

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 4, 2018  
From Pastor's Desk**

Today we continue hearing about the first days Jesus spent with His disciples, healing those who are ill or possessed by demons. When He cures Simon Peter's mother-in-law, she immediately rises and serves her guests. She may not realize it, but she is providing an example to her son-in-law and his companions. She is showing what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. The call to be Jesus' disciple is the call to serve.

**The Feast of St. Blasé**

This past Saturday we celebrated the martyrdom of St. Blasé who saved a choking young child's life. We will bless throats immediately following today's Mass.

**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\*\***

**IMO CHARLES ZIMMERMAN (Family)**

**Masses at St. Clare of Assisi**

**4 PM Saturday (February 11)** - Rita Matsko (Karen Bukoski)

**4 PM Saturday (February 18)** - Joseph & Joan Krynock  
(Children)

**Masses at St. Stephen**

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

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

**Sunday (February 11) Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:30 AM**—LAOH St. Brigid and  
Margaretta Lonergan (Winnie & Don Kerns)  
Father Bill

**Sunday (February 18) First Sunday of Lent**

**9:30 AM**—John McGovern (Al Albertini) and  
Rev. David W. Karns (Gasper Family)  
Father Connolly

**St. Stephen Attendance- Sunday, January 28**  
**42 at St. Clare ; 120 at St. Stephen**

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**February 11:** Cemetery

**February 18:** Catholic Home Missions. First  
Collection will be for Weekly and Fuel & Heat

Collections: Weekly and Cash \$2,756.00; Fuel  
& Heat \$57.00 ; Catholic Relief Services  
\$538.00. 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</b>	
<b>(All Funds)</b>	\$170,800.00
Amount Needed Weekly	\$3,285.00
<b>Collection January 28</b>	\$2,813.00
<b>Cemetery \$</b>	-----
Needed to Date <b>(31st week)</b>	\$101,835.00
Collected to Date <b>(31st week)</b>	\$97,999.00
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(3,836.00)

**LECTORS AND  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**February 11**

Ed Tray/4th Lisa Gasper  
Ed Tray/11th Mary Ann Lubinsky

**February 18 and 25**

Karen Kuperavage/Maureen Challenger



**Sunday, February 11**

**9:30 AM**—Annabella Chaklos

**Sunday, February 18**

**9:30 AM**—Jacob Challenger

**Sunday, February 25**

**9:30 AM**—Ciara Gilbert & Charissa Gilbert

**Sunday, March 4**

**9:30 AM**—Emily Gasper

**\*\*NOTE: The actual Sanctuary Candle is now burn In Memory Of or 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 recently mailed reflecting the new \$125 Cemetery Care Annual Fee.**

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

**February 4 — Father Connolly**  
**February 11 — Father Bill**  
**February 18 — Father Connolly**  
**February 25 — Father Bill**  
**March 4 — Father Connolly**  
**March 11 — Father Bill**

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### Upcoming Second Collections

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

February 11: Cemetery Upkeep  
February 18: Catholic Home Missions  
February 25: Cemetery Upkeep  
March 4: Building Fund

### 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
2. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers do not sanitize after 3 consecutive applications. Soap & Water are still the best method of cleansing.
3. Avoid touching one's eyes, nose, or mouth without washing hands first.
4. 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.
5. Get a FLU SHOT!
6. During flu season sharing is **NOT** 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!

### Knights of Columbus

St. John Neumann Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Soup Sale to benefit Nativity BVM High School, and a Sub Sale to benefit the Knights' charities on Saturday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12 noon. See any Knight for sub tickets.



### Ash Wednesday

February 14 is Ash Wednesday which begins our penitential session of Lent. Please retain the bulletin insert the schedule for our Lenten devotions. We will offer three (3) Masses with the Distribution of Ashes in St. Clare at 8AM and 6:30PM (the evening Mass will have in attendance our PREP children so expect a crowd). We will also offer Mass at 5PM in St. Stephen's.

Please remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of strict Fast and Abstinence. There is NO dispensation from the Fast & Abstinence with it falling on Valentine's Day.

### 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

### 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>




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