

**THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2017  
From Pastor's Desk**

Every now and then our Sunday celebration reminds us more than usual of God's lavish and generous love. Today's Gospel presents the parable of the generous landowner and the workers in the vineyard, with late comers getting paid as much as those who worked all the day. The message is that it's simply never too late to experience God's mercy and forgiveness. While the first reading and the Gospel focus on God's great generosity and mercy towards the sinners, St. Paul urges us to conduct ourselves "in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ." As we listen to these sacred scriptures proclaimed today, let us ponder how we may reflect God's lavish love in our own lives.

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**At St. Clare of Assisi**

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**Mass Schedule**

**Sunday: 9:30 AM**

**\*\*Please consult weekly Schedule in-  side  
for Holydays and changes**

**CHANGES OF ADDRESS** Please notify us as soon as you are aware that you will be moving. Our deadline to change a mailing address for envelopes is the last weekday of the month prior to delivery. Envelopes are non-profit rate and are not allowed to be forwarded by the U. S. P. S. They must be returned to us and then we must pay postage **again** on the returned mail. Thank you for your cooperation.

**MARRIAGES:** Couples planning to be married must **contact the pastor at least 1 year prior** to the desired date of the marriage.

**BAPTISMS:** Call the Rectory to Schedule

**CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY** to act as a Confirmation Sponsor, Godparent, Marriage Witness, etc., will only be issued to parishioners who are actually registered in the parish and attend Mass on a regular basis. **If you are not receiving and using weekly envelopes, you are NOT REGISTERED.**

**PREP/CCD:** A child preparing to receive any Sacrament must be a practicing Catholic and in a Religious Education Program for two consecutive years immediately prior to receiving the Sacrament. **CCD/PREP families must be registered parishioners. See <http://svrep.weebly.com/> for more information.**

**The Rosary** is prayed before each Mass on weekends and weekdays. (Please join us about 30 minutes before each Mass)

St. Vincent de Paul Society – Second Monday of the month at 6:00 PM in the Rectory

**NOTE: Diocesan Policies on the Protection of Youth can be found at  
<http://www.allentowndiocese.org/the-diocese/youth-protection/>**

Mary Ann Lubinsky—Local Safe Environment Coordinator— Phone—570-622-6600

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak— Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator— **Direct Line—800-791-9209**

Sr. Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT— Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator— **Phone—610-332-0442, Ext. 2019**



**SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION**

**Mass Intentions at St. Clare of Assisi**

**4 PM Saturday (September 30)** - Marie Mirabello Lundy (Jean Kline and Jane Chiplonia)

**4 PM Saturday (October 7)** - Pasquale Pilo (Karen & Pat Germain)

**Masses at St. Stephen**

**Sunday (September 24) Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:30 AM**—Russell Vandermartin (Micki Sullivan) and William Kalymun (Edward Galavage)  
Father Bill

**Sunday (October 1) Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:30 AM**—Agnes Reiley (Carol Stencovage and Family) and Angeline Deramo (Janel, Bob, Robert, Gabrielle & Savannah Miske)  
Father Bill

**Sunday (October 8) Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:30 AM**—Edward Adam Balulis (Mary Balulis) and Elizabeth Haley(25th Anniv) (Lavina Brobst)  
Father Karpyn

**UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

**October 1: 1st—Weekly/Building Fund 2nd—Free will offering for victims of Hurricane Irma**

**October 8: 1st—Weekly 2nd—Cemetery Fund**

**Weekend Mass Attendance for September 17**

**9:30AM: 144**

**46 attended St. Clare of Assisi's 4 PM Mass**

Collections: Weekly and Cash \$ 2,394; Fuel & Heat \$533. Thank you for your generosity! Please also note our posting of collection information to make budget, we are \$1,468 in the red for fiscal year 2017-2018.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

<b>2016-2017 Budget</b>	\$200,000.00
<b>2017/2018 Budget (All Funds)</b>	\$170,800.00
Amount Needed Weekly	\$3,285.00
<b>Collection September 17</b>	\$2,927.00
<b>Cemetery \$</b>	-----
Needed to Date <b>(12th week)</b>	\$39,420.00
Collected to Date <b>(12th week)</b>	\$37,952.00
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(1,468.00)

**LECTORS  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**October 1, 8, 15**

Maureen Challenger/Ed Tray

**October 22, 29**

Lisa Gasper/Michael Melincavage



**Sunday, October 1**

**9:30 AM**—Annabella Chaklos

**Sunday, October 8**

**9:30 AM**—Taylor Lazarchick

**Sunday, October 15**

**9:30 AM**—Emily Yordy

**Sunday, October 22**

**9:30 AM**—Aiden Brennan

**Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel Open Hours: SUNDAY 12am, 4am; TUESDAY 4am; FRI-DAY 7pm; Saturday 1pm, 11pm. Please call Aleece @ 449-7678 to commit to your Holy Hour with Our Lord.**

