

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**May 20, 2018**  
**From Pastor's Desk**

Today is the fiftieth day of Easter, a season marked with joy and gladness. In fire and wind, the Spirit of the Lord descends with God's sevenfold gifts of wisdom and understanding, right judgment and courage, knowledge, reverence, and wonder (sometimes called fear of the Lord). The Apostles had to wait until the first Pentecost to receive the Holy Spirit. But we were blessed with the Holy Spirit when we were baptized. The Holy Spirit is within each one of us. Moreover, together we are united in the Spirit, who moves among us, here in this building as well as around the whole world. As we celebrate Pentecost, let us be aware of the movement of the Spirit in our lives.

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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 Holy-**  
**days 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\*\***  
**IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH J. KREYDT (5th Anniv)** (Louise Kreydt)

**Masses at St. Clare of Assisi**  
**4PM Saturday (May 26)** Stephen & Helen Rennick and Jeff Tohill (Helen Tohill)

**4PM Saturday (June 2)** - People of the Parish  
**Masses at St. Stephen**

**Sunday (May 20) Pentecost Sunday**

**9:30 AM**—Joseph J. Kreydt (5th Anniv) (Louise Kreydt) and Bertha Corson (5th Anniv) Bob Corson

**Sunday (May 27) The Most Holy Trinity**

**9:30 AM**—Alice Pitchalonis Fegley (Children) and Thomas Mooney (M/M Paul Strauss & Family)

**Sunday (June 3) Corpus Christi**

**9:30 AM**—Edward Legutko (Dorothy Legutko) and Rev. John J. McNamara (Al & Linda Baldinger)

**Sunday, May 13 Attendance**  
**40 At St. Clare people**  
**119 people At St. Stephen**

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**May 27:** Cemetery Upkeep  
**June 3:** Building Fund

Collections: Weekly and Cash \$2,982.00; Ascension Thursday, \$343.00. 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 May 13 Cemetery \$ 499.00</b>	-----
Needed to Date <b>(46th week)</b>	\$151,110.00
Collected to Date <b>(46th week)</b>	\$142,071.00
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(9,039.00)

**LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**May 27**  
 Judy Johnson/Elizabeth Harrison



**Sunday, May 27**  
 Neiko Eckley

**Sunday, June 3**  
 Annabella Chaklos

**Sunday, June 10**  
 Jacob Challenger

**Sanctuary Candles are available In Memory Of or In Honor Of or Special Intentions. The cost is \$15 for the 7-day candle. Call the rectory if you would like to schedule a candle for yourself or your intention. Thank you.**

**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,**

**May 20 — Father Connolly**  
**May 27 — Father Bill**  
**June 3 — Father Brensinger**  
**June 10 — Father Bill**  
**June 17 — Father Bill**  
**June 24 — Father Brensinger**

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

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**Mary, Undoer of Knots Pray for us!**

Did you tie your ribbon on the trellis yet in the prayer grotto? We all have some "knots" in our lives... and Mary can untie them! So we will pray that the Blessed Virgin Mary will intercede for us all, to untie the knots of sin, anxiety, frustrations, heart breaks, and troubles in our lives – so that we may be purified and ever closer to God. 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.

**Memorial Day Mass**

Memorial Day is Monday, May 28. We will offer Mass at 9AM at St. Clare of Assisi in the main church. We remember all our veterans who helped protect our freedom as a Nation.

**Memorial Day Flowers**

In light of all the rainfall we are experiencing and to assist our grass cutters, please wait until closer to the holiday to place your Memorial Day flowers on the graves.

**About the Cemetery Collection**

Last year, the cemetery collection, donations, and sale of graves was \$9,585 in income. Last year, cemetery expenses, grass cutting, road repair, grave repair, & misc. \$14,584. Last year cemetery was a loss of \$4,999. This money needed to come out of parish income instead of cemetery. **Please be generous with the cemetery collections.**

**Thank You**

My thanks to those who remembered my 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary to priesthood on May 12. Please continue your prayerful support for me and all priests, deacons, and seminarians of the Diocese. Pray for vocations.

**The Order of Deacon**

In our Church's hierarchial structure there are two types of deacons – permanent and transitory. A permanent deacon can be married as he performs ministries of charity for the well-being of the Faithful. A transitory deacon is in transition to the ordination to priesthood. This Saturday, Bishop Schlert ordained Zack Wehr, John Maria, and Guiseppe Esposito to the ministry of deacon on their way to priesthood next June. Please pray for these men.

**Graduates Mass**

Attention our parish graduates from high school and eighth grade, **PLEASE RSVP TO THE RECTORY BY FRIDAY, JUNE 1** if you plan to attend the Graduates Mass on Sunday, June 10 at 9:30AM. We encourage PAHS and NBVM Class of 2018 to wear your cap & gown to the Mass.

**Correction**

Mary, our Queen of May, was crowned by first communicant Brandi Boyer. We apologize for the error.

# St. Stephen Church FOOD SALE



**Saturday May 19, 5 pm** (after 4 pm Mass) at St. Clare of Assisi Church - 250 E Hancock St, St Clair, PA 17970

**Sunday May 20, 10:30 am** (after 9:30 am Mass) at St. Stephen Church - 218 Valley St, Port Carbon, PA 17965

**Soup \$6/quart**

**Chili & BBQ \$10/quart**

**Plus: Terrie K's Famous Rice Pudding!**

Food will be sold cold – ready to take home and heat up! More info 717-649-7894

### **Upcoming Parish Events**

May 31 – Novena to Mary “Undoer of Knots” and Candlelight rosary in Grotto

June 4 – Nativity BVM Baccalaureate 7PM

June 5 – Nativity BVM Graduation 7PM

**June 7** – Assumption BVM School Graduation at 6PM at St. Clare of Assisi

June 8 – Pottsville Area High School Graduation

August 12 – Celebration of Feast of St. Clare of Assisi & 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Founding of the Parish Mass at 3PM. Parish Picnic up the Gunny following Mass till 7PM

### **Great News about our Trip to Assisi/Rome**

UniTours which is overseeing all the arrangements for our fabulous 10 day pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome has extended the deadline to reserve a spot on the pilgrimage until the beginning of July. Our trip will be from October 6-15, 2018 with a direct flight to Rome departing from JFK. We will charter a bus (an additional cost) to get us to JFK. The total cost of the trip is \$4,300.00 per person per double occupancy which includes air fare, hotels, group transportation in Italy and the following meals 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 6 dinners. There will be some other incidental expenses not included in the trip cost.

We welcome and certainly could use a few more travelers with us; please tell your friends! For more information ask for a flyer or visit <http://bit.ly/FrGlosserItaly>

### **Bishop’s Annual Appeal Update**

We are grateful to our parishioners who have already made a donation or pledge to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. So far this year, we have raised \$3,350 from 37 donors. Last year our parish raised \$6,102.00 from 92 donors. As pastor my only hope and goal is that we as a parish can raise the same amount as last year.

Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$300 gift to the BAA may be set-up with six \$50 installments. Your sacrifice and generosity to those less fortunate will allow the ministries of our Diocese to offer services to those who need our assistance. You can make your gift online at [FaithHopeCharityGives.org](http://FaithHopeCharityGives.org).

### **Thank you to the following sponsors of our Annual Parish Calendars**

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