Assisi Parish will speak about his country, Uganda. Please call 856-423-0684 to register or for more information.



Are you between the ages of 18-39 looking to discern your role in the world?

Attend the upcoming **Samuel Group meeting**. Discover how

to make decisions for life's journey. Young adults are offered formation in the art of discernment and a wonderful experience of spiritual direction for six months.

October 7, 2 pm-6 pm

Stockton Univ Campus Ministry Ctr, Pomona

To register or for more information visit:

<http://www.camdendiocese.org/samuelgroup/>

You can call Sr. Ann Kateri, CFR at 609-343-1545

or email Sr. Dianna Higgins, FMIJ

sisterdiannafmij@yahoo.com



Church of the Incarnation – Saturdays - 9:30am

240 Main Street, Mantua, New Jersey

Loving someone struggling with addiction can be very difficult, painful, and chaotic. A community support group can help by offering peer support for anyone affected by drug addiction. All are welcome to attend, including those suffering from addiction/alcoholism, family members and those who have experienced a loss from the disease. For more information, call 609-617-9959.

Could God be calling you to the Priesthood?

Father Michael Romano, Director of Vocations, is hosting a “Young Adult Priesthood Discernment Group” for young men (up to 39 years old) considering the priesthood. Meetings on Sundays from 2:00-3:30pm at Our Lady of Peace Parish Offices, 32 Carroll Avenue, Williamstown, NJ. October 21, November 11, December 9, January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7. For more info call 856-583-2864 or email michael.romano@camdendiocese.org.



The Gloucester County Compassionate Friends will meet at 7:00 on Tuesday, October 9 at the Greenwich Library in Gibbstown. Everyone is welcome.



“All of us are called by God to be free and each according to his or her own responsibilities is called to combat forms of enslavements...” Pope Francis. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking – sistersagainstrafficking.org



Retreat “Rejoice and Be Glad”

October 20, 2018

Sacred Heart in Vineland

Being offered by the office of

Lay Ministry Formation

The presenter: Sr. Dorothy Giloley, SSJ

Cost is \$25

For information or registration,

call 856-583-2906

Or email ColleenMayhew@camdendiocese.org

Retreat “Called to be Holy”

Offered by the Office of

Lay Ministry Formation

The presenter: Mary Neary

Cost is \$25



Students Are Back in School...

Do you have time on your hands?

Put it to good use as a hospice volunteer!

Heartland Hospice-serving patients in Southern New Jersey-invites you to add more meaning to your life and to the lives of our patients by volunteering.

Volunteer opportunities include:

Administrative (office) volunteering

Friendly visitor volunteering

Pet therapy volunteering (must be certified)

Training is provided free of charge.