

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER**  
**April 29, 2018**  
**From Pastor's Desk**

In a way, Easter Time for the Church is like springtime for the world, and for those of us who live in the northern hemisphere, it is a wonderful that they coincide. The world around us celebrates new life: trees and plants are budding, animals have come out of hibernation, the sun is out longer. As Christians, we also celebrate new life: Jesus is risen, the readings recount the infancy of the early church, we have new life in the Lord by our baptism. As Jesus addresses us in the Gospel for this Sunday, let us bear much fruit!

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**Grateful for Saying our Sunday Masses. This week we welcome today's Celebrant,**

**May 6 — Father Bill**  
**May 13 — Father Brensinger**  
**May 20 — Father Connolly**  
**May 27 — Father Bill**  
**June 3 — Father Connolly**

**St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church**  
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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**

**Rev. Msgr. William F. Glosser, V.F., M.A., M.Div.**  
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**Mass Schedule**

**Sundays: 9:30 AM**

**\*\*Please consult weekly Schedule inside for Holydays 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\*\***

**Masses at St. Clare of Assisi**

**4PM Saturday (May 5)** - Rita Matsko (Florence Toczek)  
(Children)

**4PM Saturday (May 12)** People of the Parish

**Masses at St. Stephen**

**Sunday (April 29) Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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

**Sunday (May 6) Sixth Sunday of Easter/First Holy  
Communion**

**9:30 AM**—Jean Macaluso (Ralph & Anne Serignese) and  
Walter Stutz (Hugh & Kathy McGowan)  
Father Bill

**Sunday (May 13) Seventh Sunday of Easter/Mother's  
Day**

**9:30 AM**—Living and Deceased Mothers of the Parish  
Father Connolly

**Sunday, April 22 Attendance**

**36 At St. Clare people  
117 people At St. Stephen**

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**May 6:** Building Fund

**May 13:** Cemetery Upkeep

Collections: Weekly and Cash \$2,145.00. 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 April 22 Cemetery \$ 510.00</b>	-----
Needed to Date <b>(43rd week)</b>	\$141,225.00
Collected to Date <b>(43rd week)</b>	\$132,735.00
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(8490.00)

**LECTORS AND  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**May 6 and 13**

Ed Tray/Lisa Gasper

**May 20 and 27**

Judy Johnson/Elizabeth Harrison



**Sunday, May 6**

Taylor Lazarchick

**Sunday, May 13**

Emily Yordy

**Sunday, May 20**

Aiden Brennan

**\*\*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 In-  
tention candle that was previously used.  
Call the rectory if you would like to schedule  
a candle for your intention. Thank you.

**Do not place loose checks in the collec-  
tion basket. Always use an envelope  
with your name and the amount re-  
corded on it.**

**Mother's Day Remembrances**

**Mothers' Day is Sunday, May 13. In ad-  
dition to the breakfasts, dinners, flow-  
ers, and other wonderful presents, one  
of the greatest gifts we could offer are  
our prayers for our Mothers, living and  
deceased. Our Mothers were the first to  
teach us how to pray, to know and love  
God. Our Mothers made God ever pre-  
sent to us.**

**As we have done in the past, the parish  
is offering Mothers' Day Remembrance  
cards for both living and deceased  
mothers. The suggested offering is \$10.  
During the entire month of May (the  
month of God's Mother, Mary), our  
mothers will be remembered each time  
Mass is offered.**

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

**Communion Calls**

**Holy Communion will be brought to the sick and elderly of the parishes this Tuesday and Wednesday. A phone call will be made prior to Fr. Bill's visit.**

**Congratulations to our Confirmation Class**

Our Bishop Alfred invoked the Gifts of the Holy Spirit conferring the Sacrament of Christian Maturity upon our parishioners last Wednesday.

Michael Adams	Justin Herb
Aaliyah Balthaser	Tyler Kull
Julia Balulis	Taylor Lazarchick
Gillian Blankenhorn	Conlon Maley
Emma Brady	Elena Martinko
Lydia Cholko	Brooke Onuskanich
Tate Clarke	Zoie Phillips
Caitlyn Corby	Kathleen Purnell
Evan Gould	Luke Salem
Isaiah Guy	Gracelyn Weismiller

**Upcoming Parish Events**

- 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. Graves are not to be altered in any way including stones, railroad ties, etc.

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

**Important Information Regarding First Communion**

**Practice will be today, Sunday, April 29th after Mass and on Thursday May 3rd at 4:30 there will be Confessions followed by practice.**

**Nativity BVM High School—Congratulations to the Cast & Crew**

Last weekend, Nativity High School performed splendidly “Once Upon a Mattress” based upon the fairy tale The Princess and the Pea. Superb job to our parishioner Emily Gasper who played Princess No. 12 and Lady Mabelle.

**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 fourteen vested people to the trip (down payment made), 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 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>**

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## **Novena Time is Fast Approaching**

We all have some "knots" in our lives... and Mary can untie them! The devotion to **Mary, Undoer of Knots** has become more popular ever since Pope Francis encouraged the devotion in Argentina, and then spoke about it during his first year as pontiff. The theology of the devotion actually goes back to the second century. Saint Irenaeus wrote that, "The knot of Eve's disobedience was untied by the obedience of Mary; what the virgin Eve bound by her unbelief, the Virgin Mary loosened by her faith." Mary's faith unties the knot of sin! So we will pray that the Blessed Virgin Mary will intercede for us all, to untie the knots of sin in our lives – so that we may be purified and ever closer to God.

We will start praying this novena at St. Clare of Assisi on May 6 with the recitation of the rosary before the weekend Masses! Anyone willing to lead the rosary please contact the rectory this week. The 9 day novena will begin at daily Mass on Tuesday, May 22.

Candle-light Rosary will be on Thursday, May 31. Our former seminarian, now Fr. David Anthony will be our homilist for the evening.

One can also Google praymorenovenas.com for the Mary Undoer of Knots novena and pray it at home.

## **St. Clare of Assisi Parish Chinese Auction**

Be prepared to be "wow-ed!" This weekend you will get to preview our **Fabulous** Chinese Auction during "Shop and Drop" times on Saturday April 28 from 3-6, and Sunday May 6 from after the 8:30 Mass until noon. You can buy tickets and start dropping them in the bags of the prizes you desire! Tickets are only \$3.00/sheet or 2 sheets for \$5.00! There are going to be some **Big Ticket Prizes** as well!! Plan on joining us for dinner while you shop, delicious food and baked goods will be sold as well. Take Out's available as well. \*Remember baked goods can be dropped off during shop and drop times Saturday and Sunday. Call Jo Ellen Gipe 429-2022, Jo Ann McCarthy 429-1040, or Carol Shandor 429-1307 for more information.

**Nativity BVM High School** is accepting applications for a Mathematics Teacher for 2018-2019 School Year. Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics, Mathematics Education or related field is required. Mathematics certification is preferred. Interested candidates should send resume, certifications and all clearances by June 15, 2018 to: Nativity BVM High School, Attn. Mrs. Lynn Sabol Principal One Lawtons Hill Pottsville, PA 17901 or email: lsabol@nativitybvm.net

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**Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner**, Saturday May, 19, 2018, 3:00 PM —7:00PM, St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall, 1115 Walnut, St., Ashland, PA. Tickets \$9.00. Eat in/Take Out Available. Children under 8 are free/Eat in Only. Dinner includes: Salad, Bread and Butter, Dessert. Tickets are available from any Knight Officer or you may call the Parish Office at 570-875-1521. All Proceeds Benefit the Knights of Columbus Sarto Council #1322 Projects.