

## Pastor's Notes



It's *Spring Carnival* week. Please check further in the bulletin for details. I encourage you to participate in any way you can. Volunteer and encourage your family, friends, neighbors, coworkers and former parishioners to come out and enjoy the carnival. This will be a major fundraiser for us to do our best to balance our budget. The neat thing about this fundraiser is that it is equally a good opportunity for us to be community together and socialize with folks we may only see in church. Do what you can and know that every bit however larger or small contributes to making a difference, not only financially but also in building community.

This past Monday, we had our second *Facilities Committee* meeting. We are focusing on two goals, one short term and the other long term. While we are forming plans to present to you for the long term, we are also looking to lease the top floor of our school and the entire Madonna Center. We believe it will take some time to come up with some alternatives, present them to our parish and then activate the plan. In the meantime, we are looking for renters to bring in some revenue.

I repeat this message in the event some folks have come to our carnival and have not been informed of our plans for the future. Our *School Board* hopes to develop ways for our "alumni" to gather and celebrate memories in the years ahead. I put quotes around the word alumni because everyone who was or is a part of our school, whether they graduated or not, will be welcomed. We are in the early process of trying to explore ideas for two types of gatherings – for adults and for children. The adult gathering last January went well. We hope to plan an equally successful gathering for children, one that is comfortable in their way of being together. In addition, one of the questions we will be consulting with you is the future of Family and Youth Activities. We are seeking direction from you on whether you want us to continue to put our energies into activities you have substantially taken part in like Scouting, Soccer, Family Movie Nights, Children's Bingos and the like. Moreover, there is the annual Spring Carnival (which used to be run by our parish), Bull Roast/Auction and Fall Festival. Most parishes do not have a parish school and most are very vibrant. We can be the same. We hope and trust that you will want such activities to continue in our parish. Talk among yourselves and keep on the lookout for such activities.

Our last packet of envelopes erroneously led us to believe that the *Feast of the Ascension* is on a Thursday. It is on the weekend of May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. The feast has been transferred to a Sunday celebration about 20 years ago in our archdiocese and in most dioceses around our country.

Remember God loves you and so do I! Have a good week!

**Father Lou**

410-299-6731 (Cell)

**May 9, 2010**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**



**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 7:55-60

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

John 17:20-26

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

<b>5/10 Monday</b>	8am	Agnes Brennan
<b>5/11 Tuesday</b>	8am	Agnes Brennan
<b>5/12 Wednesday</b>	8am	George Hauf
<b>5/13 Thursday</b>	8am	Communion Service
<b>5/14 Friday</b>	8am	Mary Popera
<b>5/15 Saturday</b>	4pm	Anthony F. Bressi Sr.
<b>5/16 Sunday</b>	9am	Saint Clare Parishioners
	11am	Daniel Ament

**Prayer List:** One of the most important gifts we give one another as a Christian community is the gift of our prayers. We join in praying for one another's needs, especially for the sick: Joseph H. Bangert, Marie Bray, Robert Brehm, Lorraine Campbell, Paul Ford Sr., Jeanette Gleason, Donna Goetz, Ralph E. Greer Sr., Joseph Gomeringer Sr., Norma Gomeringer, William Grzech, Bobby Haines, James Harper Sr., Maryann Holcomb-Dziennik, Doris Jones, Rosemary Kirkpatrick, Carol Ann Layer, Gabrella Loprespi, Pat Mohr, Paul Mosmiller, Shelly Mulkern, Sandra Nuth, Edward & Anna Oldewurtel, William C. Ogden, Matt Paruszewski, Paula Piechocki, Chuck Plansky, George Prosser, Julie Rybczynski, Colleen Slifker, Pete Slifker, Charles Szmurlo, Cynthia Vollmer, Barbara Wancowicz, Louie Wancowicz, Peter Wancowicz, Sandy Wancowicz.

**Prayer Line:** If you or a loved one needs prayers for any situation, including terminal illness, critical surgery, loss of a loved one, severe emotional problems, loss of employment or any other intention, please call any of the following to have your intention added to the prayer line: **Maryrose Scism 410-391-6337; Joanne Reiter 410-682-5126 or Betty Sinisi 410-686-9513.**

Happy Mother's Day!

**Stewardship Corner**

Today's reading from Revelation offers a vision of the City of God, the new Jerusalem. "But," the bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us, "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now."

