

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 14, 2018  
From Pastor's Desk**

Did you ever get yourself all excited over an unexpected call from a friend? Or to discover you were chosen (called) to receive an honor or an award? Or called into the Boss' office to be told that you are being given a raise or a promotion?

Two of our readings for this weekend involve a call from the Lord. Samuel awakens to a summons from God and Andrew, another disciple of John the Baptist, follow Jesus after the Baptist points Jesus out to them. "Behold the Lamb of God!"

In each case, the priest Eli must encourage Samuel how to respond appropriately. And in the Gospel, Jesus invites the two disciples of John to follow Him to see what He is all about; they do and call others to follow Jesus. "Behold the Lamb of God!"

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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**



**LECTORS AND  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**January 21 and 28**  
 Judy Johnson/Maureen Challenger  
**February 4 and 11**  
 Ed Tray/4th Lisa Gasper  
 Ed Tray/11th Mary Ann Lubinsky



**Sunday, January 21**  
 9:30 AM—Emily Yordy  
**Sunday, January 28**  
 9:30 AM—Aiden Brennan  
**Sunday, February 4**  
 9:30 AM—Neiko Eckley

**SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION**

**IMO PATRICIA QUINN HOVAN (Family)**

**Masses at St. Clare of Assisi**

**4 PM Saturday (January 21)** - Rita Matsko (Beverly Riotto)

**4 PM Saturday (January 28)** - Rev. John J. McNamara (M/M  
 Tim Haley)

**Masses at St. Stephen**

**Sunday (January 14) Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:30 AM**—Eva Stanus (Lillian McBreen & Daughters) and  
 John J. McGovern (Joe Pilo)  
 Father Bill

**Sunday (January 21) Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:30 AM**—Patricia Quinn Hovan (Family) and  
 Helen Bitterlich (Dolores Zemantauski)  
 Father Connolly

**Sunday (January 28) Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:30 AM**—Joseph & Joan Krynock (Children) and  
 Jean Macaluso (Nancy King & Family)  
 Father Bill

**St. Stephen Attendance  
 Sunday, January 7**

**45 at St. Clare people; 76 at St. Stephen**

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**January 21: Fuel and Heat**

**January 28: Cemetery Fund**

Collections: Weekly and Cash \$3,202.00;  
 Building Fund \$374.00; Fuel & Heat  
 \$120.00— Thank you for your generosity!  
 Please also note our posting of collection in-  
 formation to make budget, we are \$.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 January 7</b>	\$3,696.00
<b>Cemetery \$ 688.00</b>	-----
Needed to Date <b>(28th week)</b>	\$91,980.00
Collected to Date <b>(28th week)</b>	\$88,570.00
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(3,410.00)

**Special Note about this Week's  
 Mass Schedule**

**Our pastor will be making his  
 winter, silent retreat at the Jes-  
 uit Center this week. Therefore  
 there will be no daily Mass this  
 week at St. Clare of Assisi.  
 Please remember him in your  
 prayers.**

**If our weekly collection seems  
 high this time, it is because we  
 received quite a few mail-in en-  
 velopes in the last 2 weeks.**

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

**January 14 — Father Bill  
 January 21 — Father Connolly  
 January 28 — Father Bill  
 February 4 — Father Connolly  
 February 11 — Father Bill  
 February 18 — Father Connolly  
 February 25 — Father Bill**

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Right before Holy Communion is distributed, the priest uses the same words to call us to the altar rail – "Behold the Lamb of God!" Jesus calls, He invites, He chooses yet He never forces us to answer His call. That choice is strictly our own, still He beckons us. Sometimes we need to be encouraged and other times we need to follow and try.

Jesus is calling you! How do you respond? What is keeping you away? Are you cognizant of His Presence and the gifts He offers you?

**NOTE: The actual Sanctuary Candle is now being used for In Memory Of and In Honor Of Intentions. The cost is now \$15 because it is a 7-day candle as opposed to previous 5-day candle that was used. Call the rectory if you would like to schedule a candle for your intention. Thank you.**

### Upcoming Parish Events

February 14 – Ash Wednesday

March 10 – First Penance for both Parishes

April 25 – Confirmation at St. John the Baptist, Pottsville

May 6– St. Stephen First Holy Communion

May 6 – Chinese Auction

May 13 – Mothers' Day

May 20 – St. Clare of Assisi First Holy Communion

### Upcoming Second Collections

January 21: Fuel and Heat

January 28: Diocesan Catholic Relief Service (1st Collection will be Weekly and Cemetery Fund)

February 4: Building Fund

February 11: Cemetery

Note: Initial Offering is to help defray the printing and postage costs of Offering Envelopes

### From Our Bishop

Until further notice, Bishop Schlert has asked all parishes to refrain from physical touch during the Sign of Peace and receiving Holy Communion from the Cup now that we are in the midst of the flu season. We also highly encourage anyone who has flu-like symptoms to stay at home rather than coming to Mass. We will miss you but we would rather share your love than your germs!

## CEMETERY BILLS

2017 Bills are being sent out this week reflecting the new \$125 Cemetery Care Annual Fee.

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

WHAT: To celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our founding as a parish we wish to visit Assisi and see St. Clare's home as well as the holy sites of our Catholic Faith in Rome.

Our pilgrimage was specifically designed by our pastor to include sites not normally visited on tours of this nature. We need a total of 25 people to make this a reality. Please come and join us!

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>

### St. Clair Knights of Columbus Council 14009 FREE !!!! Foul Shooting Competition

Council winners will continue on to compete in District Level the same night. District Level can compete at Regional Level and perhaps at State Level. Age based on age of child on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Written parental consent must be supplied on form provided by the Knights of Columbus. Contestants can only participate in one competition. ALL rulings by judges and scorers will be final.

WHEN: 5:00 pm, JANUARY 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, sign up 4 pm

WHERE: NATIVITY B.V.M. HIGH SCHOOL, POTTSVILLE

WHO: OPEN TO ALL BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 9 TO 14 (BOY AND GIRL COMPETITION WITHIN YOUR OWN AGE LEVEL, **12 WINNERS IN ALL**)

HOW: FOR REGISTRATION FORMS or More Information Call [\(570\)617-1578](tel:5706171578)



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