

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 18, 2018  
From Pastor's Desk**

A Birthday to Remember...

I wish to thank all of you for the kindness expressed to me for my birthday last weekend. Thank you for the thoughtfulness with the cake for me and the cookies offered to all our parishioners as they departed from the 9:30AM Mass. It was great!

However, what really put a tear in my eye was the card which was signed "love from Your St. Stephen's Parish Family"; the power word was "YOUR"! Thank you for considering me in such a manner. My pastorate with you is not easy for you nor what I dream of doing as a parish priest. We have had to make many tough decisions that have angered a couple, disheartened some, and saddened us all.

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**Mass Schedule  
Sundays: 9:30 AM**

**\*\*Please consult weekly Schedule in-  side  
for Holydays and changes. We are**

**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

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Sr. Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT— Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator— **Phone—610-332-0442, Ext. 2019**



**\*\*SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION\*\***

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

**Masses at St. Clare of Assisi**

**4 PM Saturday (March 17)** - People of the Parish

**4 PM Saturday (March 24)** - People of the Parish

**Masses at St. Stephen**

**Sunday (March 18) Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**9:30 AM**—Thomas Mooney (Al & Linda Baldinger) and Joseph & Joan Krynock (Children)  
Father Connolly

**Sunday (March 25) Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**9:30 AM**—Ronald Pavlick (Anne Pavlick) and Joan Albertini (3rd Anniv) (Al Albertini)  
Father Bill

**Sunday (April 1) Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**9:30 AM**—People of the Parish  
Father Connolly

**Sunday, March 11 Attendance**  
**At St. Clare 55 people**  
**124 people At St. Stephen**

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**March 25:** Cemetery Upkeep

**April 1:** Easter Sunday (1st Collection will be Weekly and Building Fund)

Collections: Weekly and Cash \$2,757.00; Building Fund \$81.00; Thank you for your generosity! Please also note our posting of collection information to make budget, we are 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 March 11 Cemetery \$ 368.00</b>	-----
Needed to Date <b>(37th week)</b>	\$121,545.00
Collected to Date <b>(37th week)</b>	\$115,307.00
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(6,238.00)

**LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**March 25**  
Judy Johnson/Maureen Challenger  
2nd Reader Karen Kuperavage



**Sunday, March 25**  
**9:30 AM**—Aiden Brennan

**Easter Sunday, April 1**  
**9:30 AM**—Neiko Eckley

**Sunday, April 8**  
Annabella Chaklos

**Sunday, April 15**  
Jacob Challenger

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

**Please disregard the Mother's Day envelopes in the latest mailing. We will have new Spiritual Bouquet cards for this year.**

**Do not place loose checks in the collection basket. Always use an envelope with your name and the amount recorded on it.**

**Grateful for Saying our Sunday Masses. This week we welcome today's Celebrant, Father Connolly**  
**March 18 — Father Connolly**  
**March 25 — Father Bill**

**Easter Sunday**  
**April 1 — Father Connolly**  
**April 8 — Father Bill**  
**April 15 — Father Bill**

**Parish Stations**  
**Stations will be at St. Clare of Assisi on Tuesday March 20 and 27 at 6PM with Benediction and Confessions. Our Eucharistic Lord will be present on the Altar beginning at 4PM for private prayer and devotion.**

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### Thank You's First Penance

The children who made their first confessions did a beautiful job! Our thanks to their parents and teachers, Dottie Frie, Cathy Guzick, Lisa Gasper, Amy Benulis. Special thanks to Tom Dowd, our Director of the program, Theresa Keating, principal of Assumption BVM School, Marylou Woznisky, and Ange Dowd.

The luncheon was great thanks to JoEllen Gipe, Carol Shandor, Lauren Gibas, Leslie Salem, Bernie Arnout, and Val Davis.

### St. Clare Parish Lenten Mission

A heart-felt thank you to all who participated in our Lenten Mission – our servers, lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers. Please keep Fathers Steve Isaac and John Rother in your prayers; they did a fabulous job! Special thanks to Marylou and the combined choirs of both St. Clare and St. Stephen's for making these days of special meditations of prayer.

### Next Sunday is Palm Sunday

Next week we begin Holy Week with Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem. We invite you to listen and ponder the words of the Passion of Jesus and take Blessed Palm home to remind you to always welcome God into your home with praise.

### Lenten Confessions

**The last Sunday Confession here before Easter is March 25. Confessions will be heard from 8:45-9:15.**

Please take advantage of this opportunity to fulfill one's Easter Duty. Please also consult the regular Lenten Schedule for additional Confession times.

### Fridays & Good Friday 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.

### Minor Ministers Needed for Holy Week

**Holy Thursday:** 1 Bearer of Holy Oils; 1 Server  
**Good Friday:** 1 Female Lector for the Passion; 1 Eucharistic Minister  
**Easter Sunday:** 8:30AM 1 Lector; 2 Servers; 10:30AM 2 Eucharistic Ministers

### Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 25 at 10:45AM in the upper parking lot. Sign up sheets are at each church entrance.

**The Knights of Columbus** will be collecting for the St. Joseph Special Learning Center on March 25 at the 9:30 Mass. Please remember those children with intellectual, social, behavioral, and emotional needs by contributing.

### 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>**

### Upcoming Parish Events

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

### Pierogi News

Our Lenten homemade pierogi sales continue every Friday during Lent with the last sale date being Holy Thursday, 3/29. Cost is \$7.50 per dozen for cooked with butter & onions, cooked with butter only, or uncooked frozen. Orders must be placed by Wednesday for pickup on Fridays in the church basement (11 am – 2 pm). To order, please call 429-0863, 429-0512, 429-0343, or 429-1942.

### 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 March 25



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