

**THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
NOVEMBER 19, 2017  
From Pastor's Desk**

November is a month to remember many things – our Veterans, All Saints, All Souls, Thanksgiving, and to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

This Monday at 6PM in St. Michael the Archangel Church on Sunbury Street, Minersville, Fr. Christopher Michael Zelonis, the chaplain to our Schuylkill County hospital and nursing homes, our former resident at St. Clare of Assisi, and most importantly our native son will be canonically installed as pastor of St. Michael's. We invite you to join him and his congregation for the installation Mass. Hope to see you there.

On Thursday of this week, we celebrate our national holiday of Thanksgiving, a special time for us to give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received this past year. Consider joining us for Mass on Thursday at 9AM in St. Clare of Assisi.

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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 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 25)** - Joseph & Joan Krynock (Family)  
**4 PM Saturday (November December 2)** - People of St. Stephen

Parish

**Masses at St. Stephen**

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

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

**Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 23 at St. Clare of Assisi**

9AM Theodore Hughes

**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

**Sunday (December 3) First Sunday of Advent**

**9:30 AM** — William Kalymun (Bill & Grace Guers) and  
 Marie Mirabello Lundy (Jean Kline)  
 Father Connolly

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**November 26: Cemetery Fund**  
**December 3: Building Fund**

**Weekend Mass Attendance for November 12**

**9:30AM: 128**

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

Collections: Weekly and Cash \$3,367; Building Fund, \$38;  
 Fuel & Heat \$30. 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</b>	
<b>(All Funds)</b>	\$170,800.00
Amount Needed Weekly	\$3,285.00
<b>Collection November 12</b>	\$3,435.00
<b>Cemetery \$ 481.00</b>	-----
Needed to Date <b>(20th week)</b>	\$65,700.00
Collected to Date <b>(20th week)</b>	\$63,272.00
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(2,428.00)

**LECTORS**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**November 26**

Karen Kuperavage/Maureen Challenger



**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; FRIDAY 7pm; Satur-**  
**day 4am, 12pm. Please call Aleece @ 449-**  
**7678 to commit to your Holy Hour with Our**  
**Lord.**

**The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will have their annual Christmas Cookie Sale, this year a "Bakeless" one, on Sunday, Dec 10, at the 9:30 Mass. Please put your donation in an envelope with your name and amount on it and marked St. Vincent de Paul. The Society is still collecting non-perishable food items for distribution. Thank You!**

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

**November 26 — Father Bill**  
**December 3 — Father Connolly**  
**December 10 — Father Bill**  
**December 17— Father Bill**

**SUNDAY OBLIGATION ONLY**  
**Saturday, December 23 5:30PM —**  
**Father Bill**

**CHRISTMAS OBLIGATION ONLY**  
**Sunday, Christmas Eve for Christmas**  
**Only 4PM—Father Connolly**

**Christmas Day 10:15 AM—Father Con-**  
**nolly**

**See Christmas Schedule on Next Page**

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

### **About this Week's Special Diocesan Collection**

His Holiness, Pope Francis has designated this weekend as the inaugural celebration of the World Day for the Poor throughout the Roman Catholic Church. The Holy Father has chosen as the theme for this day this year to be "Let us love, not with words but with deeds." Pope Francis' desire is that this day is meant to encourage believers against a culture of discard and waste, and to embrace a culture of encounter.

The World Day of the Poor coincides with our Diocesan collection for the Poverty Relief Fund. Proceeds from this annual collection are used to fund projects and services that alleviate or address poverty as approved by our Bishop. The following link serves as a resource to explain our local fund <http://www.allentowndiocese.org/poverty-fund>.

Any parish or diocesan organization can apply to receive this fund that benefits the poor or needed in their geographic location or their mission.

### **Help Needed with the Holyday and Christmas Mass Schedules**

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

**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.

### **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**

### **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

## **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Confirmation Retreat Wrap-Up**

Our Confirmation Class from St. Clare and St. Stephen went to Emmitsburg, MD to learn about the life of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, our first-born American saint. We attended Mass in her basilica. We also visited Mount St. Mary's Seminary where our children were greeted by one of our diocesan seminarians, Juan Eduardo, and we prayed for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We concluded our day at the Grotto of Lourdes and prayed the rosary. Our thanks to Mr. Dowd, Mr. Balulis, and Ms. Dimmerling for chaperoning the trip as well as some parents who followed the bus in their cars. We also wish to thank TNT Deli for our wonderful lunch.

### **ICC Caterers Thanksgiving Food Sale**

Pick-up for those who ordered Thanksgiving Food is 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).



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