

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 21, 2018  
From Pastor's Desk**

Last week we heard John's account of the Call of Andrew and Simon Peter. Today we hear the noticeably different version from Mark. Andrew and Simon Peter are now fishing. This gives Mark the opportunity to have Jesus refer to their profession when He calls them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Discipleship demands both things – following Jesus and sharing the Good News with others.

Our responsorial psalm for today shouts out "Teach me your ways, O Lord!" The Good News of Jesus is:

- His Passion and Resurrection redeem us and open the Gates of Heaven.
- We are God's own children through Jesus therefore we are loved by God beyond measure.

God's love is merciful and the contrite of heart are forgiven.

As disciples of the Lord we must sincerely believe the Good News and we are called to live it out in our lives and we share it with 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***



**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\*\***

**IMO JOSEPH J. KREYDT (Louise)**

**Masses at St. Clare of Assisi**

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

**4 PM Saturday (February 4)** - Michael Foran (Mary Bildheiser)

**Masses at St. Stephen**

**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 (Ann Stefonick) and  
William Kalymun (Thad & Frances Blum)  
Father Bill

**Sunday (February 4) Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:30 AM**—Jean Marie Zimerofsky (Children) and  
Jean Macaluso (Nancy King & Family)  
Father Connolly

**St. Stephen Attendance- Sunday, January 7**  
**53 at St. Clare ; 122 at St. Stephen**

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

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

**February 4:** Building Fund

Collections: Weekly and Cash \$2,936.00;  
Building Fund \$125.00; Fuel & Heat \$5.00—  
Thank you for your generosity! Please also  
note our posting of collection information 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</b>	
<b>(All Funds)</b>	\$170,800.00
Amount Needed Weekly	\$3,285.00
<b>Collection January 14</b>	\$3,066.00
<b>Cemetery \$ 482.00</b>	-----
Needed to Date <b>(29th week)</b>	\$95,265.00
Collected to Date <b>(29th week)</b>	\$91,636.00
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(3,629.00)

**LECTORS AND  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**January 28**

Judy Johnson/Maureen Challenger

**February 4 and 11**

Ed Tray/4th Lisa Gasper

Ed Tray/11th Mary Ann Lubinsky



**Sunday, January 28**

**9:30 AM**—Aiden Brennan

**Sunday, February 4**

**9:30 AM**—Neiko Eckley

**Sunday, February 11**

**9:30 AM**—Annabella Chaklos

**Sunday, February 18**

**9:30 AM**—Jacob Challenger

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who  
took down and put away the Christmas  
decorations and then cleaned our church!

**\*\*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  
the previous 5-day candle that was used.  
Call the rectory if you would like to schedule  
a candle for your intention. Thank you.

**CEMETERY BILLS**

**2017 Bills were sent out this past  
week reflecting the new \$125  
Cemetery Care Annual Fee.**

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

**Grateful for Saying our Sunday  
Masses. This week we welcome Fa-  
ther Bill as our Celebrant**

**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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### We Welcome to our Liturgy

Next weekend at our 9:30 Mass we welcome students from Nativity BVM High School to speak after Communion on the value of Catholic School education.

### 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!

#### Tips to Avoid the Flu

1. Frequent handwashing with warm water & soap. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers do not sanitize after 3 consecutive applications. Soap & Water are still the best method of cleansing. Avoid touching one's eyes, nose, or mouth without washing hands first.

2. Avoid touching surfaces or using articles frequently used by others such as pens, door handles, etc. If one must use a hand sanitizer after usage. During flu season sharing is the necessarily the best way of caring

#### If You Are Sick

1. It is NOT a sin to miss Mass if you are ill! We prefer you to stay home and get better rather than spreading more germs.

2. Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze with your elbow or a hankie.

3. DO NOT leave your used tissues in the pew for someone to clean up after you!

### 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)

### Prayer Shawls

St. Clare of Assisi ladies are still making prayer shawls for those who are sick or in need of special prayers. If you know of someone in need of a prayer shawl, please contact the rectory and we will be glad to make sure that person receives one.



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