**Thank you for your generous contributions to our Parish.**

5/2/10	Envelopes	\$ 3,617
	Loose Money	\$ 1,143
	Seminary Collection	\$ 805
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Loose	\$ 298

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

5/10	Monday	10:00am	Riverview Service
		6:30pm	Boy Scouts
5/11	Tuesday	6:00pm	Carnival
		7:00pm	NARNON Mtg - PC
		7:30pm	Living Water - MC
5/12	Wednesday	6:00pm	Carnival
		7:00pm	Holy Name & Sodality
			Mass & Meeting C&H
			<b>All are Welcome to Mass!</b>
		7:00pm	Legion Mary - MC
5/13	Thursday	11:00am	AA Mtg - PC
		6:00pm	Carnival
5/14	Friday	6:00pm	Carnival
5/15	Saturday	4:00pm	Carnival
5/16	Sunday		

**Upcoming Parish Events**

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May 23	Confirmation
June 12	Annual Flea Market
June 12	Volunteer Dinner
June 13	Annual Father Son Breakfast
June 21-25	Vacation Bible School

**Sodality**

Our annual May procession to honor the Blessed Mother, praying the rosary and crowing of the Blessed Mother will be held on Sunday morning May 9<sup>th</sup> after the 9AM Mass.. Everyone is invited. If you are interested in joining our Sodality, please give me a call at 410-391-6360 or email me at Kjoyness@yahoo.com.

**All Are Welcome to  
Join Our Parish Community**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

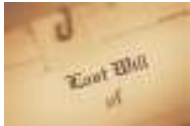
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check One:

- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Want Envelopes Mailed
- Moving Out of Area

Please cut out and drop in the Collection Box  
or mail to the Parish Center.

**Living Will & Testament**



**The future of St. Clare Church**  
depends on YOU! Please  
remember your Church in your will.  
Our legal title is St. Clare's Roman  
Catholic Congregation, Inc., 714  
Myrth Avenue, Essex, Maryland 21221

**Response to Child Abuse**

Physical and/or sexual child abuse by anyone, especially those in a position of trust within our Church, is never to be tolerated. Please know that as a Church family, our Faith Community stands by you. If you have ever been abused at any time, please confide that in a person you trust – a doctor, counselor, social worker, priest, deacon, or staff member, etc. Please allow us to help you. If you hear of any such abuse, please remember that the law requires that you report it, and that you will be guaranteed anonymity. Call the Baltimore County Department of Social Services, 410-853-3000; the Baltimore-based Catholic Church Hotline, 410-547-5589; or any local city or county police.

**Bringing the abuse to light is the first, courageous step in a long journey toward healing. Your Faith Community supports you in that journey, and holds you in our prayers.**



**School News**

***"We are a community  
shining with Christ's light"***

The School Carnival is scheduled for May 11-15. We are looking forward to a wonderful event. We are also having the 50/50 raffle again this year. Chances are \$1 each or 6 for \$5, tickets will be on sale through the school office or at the information booth at the Carnival. We know that this will again be a wonderful week so please make sure to mark your calendars.

Included with the bulletin this weekend is information about advance food and games tickets sales and baked goods donations. We are also in need of donations of ketchup, mustard, paper plates, and napkins. If you can donate any of these items, please drop off at the school office or leave on the bench outside the sacristy.

Thank you so much for your continued support of all that we do!

**Baby Shower**

Throughout the month of May, in honor of the Blessed Mother and our mothers here on earth, the St. Clare Right to Life Committee will be hosting a parish baby shower in support of the Pregnancy Center at St. Rita's in Dundalk. Gift donations of new items can be placed in the bins at the doors of the church beginning the weekend of May 8. Cash and gift card donations should be placed in an envelope marked "Pregnancy Center" and placed in the collection basket or turned in at the Parish Center/Rectory. Thank you in advance for your support. Suggested items include:

- Baby clothes (new) -- Size newborn to 4T
- Onesies and undershirts -- especially 0 to 3 months
- Sleepers -- especially 0 to 3 months
- Booties, socks, shoes
- Bibs
- Baby Blankets
- Receiving blankets
- Baby and toddler books
- Crib sheets
- Bumper guards
- Hooded towells
- Disposable diapers -- Newborn through size 6
- Similac Advance Formula
- Baby bottles
- Baby lotion, oil, powder and shampoo
- Gifts for new Moms -- lotions, hand creams, coco butter, night gowns, shampoo
- Gift certificates -- Walmart, Target, Dollar Store

## HELP YOURSELF, HELP OTHERS

This winter was the worst in recent memory. It was especially harsh for those experiencing homelessness in our area. Due to the snow events in February, the St. Vincent de Paul Mobile Clothing Bank is at a record low donation level of clothing. As you get ready for the change of season, please remember to place your unneeded, but usable, clothing items in the blue bin in the back parking lot. Thank you!

