

**THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
NOVEMBER 12, 2017  
From Pastor's Desk**

On a recent Memorial Day (our secular version of All Soul's Day), the old florist shook his head sadly as we filled the car with baskets to begin the annual "cemetery run." Each year the Memorial Day baskets get fewer and fewer," he lamented. "Of course we try to make it up with proms and semi-formals – more and more, for kids younger and younger. Well the future belongs to the young I supposed." But if young people forget the wisdom of the past, and neglect to treasure their living grandparents and all the elderly, Pope Francis has said, your future is built upon sand. There is no future if we forget those who have gone before us.

During this month of November – the month of All Souls, we remember along with the communion of saints, those gone before us. The Catholic doctrine of purgatory teaches that God's love reaches beyond the grave to heal whatever remains unresolved at one's passing from this life. Thus the month of All Souls offers us the grace-filled consolation of remembering and praying for all the dead, especially those we knew best, in all their humanness, with faults and flaws, their struggles and sorrows, their imperfections and idiosyncrasies, even their eccentricities. In other words, the same way they knew us as God knows us all.

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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**

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

**4 PM Saturday (November 18)** - People of St. Stephen Parish  
**4 PM Saturday (November 25)** - Joseph & Joan Krynock (Family)  
**Masses at St. Stephen**

**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

**Wednesday (November 15) PREP Thanksgiving Mass**

**6:15 PM**—Rev. John J. McNamara

**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

**Sunday (November 26) Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**9:30 AM** — Matthew Foran (Jean Thomas) and William & Elizabeth Haley (Family)  
 Father Bill

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**November 19: Diocesan Poverty Relief (1st Collection will be Weekly and Fuel & Heat)**  
**November 26: Cemetery Fund**

**Weekend Mass Attendance for November 5**  
**9:30AM: 138**  
**76 attended St. Clare of Assisi's 4 PM Mass**

Collections: Weekly and Cash \$3,396; Building Fund, \$538. Thank you for your generosity! Please also note our posting of collection information to make budget, we are \$2,578.00 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 November 5</b>	\$3,934.00
<b>Cemetery \$ 830.00</b>	-----
Needed to Date <b>(19th week)</b>	\$62,415.00
Collected to Date <b>(19th week)</b>	\$59,837.00
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(2,578.00)

LECTORS  
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

**November 19-26**  
 Karen Kuperavage/Maureen 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

**Sunday, December 10**  
**9:30 AM**—Emily Yordy

**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.

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Stephen Parish will meet on Monday at 6pm in the rectory.**

**Parish Religious Education News**  
**Important PREP Information**  
**Thanksgiving Mass will be held at 6:15PM in St. Stephen's Church on Wednesday, November 15. Children are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to St. Patrick's Soup Kitchen.**

**Thank you to the ladies who stayed after Mass on Sunday to clean our church!**

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

**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)

### Remember in Prayer

Fr. Rich Brensinger's father is experiencing some health issues which has required hospitalization and some long term care. Fr. Rich is the Catholic Chaplain for Kutztown University who assists Fr. Bill by offering Masses once or twice a month at St. Clare and has also helped here.

### 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 6 – 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

## Mass Books and Hymnals

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.

## 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.

## ICC Caterers Thanksgiving Food Sale

Once again ICC Caterers will help make your holiday food needs easier (City Chicken, Halupkie, Pierogie, Cole Slaw, Bread Filling, Gravy). Deadline for orders November 13. Pick-up November 21 from 10AM to 1PM. Call Social Hall (morning only) 570-429-0302, Diane 570-628-4676, or Joe 570-622-1838 (morning only).

## Fr. Zelonis Named Pastor of St. Michael the Archangel, Minersville

One of Bishop Schlert's first official acts as Bishop of Allentown was to raise our Fr. Zelonis to the canonical status of pastor. Our Dean of Schuylkill County will formally install Fr. Z as pastor on Monday evening, November 20 at the 6PM Mass in St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Minersville. Come over and support our native son and former resident of our parish.

## 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 ask for a flyer or visit <http://bit.ly/FrGlosserItaly>



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