

SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**April 8, 2018
From Pastor's Desk**

Divine Mercy Sunday was officially established in 2000 by Pope Saint John Paul II to be celebrated each year on the Octave Day of Easter or the eighth day of Easter. For centuries, the Second Sunday of Easter was referred to "Doubting Thomas" Sunday in reference to the Apostle Thomas' when he was absent when Jesus appeared to the Apostles in the Upper Room that first Easter Sunday. The Risen Jesus challenged Thomas to believe contrary to all the "human" evidence and reason against the Resurrection. We all need Faith! With God all things are possible!

Our culture brainwashes us into believing many misconceptions about Mercy. Mercy is a sign of weakness. One's hurt can never forgive another's callousness towards me. Mercy is for nice guys and nice guys finish last.

There's a lot of hate, bias, prejudice, envy, jealousy, hurt, and the desire for revenge in our world and yes sadly in our own lives. St. Thomas doubted forgiving and so do we! Everyone needs justice but it needs to be tempered with mercy!

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**St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church
216 Valley Street, Port Carbon PA 17965**

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**OFFICE HOURS: At St. Clare of Assisi
250 E. Hancock St., St. Clair, PA 17970
Monday through Friday 9AM—4 PM, closed holidays
and day after the holiday**

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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****

Masses at St. Clare of Assisi

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

4PM Saturday (April 21) - People of the Parish

Masses at St. Stephen

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 (April 22) Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:30 AM—Rev. John J. McNamara (Dorothy Shipe) and John McGovern (Nancy King) Father Connolly

Sunday, April 1 Attendance

61 At St. Clare people

177 people At St. Stephen

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 15: Fuel and Heat

April 22: Cemetery Upkeep

April 29: Fuel and Heat

Collections: Weekly and Cash \$2,680.00 (including mail-ins); Building Fund \$349.00. 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

2016-2017 Budget	\$200,000.00
2017/2018 Budget (All Funds)	\$170,800.00
Amount Needed Weekly	\$3,285.00
Collection April 1	\$3,029.00
Cemetery \$	-----
Needed to Date (40th week)	\$131,400.00
Collected to Date (40th week)	\$121,538.00
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(6,833.00)

LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

April 15

Karen Kuperavage/Ed Tray

April 22 and 29

Maureen Challenger/Mary Ann Lubinsky



Sunday, April 15

Jacob Challenger

Sunday, April 22

****Ciara Gilbert & Charissa Gilbert Corrected**

Sunday, April 29

Emily Gasper

Sunday, May 6

Taylor Lazarchick

****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 15 — Father Bill

April 22 — Father Connolly

April 29 — Father Bill

**St. Vincent de Paul Society
The members of the St. Vincent de Paul will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, April 9, in the Rectory, weather permitting!**

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**PLEASE NOTE: OUR MAILING ADDRESS HAS CHANGED TO:
C/O 250 E. HANCOCK ST.
SAINT CLAIR, PA 17970**

Special Moments during a Great Holy Week

The Holy Thursday Watching at St. Stephen's and so many adorers.

On Good Friday Tommy Weller bringing up the collection for the Holy Land Shrines and parishioners coming to Communion looking and touching statue of crucified Lord.

Easter Vigil – a sea of glowing candles in the dark representing how Christ has illuminated our lives.

Easter Sunday the beauty of the weather and the joy of resurrection.

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

St. Clare of Assisi Chinese Auction

Sunday, May 6 at 2PM, doors open at 9AM. Shop & Drop, Sat, Apr 28 3-6PM; Sun, Apr 29, 9am-noon; Sat, May 5, 3-6PM. Tickets, \$3 a sheet, \$5 for 2 sheets. Delicious food will be for sale at both Saturday and Sunday Shop & Drops.

Nativity High School Drama Club

"Once Upon A Mattress" on Friday, 4/20 at 7pm; Saturday 4/21 at 7pm; and Sunday 4/22 at 2PM at Nativity BVM High School in Pottsville.

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 by April 23 or call 570-622-1802.



HOLY THURSDAY REPOSITORY

Special Assisi/Rome Trip Note

We have until May to make the reservations for our pilgrimage to see the birthplace and shrines of St. Clare, as well as the holy sights of our Catholic Faith. Presently we have seven vested people to the trip (down payment made), six (6) people expressing a significant interest in going, and three (3) inquiries. We need to have a total of 25 committed people for the trip to fly. If you are considering going or know of people interested please have them contact Fr. Bill ASAP.

Parish 10 Day Pilgrimage to Assisi & Rome

WHAT: To celebrate the 10th 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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