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## NEWS from HAITI

Currently our brothers and sisters at St. Frances Parish in Desarmes continue to pull their lives together after the earthquake of January, 2010. Parishioners are assisting family and friends who were devastated and have lost every thing. The Parish school has taken in additional transient students until such time schools can be rebuilt or reopened. Thankfully the Archdiocese of Baltimore furnished a grant of \$5000 for Fr. Mackenzy to assist in the cost of the transient students. This money will cover books, a meal a day and aid the teachers who are working so hard for very little pay. The Haiti Committee have met the teachers of St. Frances and they are truly inspirational. Fr. Mackenzy's goals remain in place. Feed the children, repair and reopen the damaged school buildings, and have sufficient teachers available for the student population.

At home at Saint Clare, **3 Cheers for the members of the National Student Honor Society at Saint Clare School.** The students got together and with the guidance of Ms. Eve Ayres, they sold bottled water and raised \$350. Way to go, Kids!

HAITI CASH BINGO STARTS ON JUNE 10th and will continue in July, August and September 2010. Our goal is to have 100 people come to our bingos so we can generate some real income for St. Frances. Last year Cash Bingo made a profit of \$3700. We hope to double that amount this year.

### **What can Saint Clare Parishioners do?**

Pray for all Haitians, especially our Parish of St. Frances, Support the Bingo or any other charitable effort of the Parish, i.e. Poor box on the 3rd weekend of every month.

As Fr. Mackenzy continues to say, "Pray for us, Pray for Haiti, We Pray for You".

For questions or interest in joining the Haiti Committee contact Leo Callaghan at 410-682-6846

The Knights of Columbus Council #2452 is handing out marigolds this weekend in honor of Mother's Day.

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## Saint Clare Annual Outdoor Flea Market

Saturday, June 12

8am – 1pm



### **Flea Market Spaces Available**

(Provide your own tables.)

\$10 per Space

Reserve Your Space by Calling the Parish Center  
410-687-6011

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## Religious Education

We are now accepting registration renewal for the 2010-2011 school year. Forms are available on our website – [www.saintclare.org](http://www.saintclare.org) or you may contact Sue on 410-686-7693.

A special thank you to our wonderful Team of dedicated volunteer Catechists! Without each of them our Religious Education program would not be possible. In passing please thank each of them for all they do.

### Catechists:

Kdg - Mrs. Claire Shanahan - Ms. Michelle Carper

1st gr - Ms. Ashley Bangert - Ms. Kim Ludwig

2nd gr - Ms. Sharon Dorbit - Ms Debbie Volz

Mr. Tim Dorbit - Ms Kim Volz -

Ms Elise Rowe & Mr. Josh Dorbit

3rd gr - Mrs. Peggy Schloer- Mr. Dave Schloer

4th gr - Ms. Amanda Bisasky - Ms Judy Bisasky

5th gr - Ms. Sandra Smith

6th gr - Ms. Julie Wohlfort - Ms. Jodie Wohlfort

Middle school - Mr. John & Mrs Gina Novak

Subs - Mrs Joan Greer

Office Help - Mrs Laura Deinlein, Mrs Robin

Plansky,

Mrs. Debbie Regulski and Mr. Joe Bangert.

Please take a moment to ask yourself if God is calling you to this vital ministry. If you are interested in working with the youth of our parish please contact Sue at 410-686-7693.

Parishioners,

As we have stated in our messages to you, below is the Statement of Income and Expense for the first three quarters of the 2010 fiscal year. We will continue to update you quarterly on the parish's financial position.

**St Clare Parish**  
**Statement of Income and Expense**  
**July 2009 to March, 2010, First Three Quarters of FY 2010**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u> <u>Favorable/</u> <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Offertory - Envelopes, Loose, Maintenance	\$377,659	\$376,731	\$928
Donations, Grant Income	19,218	12,037	7,181
Benefit Income, Net	11,982	7,700	4,282
Religious Ed, Youth, Development	16,040	16,203	(163)
Day Care	254,888	268,000	(13,112)
Miscellaneous, interest	216	1,077	(861)
Hall, Votives, Store, Catholic Review, Net	4,377	7,249	(2,872)
Poor Box, St Vincent de Paul, Haiti,	64,875	53,701	11,174
Archdiocese collections, Lenten Appeal			
Poor Box, St Vincent de Paul, Haiti,	(62,798)	(52,301)	(10,497)
Archdiocese collections, Lenten Appeal			
Total Income	<u>686,457</u>	<u>690,397</u>	<u>(3,940)</u>
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
Salaries	306,762	313,871	7,109
Employee Benefits and taxes	46,051	54,017	7,966
Facilities: Utilities, repairs, insurance, Parish Center, Rectory rehab	122,781	93,106	(29,675) 0
Administration	33,423	39,087	5,664
Worship, including Clergy	14,539	14,577	38
Religious Ed, Youth, Health Ministry	22,671	21,756	(915)
Day Care excluding salary	90,135	102,432	12,297
School Tuition Assistance	16,000	16,000	0
Archdiocese Assessment	56,500	54,886	(1,614)
Total Expense	<u>708,862</u>	<u>709,732</u>	<u>870</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(22,405)</u>	<u>(19,335)</u>	<u>(3,070)</u>