**Effective immediately, the prices for graves in our parish cemetery will be \$500 for a single grave, \$900 for 2 graves.**

**The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass followed by Veneration of the First-Class Relic of Saint Pauline Visintainer of the Agonizing Heart of Jesus, Patron Saint of Diabetics and all those who are sick, will be held Monday, September 25 at 5 p.m. at Our Lady's Chapel of St. Patrick Church.**

**Grateful for Saying our Sunday Masses  
This week we welcome Father Bill as our Celebrant**

**October 1 — Father Bill  
October 8 — Father Karpyn  
October 15 — Father Bill  
October 22 — Msgr. Handges  
October 29 — Father Connolly**

## From Pastor's Desk (Continued from page 1)

### **\*\*Changes in Mass Schedule at St. Clare of Assisi**

Fr. Bill will be preaching a Forty Hours Devotion at St. Katherine Drexel Parish, Mechanicsburg, Harrisburg Diocese Monday through Wednesday this week. Therefore there will be no Masses on those days.

### **Rest in Peace to Edward Shamonsky who entered his eternal rest this past week.**

### **Special Note for Next Weekend**

Fr. Bill was unable to obtain Mass Assistance for next weekend. Therefore he will be offering the 8:30/9:30/10:30 Masses in a row. **Please do not block him in with your vehicle and allow him to get back and forth to each parish in a timely manner.**

### **Mass to Welcome Bishop Schlert to Schuylkill County**

Please join us 7PM Monday evening October 2 for a special Deanery Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert at St. Clare of Assisi. A Deanery Choir, including members of our own choir, will be singing at the Mass. A light reception will follow in the hall to greet the Bishop.

### **Parish Religious Education News Important PREP Information**

PREP meets every Wednesday from 6-7:30PM at Nativity BVM High School. Children's confessions will be heard this week. Please check the website for important information and the schedule of events, classes, and holidays.

### **2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

Our parish is still quite a bit behind. It is important to keep in perspective that the BAA benefits Schuylkill County and does not all go to Allentown as some complain. Last year our parish raised \$7,171.00. As your pastor, I ask you to be as generous and at least help us raise the same amount as last year. Today we have collected \$5,809.00 from 90 donors. Your sacrifice and generosity to those who are less fortunate will allow the ministries of our Diocese to offer services to those in need.

### **Nativity BVM High School & Assumption BVM School News**

Assumption BVM can earn free educational materials such as computers, software, musical instruments, books for the library, gym equipment, etc. All by you saving product UPC codes, box tops, and beverage caps. Check [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com) to find out which labels the school needs. There is a dropoff box in the rear of church.

## Friends of St. Stephen News

**Thank you to those who bought or sold subs.** A report of the profit will be made in next week's bulletin.

**The "Back to School" basket** will be chanced off today. It contains gift cards, school supplies, an iPad. Chances are \$5 each.

### **St. John's R.C. Church**

10<sup>th</sup> & Mahantongo Sts. in Pottsville will host its Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Russell Building on 9<sup>th</sup> St. & Schuylkill Ave., Pottsville. Food items also available.

### **All You Can Eat Homemade Spaghetti Dinner**

Sponsored by St. Patrick Church, Sunday, October 1, 11:30 am to 2:30 pm at St. Patrick Parish Center, 319 Mahantongo Street, Pottsville. Eat in or Take out. Adults: \$8; Children: \$3.50.

### **Calling all families! Join us for The Family Fully Alive: 100 Years of Fatima on Sunday, October 22, 2017**

The Office of Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry of the Diocese of Allentown invites you to come together as a family to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of Our Lady's appearance at Fatima and learn about what Our Lady told the world at that time! Events will include a family holy hour, Fatima related crafts and activities, and a family meal (pasta, salad, rolls). The celebration will be held at St. Patrick Parish (319 Mahantongo St., Pottsville). The registration cost of \$10 / family includes dinner and activities for the entire family, and we encourage families with children of all ages to attend! For questions, contact Alexa Doncsecz at [adoncsecz@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:adoncsecz@allentowndiocese.org).

### **Gift Cards and Store Gift Cards to benefit our Catholic Schools**

Both Assumption and Nativity can sell gift cards for local grocery stores, department stores in Schuylkill County as well as Berks County and the Lehigh Valley, gasoline gift cards, etc. The school receives a percentage of the sale of these gift cards. Why not use these gifts cards to purchase your groceries, gas, restaurants, etc and help either our Catholic grade school or high school in the process? Contact the school office for more information.



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