

**THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 22, 2017
From Pastor's Desk**

There are those occasions where we are asked or even stressed into defining where our loyalties lie? As we worship today, we once again face the question of what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God. Every day of our lives we make choices involving values and judgments. The first thing we try to do in making these choices is to become informed. This requires prayer and discernment. "Should I work overtime this Saturday and make extra money for the family's creature comforts?" Or "Do I spend time with my son as I promised I would?" Or "Do I take the extra time to make my spouse feel extra special?"

We often fail to realize that it is God who gave us everything. All power comes from God. Let us pray that the power and the responsibility that he has given us will enable us to make the right choices for ourselves and those we love.

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Mass Schedule

Sundays: 9:30 AM

****Please consult weekly Schedule inside for Holy-
days 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 PATRICIA QUINN HOVAN (Family)

Mass Intentions at St. Clare of Assisi

4 PM Saturday (October 21) - Living and Deceased Members of St. Stephen Parish

4 PM Saturday (October 28) - Rita Matsko (Pat Snyder)

Masses at St. Stephen

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

Sunday (October 29) Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM—John Balulis (28th Anniv) (Janet & Larry Eich) and William Kalymun (Mike & Donna)
Father Connolly

Tuesday (October 31) Vigil of All Saints

6:30 PM — Joseph Krynock (2nd Anniv) (Children)

Thursday (November 2) Feast of All Souls

4 PM—For All Souls

Sunday (November 5) Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM — Millie Grossman (13th Anniv) (Mary Ann & Don Burns) and Robert Reiley (2nd Anniv) (Kathleen Reiley)
Father Connolly

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 29: 2nd—Fuel & Heat

November 5: Building Fund

Weekend Mass Attendance for October 15

9:30AM: 139

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

Collections: Weekly and Cash \$2,676; Fuel & Heat \$505; Building Fund from 9/3 \$463. Thank you for your generosity! Please also note our posting of collection information to make budget, we are \$1,704.00 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 8	\$3,644.00
Cemetery \$	-----
Needed to Date (16th week)	\$52,560.00
Collected to Date (16th week)	\$50,856.00
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(1,704.00)

**LECTORS
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

October 29

Lisa Gasper/Michael Melincavage

November 5, 12

Ed Tray/Elizabeth Harrison



Sunday, October 29

9:30 AM—Neiko Eckley

Sunday, November 5

9:30 AM—Emily Gasper

Sunday, November 12

9:30 AM—Jacob Challenger

Sunday, November 19

9:30 AM—Ciara & Charissa Gilbert

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.

PLEASE DO NOT TAPE OR STAPLE YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPES. TUCK THE FLAP INSIDE.

Rest in peace to John J. McGovern who entered his eternal rest last week.

The Special and Christmas Mass Schedule is included in this week's bulletin.

Grateful for Saying our Sunday Masses. This week we welcome Msgr. Handges as our Celebrant

**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)

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. NOTE: there are Saturday 4pm Mass openings at St. Clare of Assisi for St. Stephen's intentions. The family of the deceased can participate in the Offertory Procession.**

Mass Schedule for Feast of All Saints

October 31: Vigil, 6:30PM at St. Stephen
November 1: 8AM and 6:30PM at St. Clare of Assisi

Mass Schedule for Feast of All Souls

November 2: 8AM at St. Clare of Assisi
4PM at St. Stephen
6PM at St. Clare of Assisi

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year. In light of our pastor's responsibility to two parishes, the Mass Schedule for the weekend of Dec. 23 and 24 will be different. We are publishing it now to give adequate notice.

For Saturday, Dec. 23 Masses for the Sunday obligation will be at 4PM in St. Clare and 5:30PM in St. Stephen.

For Sunday, Dec. 24 Mass will be at 9:30AM ONLY in St. Clare

St. Clare of Assisi Christmas Masses: 4PM, 6PM, 8PM on Christmas Eve and 9AM on Christmas Day

St. Stephen Christmas Masses: 4PM on Christmas Eve and 10:15AM on Christmas Day

Help Needed with the Mass Schedule

We are in need of volunteers to help serve, lector, and EM for particular Masses. Please call the rectory to sign up.

Feast of All Saints, Vigil Mass Oct. 31, 6:30PM (St. Stephen)

Thanksgiving Day 9am, St. Clare, Nov. 23 – need: 2 servers, 1 lector, 2 EM's

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception need 2 servers, 1 lector, 2EM each Mass on:

Thursday, Dec. 7, Vigil Mass at 6:30PM in St. Clare

Friday, Dec. 8, 8AM Mass in St. Stephen and 12PM Mass in Immaculate Conception.

Important PREP Information No PREP this Wednesday, Oct. 25 due to the St. Clair Halloween Parade.

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.

Thank you to Rich and Carol DeWitt who cleaned up the leaves and other debris around the church last week!

Chosen, Blessed, Shared: Endowment for the Care of Our Retired Priests

Each year, the Diocese of Allentown conducts this appeal to support those retired priests who have spent a lifetime living out the words of St. Paul, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."

As part of their lifetime of service, our priests have done things to benefit all of us caring for our spiritual needs. Our priests make it possible to live our lives in communion with Christ.

As your pastor, I hope you respond to this year's appeal and support the endowment for priests with your own personal contribution – no matter how small. Please refer to the mailing you received from the Diocese or use one of the cards in the back of the church to contribute.

Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests; for your unfaithful and tepid priests; for your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priests; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in purgatory.

But above all I recommend to You the priests dearest to me: the priest who baptized me; the priest who absolved me from my sins; the priest at whose Masses I attended and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priest who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way. Jesus keep them all close to Your Heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

St. Clare of Assisi Parish 10 Day Pilgrimage to Assisi & Rome

WHEN: October 6-15, 2018

HOW MUCH: \$4,300.00 per double occupancy which includes air fare, hotels, group transportation in Italy and the following meals 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 6 dinners

Not Included Fees are:

- the bus to take us back and forth to Newark Airport
- \$199 for Traveler's Insurance
- \$100 for tips for some tour guides, bus driver, and dining room staff in Italy
- 5 lunches and 1 dinner (last night in Rome) For more information see Fr. Bill for details.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass followed by Veneration of the First-Class Relic of Saint Pauline Visitation of the Agonizing Heart of Jesus, Patron Saint of Diabetics and all those who are sick, will be held Monday, October 30 at 5 p.m. at Our Lady's Chapel of St. Patrick Church.



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