

THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER
April 15, 2018
From Pastor's Desk

Easter Sunday may have been two weeks ago, but Easter Time is just beginning. Other than Ordinary Time, Easter Time is the longest season of the Church year. Unlike Advent and Lent, two seasons that look forward to the two major feast days of the year, Easter is a season that prolongs the feast that's already been celebrated. Because the resurrection of Christ is so important, the event calls for a celebration that continues for many weeks.

During Easter Time, we don't hear any readings from the Old Testament. Instead, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles, which is like reading a diary of the early Church. We hear how the Apostles, especially Saints Peter and Paul, taught and preached and expanded the Gospel message in, around, and beyond Jerusalem.

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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**



**LECTORS AND
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

April 22 and 29
Maureen Challenger/Mary Ann Lubinsky

May 6 and 13
Ed Tray/Lisa Gasper



Sunday, April 22
**Ciara Gilbert & Charissa Gilbert
Corrected

Sunday, April 29
Emily Gasper

Sunday, May 6
Taylor Lazarchick

Sunday, May 13
Emily Yordy

****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,

**April 15 — Father Bill
April 22 — Father Connolly
April 29 — Father Bill
May 6 — Father Bill**

Thank you to the Anonymous Donor for the \$1000 Easter donation.

****SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION****
IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH J. KREYDT (Louise Kreydt)
Masses at St. Clare of Assisi
4PM Saturday (April 21) - People of the Parish
4PM Saturday (April 28) - Joseph & Joan Krynock
(Children)

Masses at St. Stephen

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 29) Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30 AM—Helen Bitterlich & Family (Family) and Rita Matsko (Florence Toczek) Father Bill

Sunday, April 8 Attendance
54 At St. Clare people
135 people At St. Stephen

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 22: Cemetery Upkeep
April 29: Fuel and Heat

Collections: Weekly and Cash \$3,160.00 (including mail-ins); Fuel & Heat \$61.00. 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	\$3,221.00
Collection April 8	\$3,029.00
Cemetery \$ 470.00	-----
Needed to Date (41st week)	\$134,685.00
Collected to Date (41st week)	\$127,788.00
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(6,897.00)

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

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

Getting Ready for Memorial Day

We ask all Lot Owners in any of our parish's cemeteries to kindly remove by May 1, all items on the graves of your loved ones (Christmas decorations, planters, wind catchers, solar-powered lights, etc.) to get the cemeteries ready for the Memorial Day holiday and summer. The parish nor our contracted grass cutters are responsible for ANYTHING placed upon graves. We ask not to place things of sentimental or monetary value on graves. Sadly some people have no respect for others.

We also remind lot owners that the planting of trees or shrubs is not permitted.

Décor on the graves need to be appropriate for a Catholic burial ground.

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.

Important Information Regarding Confirmation

Practice & Confession for the Confirmandi will be Sunday evening, April 22 at 6PM in St. John the Baptist Church, 10th & Mahantongo St., Pottsville. We ask if possible for the sponsors to also be available.

The Sacrament of Confirmation within the Celebration of Mass will be administered by Bishop Schlert on Wednesday, April 25 at 4:30PM in St. John the Baptist. Confirmandi need to be at the church 30 minutes before the ceremony.

Mission Co-Op

We will have a Missionary from the Vincentian Congregation for Mass on Sunday, July 29. The Mission Co-Op envelope will be included with your June envelopes. **Please save it for July 29th.**

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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