

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 26, 2017
From Pastor's Desk**

There was a pastor in our Diocese many years ago who began dinner every night by asking his assistants "What did you do for God today?" Some of the younger priests were angered by his question feeling he was checking up on them. Perhaps he was. But what the pastor was encouraging them to take stock was the good they did that day for others? What if it was a means for the pastor to encourage them to continue to work hard to build up the kingdom of God?

Today our Church Universal celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King, the end of our liturgical year. Often when we think of Christ with his title 'king,' we think about the Last Judgment. At our celebration today we indeed hear about Christ at the end times. Yet the purpose of our gathering here is not to become fearful about what is to come, but rather to support one another in the tasks at hand, encouraged by our good and faithful Shepherd. This way, when judgment time comes, we can be ready and rejoice over the good deeds that have built up God's Kingdom.

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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 (December 2) - People of St. Stephen Parish

4 PM Saturday (December 9) - Rita Matsko (Tom & Donata Villella)

Masses at St. Stephen

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

Friday (December 8) Feast of the Immaculate Conception

8:00 AM — Mary Jane Gately (Vincent Gately)

Sunday (December 10) Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM — Sonny Shipe (13th Anniv), Kathy Bambrick and Patrick Bambrick (Dorothy Shipe) and Carl Leibel (Family)
Father Connolly

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 3: Building Fund

December 10: Cemetery Fund

Weekend Mass Attendance for November 19

9:30AM: 135

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

Collections: Weekly and Cash \$2,440; Fuel & Heat \$610. Thank you for your generosity! Please also note our posting of collection information to make budget, we are \$2,663.00 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 November 19	\$3,050.00
Cemetery \$	-----
Needed to Date (20th week)	\$68,985.00
Collected to Date (20th week)	\$66,322.00
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(2,663.00)

LECTORS

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

November 26

Karen Kuperavage/Maureen Challenger

Servers' Schedule



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; Saturday 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 Father Bill as our Celebrant

**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 Connolly
See Christmas Schedule on Next Page**

From Pastor's Desk (Continued from page 1)

Changes in this Week's Mass Schedule

There will be NO Mass on Friday, December 1 due to Fr. Bill having a Thursday overnight meeting in Harrisburg.

First Saturday, December 2 Mass at 8AM in daily Mass chapel in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Feast of St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas' feast day is December 6. To celebrate his special day, St. Nick has been in touch with Fr. Bill and has asked him to tell the boys and girls of the parish to bring a shoe (might help to put a name somewhere) to Mass on December 3. St. Nicholas will fill these shoes left in church with some treats left on his feast day. The boys and girls will be able to pick up their shoes on December 10 when you come to Mass.

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 Congratulations to Father Zelonis on his installation as Pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Minersville.

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. Books will be in the pews for December 3, the First Sunday of Advent.

Communion Calls

December Communion Calls to the sick and shut-ins of the parish will be made the week of December 3. One of our parish Eucharistic Ministers will be bring Holy Communion at this time to enable Fr. Bill to bring Christmas Communion on December 20 and 21. We ask any Eucharistic Minister if you would like to assist to contact the rectory.

As always a phone call will be made prior to the visit. Please also note that there will be NO Communion Calls in January.

Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8

The feast of the Immaculate Conception is a holy day of obligation for all Catholics. The Mass schedule for the Holy Day is:

Vigil Mass of the holy day, Thursday December 7 Mass at 6:30PM in St. Clare of Assisi

Holy Day, Friday, December 8 Mass at 8AM in St. Stephen and 12 noon in Immaculate Conception Church, Diener's Hill.

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.



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