



St. Clare Parish, College Hill

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Building God's Kingdom: United in Faith, Alive in Spirit



Easter Vigil

On March 31, **Joe Papa**, **Marissa Robinson** and **Lailah Robinson** were welcomed into the Catholic Church! Congratulations to them and their families. Deepest thanks to their sponsors, **Olivia Roll**, **Jenny Birdsong** and **Ann Lamping** and heartfelt gratitude to catechist **Pat Feely** for unwavering dedication and his faith-filled witness. Thanks to Joe's dad, **Christopher Papa**, for the photo.



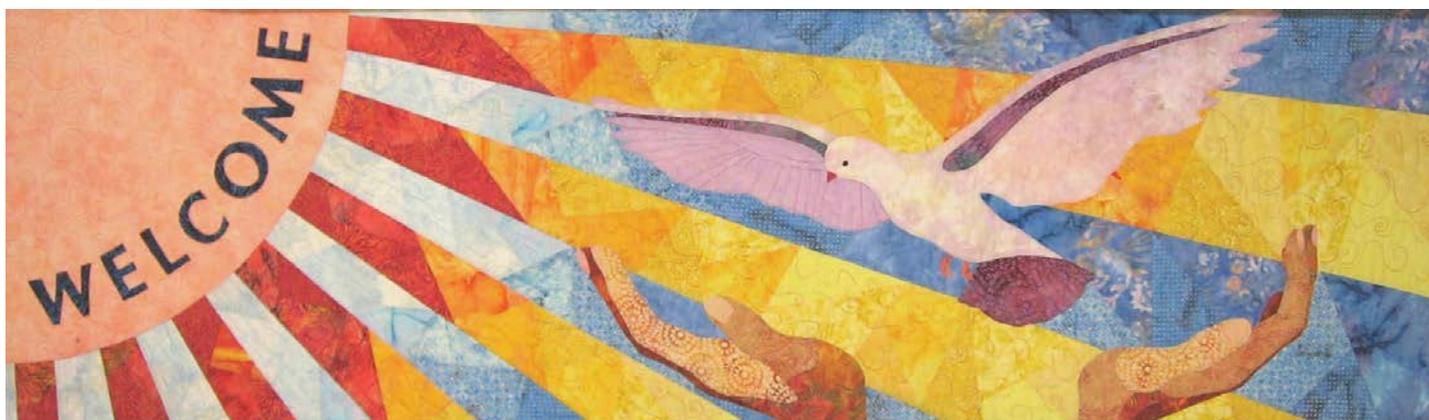
Annual Parish Egg Dye

Palm Sunday morning found a few families dyeing eggs to take home and to give to Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly. Thanks to **Mary** and **John Rose** for organizing the fun and providing delicious snacks.



**St. Clare Church Statement of Activities
Six Months Ended December 31, 2017**

OPERATING REVENUE		
Church*		\$ 413,323
John Paul II Catholic School		0
Parish Center & School Building		87,163
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE		\$ 500,486
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Church		\$ 278,021
John Paul II Catholic School		23,880
Parish Center & School Building		30,297
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		\$ 332,198
*includes Sunday & Holyday Collections of	\$ 262,699	



New Parishioners

Gregory and Eileen McGuiggan chose St. Clare because they were looking for a parish with good liturgy in which they could participate. Greg and Eileen's son, Jeff, died of cystic fibrosis at the age of 23 in 2001. Jeff's widow, who remarried, has added three grandchildren to their hearts. They are blessed!

Hannah Barker and Ed Herbers chose St. Clare because they moved to College Hill and it is within walking distance.

Adam and Kathy Hipp chose St. Clare because it was the most welcoming parish they visited and they felt at home. They recently relocated from Columbus, OH and have two sons, **Thomas** (1st grade) and **William** (preschool). Their two boys are very active and they apologize in advance for any disturbance they may cause!

If you have news to share, please send it to clarion@saintclareparish.org by the 1st Tuesday of the month in which you hope to have it published.

Live Your Stewardship through Living Your Strengths!

Participants in the Lenten LYS groups were inspired by how uniquely and wonderfully created they are by a loving and generous God. **Dianne Rahe** shared that she was grateful for the changes since the 2009 LYS and yet was totally amazed at the new jewels she gathered for her spiritual progress this second time around. Are you ready to harness the power of your innate talents? Please contact Donna in the parish office (541-2100) if you would like more information or if

you are ready to get started ***Living Your Strengths!***

During Lent a series of bulletin announcements developed a theology of strengths, that is naming and intentionally using our God-given talents is our response of gratitude to God and brings life and joy to our lives and the lives of those around us. Here's a summary of them in case you missed one.



- Strengths develop from the talents and abilities God has given us. God-created and God-given talents and abilities come first. Strengths stem from the way God created and endowed us.
- Talents and abilities are developed into strengths through a combination of relationships, interactions, life experiences, and through instruction which God sometimes orchestrates and which God can always use to fulfill God's purpose in our lives.
- The greatest joy, the greatest sense of aliveness, the abundant life, and the most meaningful life is experienced when we are doing what God wants us to do, becoming the persons God created us to be and fulfilling God's purpose for our lives. Abundant living results from doing God's will.
- When we do not know what God's specific will or plan is, there is always something that we can do in accord with God's plan and purpose for our lives: We can strive to discover, work to develop and choose to apply the talents, strengths and abilities God has given us.
- The reason the devil wants to make us and to keep us forever afraid, distracted, overwhelmed, preoccupied by our inadequacies, depressed and feeling inferior is because when we are preoccupied by all these fears, we cannot hear God! And when we cannot hear God's call on our lives, we cannot receive God's guidance which means we won't become who God wants us to be.
- When we are doing what God created us to do, fully using the strengths, talents and abilities God has given us, and when we are operating on the basis of the power of the Holy Spirit, we are at our very best!



2018 Fish Fry

March 23 was the last Friday Fish Fry and we are grateful to the entire core of volunteers who make it work and so much fun! Thanks especially to **Kathy Metzger** for leading the way. *Photos submitted by Cynthia Noakes.*



Rice Bowl Simple Supper

On Sunday, March 18, Celebrating Diversity hosted the second simple supper for Lent 2018, featuring the country of Haiti. Participants joined in chopping ingredients for the Haitian Vegetable Stew and made enough to take some home. The plan was to Skype with a young couple living and working for non-profits in Haiti, but as is often the case in their country, utility services were spotty. We were able to chat with them, however, and to view some photos they had sent beforehand. We learned that although the Dominican Republic and Haiti are on a single island, ever since they were split into Spanish and French colonies, there has been a great disparity between the two. Haitians are very much looked down upon by the DR, but they still hold great pride in their country as the first independent black, former slave republic in the world. *Submitted by Peggy Mosher.*

