

**THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
OCTOBER 8, 2017
From Pastor's Desk**

The last two weeks of September were more like the "dog days of summer" we longed for back in August; but now the weather has made its more seasonable change. Even our Sunday readings are beginning to take on the imagery of the harvest time! Today we hear two readings about tending to the vineyards and yielding grapes. I fondly remember picking fox grapes with my uncles as a young boy. While most of us are not farmers in any true sense of the word, our mission as Catholic Christians in the world is to cultivate the reign of God in the fields of our homes, neighborhoods, and work places.

Today in the Diocese of Allentown we celebrate the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church as the patroness of our Diocese.

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St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Sundays: 9:30 AM

****Please consult weekly Schedule inside for
Holydays and changes. We are handicap-
accessible**



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

IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH J. KREYDT (Louise Kreydt)

Mass Intentions at St. Clare of Assisi

4 PM Saturday (October 14)- Mary Gately (Frank Raczka)

4 PM Saturday (October 21) - (Available)

Masses at St. Stephen

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

Sunday (October 15) Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM—John King (Nancy King & Family) and Michael Foran (Lillian McBreen)
Father Bill

Sunday (October 22) Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM—Joseph (2nd Anniv.) & Joan Krynock (Children) and Rev. John J. McNamara (David & Stephanie Lubinsky)
Msgr. Handges

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 15: 2nd—Fuel & Heat

October 22: 2nd—Cemetery (yellow & red envelopes)

October 29:—Fuel & Heat

Weekend Mass Attendance for October 1

9:30AM: 120

62 attended St. Clare of Assisi's 4 PM Mass

Collections: Weekly and Cash \$ 2,764; Hurricane Irma: \$289; Building \$522. Thank you for your generosity! Please also note our posting of collection information to make budget, we are \$2,092.00 in the red for fiscal year 2017-2018.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2016-2017 Budget	\$200,000.00
2017/2018 Budget (All Funds)	\$170,800.00
Amount Needed Weekly	\$3,285.00
Collection October 1	\$3,286.00
Cemetery \$	-----
Needed to Date (14th week)	\$45,990.00
Collected to Date (14th week)	\$43,898.00
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(2,092.00)

**LECTORS
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

October 15

Maureen Challenger/Ed Tray

October 22, 29

Lisa Gasper/Michael Melincavage



Sunday, October 15

9:30 AM—Emily Yordy

Sunday, October 22

9:30 AM—Aiden Brennan

Sunday, October 29

9:30 AM—Neiko Eckley

Sunday, November 5

9:30 AM—Emily Gasper

**Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel
Open Hours:**

SUNDAY 12am, 4am; TUESDAY 4am; FRIDAY 7pm; Saturday 1pm, 11pm. Please call Aleece @ 449-7678 to commit to your Holy Hour with Our Lord.

St. Vincent de Paul Society meets on Monday, October 9 at 6pm in the rectory.

Grateful for Saying our Sunday Masses. This week we welcome

Father Karpyn as our Celebrant

- October 15 — Father Bill**
- October 22 — Msgr. Handges**
- October 29 — Father Connolly**
- November 5 — Father Connolly**
- November 12 — Father Bill**
- November 19 — Msgr. Handges**
- November 26 — Father Bill**
- December 3 — Father Connolly**
- December 10 — Father Bill**

From Pastor's Desk (Continued from page 1)

Changes in the Mass Schedule

Bishop Schlert has requested our pastor to attend a workshop from Monday, Oct. 9 through Thursday, Oct. 12 therefore there will be NO MASS on those days at St. Clare of Assisi. Unless otherwise specified by the requestor, the scheduled Mass intentions will be offered by Fr. Bill while he is away.

Care for our Priests

Beginning in January 2018, Fr. Bill will begin to observe (to the best of his ability) a REAL day off. Those who know our pastor realize there are many weeks he takes no time off at all or just a few hours. With the declining number of priests, we need to be more concerned about the health of our priests physical, spiritual, and emotional. This will mean that the Monday evening Mass will come to an end (unless otherwise specified).

Parish Religious Education News Important PREP Information

PREP meets every Wednesday from 6-7:30PM at Nativity BVM High School. Please check the website for important information and the schedule of events, classes, and holidays.

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.

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 \$6,102.00 from 92 donors.

Celebrate the Fatima Centennial with St. Matthew's Travelers' on October 13 to Blue Army Shrine Pilgrimage in Asbury, NJ. \$25 gratuity and shrine offering included. Call Julie at 570-544-5231 or Millie at 570-628-5413.

2018 Mass Intention Book

We will open the Mass Book for this new year on Thurs Oct 26 and Fri Oct 27, 10am-noon and 1pm-3pm at St. Clare of Assisi Rectory.

Nativity BVM High School

Green & Gold Cash Bingo, Sunday, Oct 15 at the high school. Doors open 11:30 bingo starts at 1PM. Refreshments available.

Nativity BVM High School Open House for 7th & 8th Grade parents and students, Sun, 11/5 beginning at 6PM. Administration, Faculty, staff, etc., will be on hand with information on academics, financial aid, guidance services and opportunities for students. No pre-registration. Contact the school at 570-622-8110 with any questions.

Beware of Scams—Scammers know that Schuylkill County has many elderly people and so they prey on our area via the mail, phone, or even in person. These individuals have a way of gaining people's trust or offer a deal too good to be true. Recently one of our parishioners was told she won a large sum of money which she wanted to donate to the Church. I am grateful she spoke with me first.

Scams by Mail If you receive notification by mail that you won money beware...

The envelope looks 'official' but it is bulk mail postage. It is a plain-appearing business type envelope without a 'return address'

If there is a check inside DO NOT CASH it! The scammer has a way then to infiltrate your bank account without you even knowing it.

Scams by Phone Reveal no personal information about yourself, your family or your bank accounts even if they seem to know much about you. One can search the internet and learn personal information on everyone.

Do not commit to anything as you could be recorded and then the scam later threatens you by saying but you agreed to it and we have you on tape.

Scams in Person This type of scam frequently has someone come to your home and telling you that your house needs work, or posing as a repair person who needs access to your home. We had a 90 year old parishioner robbed by someone impersonating someone from the water company.

Do not let strangers into your home. Keep your doors locked. Often a scammer will keep you busy at the front door while an accomplice enters through the back door to rob you. **Report anything suspicious to the police.**



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