A few notes & observations:

**Income:**

Our Total income is \$686,457 versus a Budgeted Income of \$690,397, which leaves us with an income shortfall of \$3,940. This is almost \$12,800 better than the last quarter. Areas of note are as follows:

**Day Care** - \$13,112 under budget - This area improved by only \$1,000 in the last quarter.

**Hall, Votives, Store, Catholic Review, Net** - \$2,872 - under budget - **but an improvement of \$2,800 in the 3rd Qtr**

**Offertory** - \$928 better than budget - **This area improved by over \$6,000 in the last quarter.**

**Expenses:**

Our Total expenses are \$708,862 versus Budgeted Expenses of \$709,732, which leaves us with a favorable expense variance of \$870. This is slightly over \$3,000 better than last quarter.

**Summary & Other Notes:**

- 1) As noted last Quarter**, Day Care is not generating the income we had projected, however, we have spent \$12,297 less than budgeted, which does not include the savings from having less salaries. Overall, Day Care (Excluding Salaries) is only a net \$815 below budget for the none months of this year.
- 2)** The collections for Haiti have exceeded our expectations, thus our disbursements have exceeded our expectations as well.
- 3)** Overall, the third quarter continues to be our most productive quarter. We have dropped our deficit from \$44,029 to \$22,405 in this quarter, and improvement of \$21,624. The budget anticipated our deficit would drop but only by \$5,808. Thanks for your efforts and let's keep the momentum going as we finish off this fiscal year.

We welcome any suggestions or questions you may have.

The Parish Finance Committee



## Carnival Deal

We are offering something new this year that could save you and your family a few bucks...Advance Food and Game Tickets for a discounted price.

You can purchase \$22.00 worth of coupons for \$20.00. Tickets will be good for all St. Clare food stands, including pit beef & beer, plus St. Clare games.

All orders due by and will be sent home on Monday, May 10.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gr: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## Attention Bakers



**The carnival is fast approaching and we will need your help to stock the Cake Stand. The carnival will run Tuesday, May 11 through Saturday, May 15. We will be in need of cakes, pies, cookies, and breads.**

**Donating baked goods will count for 1 hour toward your required volunteer hours. That is 1 hour only, NOT 1 hr. per item.**

**Please label your donation with your name, description of baked good, child's name and grade. Donations should be dropped off the week of the carnival.**

**Thank you in advance for your help.**

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**Carnival Baked Good:**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_



## Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquets



Bertha Vondracek  
Gertrude Ness  
Dorothy Suehle  
Irene Wandishin  
Kathy Wandishin  
Lillian Dziennik  
Maryann Holcomb-Dziennik  
Bette Friend  
Rose Kalus  
Maria Pierorazio  
Anna Campana  
Matilda Mallon  
Peg Snyder  
Maryanna Olszewska  
Maryann Holcomb-Dziennik  
Mary Eramitas  
Virginia Roth  
Catherine Wunder  
Dorothea Ogh  
Angela O'Neal  
Josephine Ferguson  
Irene Hoover  
Pat Burdyk  
Jean Lanocha  
Fannie Sauer  
Leona Hirsch  
Agnes Tauber  
Wanda Hanes  
Caroline I. Bonolis  
B Greer  
Frances Schiavone  
Audrey A. Burkindine  
Roberta H. Burkindine  
Marie R. Steinert  
Patricia Daquino  
Helen Kucey  
Emma Grzynski

Anne Virgilio  
Ruth Morris  
Gene Pinter  
Garnet Clark  
Julia Gue  
Emilie J. Mattheu  
Katherine M. Conway  
Mildred Fitez  
Marie Grund Roberts  
Anna Powers  
Emma Agostine  
Joan Greer  
Cathy Phoebus  
Anna Kanis  
Margaret Merling  
Margaret Jenkins  
Bertha Eder  
Vera Merling  
Evelyn Merling  
Flora Merling  
Anna Merling  
Julie Merling  
Lorraine Maguire  
Jeanette McHaffey  
Betty McAroy  
Maryann Kanis  
Eleanor Grimes  
Margaret Matthew  
Marie Frank  
Edna Adams  
Helen Merritt  
Shirley Merritt  
Marge Blossom  
Patti Rolfes  
Suzanne Adams