

**THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 5, 2017
From Pastor's Desk**

In our political and commercial world, it appears that humility is not a virtue. A priest in a homily stated the following: "Our greatest block to growing closer to God is when we rely more on us than on God." In today's Gospel, Jesus also tells us otherwise. As we gather for worship today at our loving God's invitation, it might be good to step back from advertisements and exhortations that encourage us to exalt ourselves, and instead pray for the humility of Christ in all our daily interactions.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta kept a list to cultivate humility, can we incorporate some of these in our lives?

Speak as little as possible about yourself.
Keep busy with your own affairs and not those of others.

Avoid curiosity about things that should not concern you.

Do not interfere in the affairs of others.
Accept small irritations with good humor.

Do not dwell on the faults of others.

Accept censures even if unmerited.

Give in to the will of others.

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Mass Schedule

Sundays: 9:30 AM

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



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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 JOHN McGOVERN (Flavia McGovern)

Mass Intentions at St. Clare of Assisi

4 PM Saturday (November 4) - People of St. Stephen Parish

4 PM Saturday (November 11) - Rita Matsko (Pat Snyder)

Masses at St. Stephen

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

Sunday (November 12) Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM — Elizabeth Fidler (Husband & Children) and Michael Foran (Georgette and Buddy Roberts)
Father Bill

Sunday (November 19) Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM — Russell Kosta (Carol Stencovage & Family) and Rev. John J. McNamara (Justine Crolc & Family)
Msgr. Handges

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

November 12: Cemetery Fund

November 19: Fuel and Heat

Weekend Mass Attendance for October 29

9:30AM: 119

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

Collections: Weekly and Cash \$2,317; Fuel & Heat \$531. Thank you for your generosity! Please also note our posting of collection information to make budget, we are \$3,227.00 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 29	\$2,848.00
Cemetery \$ 830.00	-----
Needed to Date (18th week)	\$59,130.00
Collected to Date (18th week)	\$55,903.00
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(3,227.00)

LECTORS

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

November 12

Ed Tray/Elizabeth Harrison

November 19-26

Karen Kuperavage/Maureen Challenger



Sunday, November 12

9:30 AM—Jacob Challenger

Sunday, November 19

9:30 AM—Ciara & Charissa Gilbert

Sunday, November 26

9:30 AM—Annabella Chaklos

Sunday, December 3

9:30 AM—Taylor Lazarchick

Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel Open Hours:

SUNDAY 12am, 4am; TUESDAY 4am; FRIDAY 7pm; Saturday 4am, 12pm, 11pm.

Please call Aleece @ 449-7678 to commit to your Holy Hour with Our Lord.

Changes in Mass Schedule

This week Fr. Bill will be at the Diocesan Annual Priest Convocation. There will be no Masses offered Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday. St. Patrick's, Pottsville is offering a Communion Service on those days.

The rectory office will be open for business from 9AM-4PM every day this week. However, at the close of business each day all parish property will have the alarms set for security and protection.

In the event of a death, funeral directors need to contact the rectory office to schedule arrangements.

Grateful for Saying our Sunday Masses. This week we welcome Father Connolly as our Celebrant

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)

Accept insults and injuries. Give your hurts to God.
Accept contempt, being forgotten and disregarded.
Be courteous and delicate even when provoked by others.
Do not seek to be admired or loved.
Do not protect yourself behind your own dignity.
Give in, in discussions, even when you are right.
Choose always the more difficult task.

Lectio Divina of the Sunday Readings

Beginning Thursday, November 30 following the 8AM Mass at St. Clare of Assisi, all are invited to reflect upon the Sunday Scripture Readings for Mass during the Advent Season. By doing so we are preparing our hearts and minds to be more prayerfully in tune to our Sunday celebration of Liturgy.

Come to morning Mass. Share a cup of coffee. Join us and share the joy of the Gospel!

Cost of the book will be \$12.00. Call the rectory to sign up.

Help Needed with the Thanksgiving & Christmas Mass Schedule

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

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

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.

Upcoming Events for both Parishes

March 10 – First Penance for both Parishes

April 25 – Confirmation location TBA

May 5 – St. Stephen First Holy Communion

May 6 – Chinese Auction at St. Clare of Assisi

May 13 – Mothers' Day

May 20 – St. Clare of Assisi First Holy Communion

Thank you to those who have contributed to our Mass Books for the 2018 Liturgical Year. The books are more than \$1,000. Once again, if you wish to donate one or more IN MEMORY OF or IN HONOR OF, they are \$10 each.

Ron Michel family from Missouri Would like to thank everyone here at St. Stephen's Parish who attended the Celebration Mass of Life for Fr. Karns. For all of those who kept him in your prayers and for remembering him at mass. He will be missed by many. He is at peace now. He only got to enjoy his retirement for a year but now he has it for all eternity. May God bless each and everyone of his former parishioners.
Eternally grateful, Ron Michel Family.

Many thanks to all who purchased subs and Back-to-School Basket Raffle tickets. This fundraising effort yielded \$600.40 profit from the sub sale and \$415 from ticket sales for a total of \$1,015.40. Congratulations to Back-to-School Basket winner Michelle Modesto (from St. Patrick's parish)!

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.

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.



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