

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**  
**April 1, 2018**  
**From Pastor's Desk**

How appropriate that Easter this year falls on April Fools' Day! Who would believe that Jesus is the Son of God let alone that He would rise from the dead! The sciences will always try to disprove Faith, yet how could anyone live without Faith. Faith becomes that sense of hope that will never leave us disappointed. Faith will always give us the courage to carry on in the midst of adversity. As followers of Jesus at Easter Time, we believe that all life's challenges have meaning and purpose, that suffering becomes redemptive when grounded in total trust that God will never take us where He is not, and that Jesus' triumph over death gives us eternal life.

Today we will renew our baptismal promises made for us at our baptisms by our parents and godparents. Before we had our own voice to speak in faith our family rejected sin for us and acknowledged the acceptance of training in the practice of our Catholic Christian faith to always hope in God's love and mercy. Today's world might view us as fools for our belief in God or even Catholicism nevertheless our new life in our Risen Lord gives us the courage to believe!

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**OFFICE HOURS: At St. Clare of Assisi**  
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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

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\*\***

**KING & MACCARONE FAMILIES** (Nancy King)

**Masses at St. Clare of Assisi**

**4 PM Saturday (April 7)** - People of the Parish

**4PM Saturday (April 14)** - People of the Parish

**Masses at St. Stephen**

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

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

**Sunday (April 8) Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday**

**9:30 AM—Eva Stanus** (Nancy Lescavage) and  
**Anna Marie Elo** (17th Anniv) (Agnes Gately)  
Father Bill

**Sunday (April 15) Third Sunday of Easter**

**9:30 AM—William Kalymun** (Charlotte McKeon & Family) and  
**Edward Gately** (35th Anniv) (Agnes Gately)  
Father Bill

**Sunday, March 25 Attendance**

**55 At St. Clare people**

**156 people At St. Stephen**

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**April 8:** Cemetery Upkeep

**April 15:** Fuel and Heat

Collections: Weekly and Cash \$3,521.00 (including mail-ins); Building Fund \$24.00. 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 25</b>	\$3,545.00
<b>Cemetery \$ 497.00</b>	-----
Needed to Date <b>(39th week)</b>	\$128,115.00
Collected to Date <b>(39th week)</b>	\$121,538.00
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(6,577.00)

**LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**April 8 and 15**  
Karen Kuperavage/Ed Tray



**Sunday, April 8**  
Annabella Chaklos

**Sunday, April 15**  
Jacob Challenger

**Sunday, April 22**  
Jacob Challenger

**Sunday, April 29**  
Emily Gasper

**\*\*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,**

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

**Rectory Easter Week Office Hours**

The rectory office will be closed Easter Monday and re-open for business on Tuesday morning at 9AM.

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### **Change in Mass Schedule**

There will be NO Mass on Monday or Tuesday of Easter week to allow our pastor to rejuvenate after Holy Week.

First Friday & First Saturday – Mass will be offered at 8AM in the daily Mass Chapel at St. Clare of Assisi in honor of the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart respectfully.

### **Communion Calls**

Communion Calls will be made to the sick and shut-ins of the parish on Wednesday, April 4 and Thursday, April 5. A phone call will be made prior to Fr. Bill's arrival.

### **Thank You**

For Holy Week to be spiritually meaningful and liturgically uplifting of the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter) for all our parishioners, there is much behind the scenes activity by many volunteers. Our thanks to all of them to enable our devotions and liturgies to be so beautiful.

- Firstly to our choirs, cantors, and musicians from both parishes
- To Marylou and Mary Rose our music directors for both parishes
- Our Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers
- To everyone who volunteered to get their feet washed or participated in one of the processions, or helped in any way
- To the ladies who cleaned our church
- To Lisa and Kim of Lisa's Florist and Avenues for the beautiful floral arrangements and flowers as well as Ken & Maureen Wolf for the pussy willows from their tree
- To all the guys and gals who help around the rectory and church
- Lastly to Mary Ann and Colleen for all the clerical stuff.



**Divine Mercy 50-50 Drawing – Ticket Sellers Needed!** Drawing will be held at 11 am on Sunday, April 8 in St. Stephen Rectory. If you are able to sell 50-50 tickets, please pick them up at each church entrance today after 9:30 am Mass, or at the St. Clare parish office during business hours. **Tickets are also available for purchase - \$1 each, 6 for \$5.**

### **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

### **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>**

### **Deanery Family Holy Hour**

St. Patrick's Parish and the Diocesan Office for Youth, Young Adult, and Family Ministry is hosting a family holy hour to bring families closer together in Christ. There will be faith-filled activities, a time of prayer, and a family meal offered. The cost is \$10 per family which includes dinner and activity supplies for the entire family.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 29 4-7PM in St. Patrick's Parish Center. To register or for more information [www.allentowndiocese.org/god-calls](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/god-calls) by April 23 or call 570-622-1802.



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