

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
FEBRUARY 18, 2018  
From Pastor's Desk**

A few days ago we may have been told, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel," as ashes were placed on our forehead. We hear these words again in today's Gospel. Lent is an appropriate occasion to consider our sins, promise to turn back to God, and place our trust in the One who has power over sin and death. As we begin the first week of Lent, let us take these words to heart. Please avail yourself to our Lenten devotional schedule and take the opportunity to get to confession early.



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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 Kreydt)

**Masses at St. Clare of Assisi**

**4 PM Saturday (February 25)** - People of the Parish

**Masses at St. Stephen**

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

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

**Sunday (February 25) Second Sunday of Lent**

**9:30 AM**—Eva Stanus (Joseph & Mary Zucofski) and  
Dr. John Joseph Canfield, Jr. (Hugh & Kathy McGowan)  
Father Bill

**Sunday (March 4) Third Sunday of Lent**

**9:30 AM**—Walter Stutz (Winnie & Don Kerns) and  
Michael J. Foran (Larry & Mary Rose Burns)  
Father Connolly

**Sunday, February 11 Attendance**

**At St. Clare 49 people**

**134 people At St. Stephen (22 people were there  
for LAOH Mass)**

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**February 25:** Cemetery Upkeep

**March 4:** Building Fund

Collections: Weekly and Cash \$2,731; Building Fund \$488.00; Fuel & Heat \$31.00. 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 February 11</b>	\$2,731.00
<b>Cemetery \$ 405.00</b>	-----
Needed to Date <b>(33rd week)</b>	\$108,405.00
Collected to Date <b>(33rd week)</b>	\$103,529.00
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(4,896.00)

**LECTORS AND  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**February 25**

Karen Kuperavage/Maureen Challenger

**Servers'  
Schedule**



**Sunday, February 25**

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

**Sunday, March 4**

**9:30 AM**—Emily Gasper

**Sunday, March 11**

**9:30 AM**—Taylor Lazarchick

**Sunday, March 11**

**9:30 AM**—Emily Yordy

**\*\*NOTE: The actual Sanctuary Candle is now burned 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 Intention candle that was used. Call the rectory if you would like to schedule a candle for your intention. Thank you.**

**Rest in Peace**

**This past week we laid to rest Tom Mooney. May he rest in peace till God awakens him in Heaven. Please remember the family in your prayers.**

**Upcoming Second Collections**

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

February 25: Cemetery Upkeep

March 4: Building Fund

March 11: Cemetery Upkeep

March 18: Fuel & Heat

**Grateful for Saying our Sunday Masses.**

**This week we welcome today's Celebrant, Father Connolly**

**February 25 — Father Bill**

**March 4 — Father Connolly**

**March 11 — Father Bill**

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### **Lenten Confessions**

Due to the poor response with Christmas confessions, Father Bill will try to make it easier on parishioners for Lent. **Please note when Father Bill celebrates Mass here on Sundays, Confessions will be heard from 8:45-9:15. These dates will be February 25, March 11, March 25.** Please take advantage of this opportunity to fulfill one's Easter Duty. Please also consult the regular Lenten Schedule for additional Confession times.

### **Lenten Dietary Restrictions**

Day of Fast – Catholics between the ages of 21 and 59 may only partake of one full meal and two small meals not equal to one full meal unless medical reasons dictate otherwise.

Day of Abstinence – Catholics starting at age 14 will refrain from eating meat, soups with meat, and gravies made from meats on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.

### **Servers needed for Stations of the Cross**

We are in need of servers for our parish devotions of Stations of the Cross.

Stations will be at St. Stephen's on Tuesday February 20, 27, and March 6 beginning at 6PM. Stations will be at St. Clare of Assisi on Tuesday March 20 and 27.

### **Last Year's Palm for Next Year's Ashes**

On Palm Sunday we bless palm which is a sacramental that we as Catholics use to remind us of the Lord's Paschal Mystery for our salvation. Because it is blessed it should not be thoughtlessly discarded and thrown out because it has dried out.

There is a basket at the main entrance of the church for the collection of your old palm. We will later burn this palm to make ashes for next Ash Wednesday.

### **Work or other Commitments Keeping You from attending Lenten Devotions at Church?**

Subscribe for FREE to "Don't Give Up Chocolate for Lent." Go on-line to BestLentEver.com to receive a daily e-mail containing a Lenten reflection, a point to ponder, a recommended prayer for the day, and an inspirational video offered by Dynamic Catholic. One may also purchase (but not necessary) a Lenten journal for \$14.95 which coincides with each daily e-mail reflection.

### **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

### **Lenten Devotions & Programs**

To make this Lent beneficial and grace-filled, our parish offers a variety of spiritual opportunities, please consult the parish Lenten schedule on-line at [www.stclareassisi.weebly.com](http://www.stclareassisi.weebly.com).

- Tuesday thru Friday [8AM] – Celebration of Mass in St. Clare daily Mass chapel
- Tuesdays [6PM]– Eucharistic Devotions/Stations of the Cross/Confessions
- Thursday Mornings [8:30AM] – "At Home With the Word" a reflection on the Sunday Scripture readings for Mass
- Thursday Evenings [6:30PM] – Adult Faith Formation using works of Matthew Kelly and Bishop Robert Barron
- Saturday Afternoon [3:15PM] – Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Clare of Assisi
- Sunday Morning [8:45AM] – Confessions at St. Stephen's Feb. 25, March 11 & 25.

Parish Lenten Mission [7PM] – March 11, 12, 13

### **Pierogi News**

Pierogi Sale at St. Clare of Assisi Church. Every Friday in Lent and Holy Thursday, not Good Friday. Advance orders only. (Order by any Wednesday for the following Friday for the rest of Lent.) Call 429-0863, 429-0512, 429-0343, or 429-1942 to order. Pickup time is 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Cost is \$7.50 per dozen for cooked with butter & onions, cooked with butter only, or uncooked frozen

### **Upcoming Parish Events**

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  
August 12 – St. Clare of Assisi 10th Anniversary Mass and Parish Picnic



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