

**CORPUS CHRISTI  
JUNE 3, 2018  
From Pastor's Desk**

The Old Covenant of biblical times was the Feast of Passover when God instructed Moses to have His Chosen Flock to eat the Passover feast. This feast was their beginning of the journey to the Promised Land! The New Covenant for you and I is the Paschal Mystery (the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God). At the Last Supper, Jesus gave us the Paschal Mystery in an 'unbloody way' for you and I to follow Him into the Promised Land – eternal life with God in heaven.

The Feast of Corpus Christi (the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ) is an expression of our gratitude to God for His Son becoming for us the Lamb of Sacrifice replacing the lamb of the Passover feast. But Jesus is MORE! After being the Lamb offered to the Father, He becomes the Good Shepherd --the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Jesus who is truly human and truly divine leads us on the journey to the Promised Land. Nourished with this sacred meal, we are called to go forth as the Body of Christ, carrying forward His mission in the world today.

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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\*\***

**Masses at St. Clare of Assisi**

**4PM Saturday (June 2)** - People of the Parish

**4PM Saturday (June 9)** Rita Matsko (John Fegley & Family)

**Masses at St. Stephen**

**Sunday (June 3) Corpus Christi**

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

**Sunday (June 10) Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:30 AM**—John McGovern (Sandra & Darrell Lane) and Rev. Msgr. Anthony F. Wassell (St. Stephen Classmates)

**Sunday (June 17) Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time/  
Father's Day**

**9:30 AM**—Living and Deceased Fathers of the Parish

**Sunday, May 27 Attendance**

**56 At St. Clare people**

**97 people At St. Stephen**

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**June 10:** Cemetery Upkeep

**June 17:** Peter's Pence

Collections: Weekly and Cash \$2,623.00; Building Fund \$39.00 (includes mail-ins). 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 27</b>	\$2,662.00
<b>Cemetery \$ 690.00</b>	-----
Needed to Date <b>(48th week)</b>	\$157,680.00
Collected to Date <b>(48th week)</b>	\$147,704.00
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(9,976.00)

**LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**June 10**

Maureen Challenger/Mary Ann Lubinsky

**June 17**

Ed Tray/Lisa Gasper

**June 24**

Judy Johnson/Elizabeth Harrison

**July 1**

Lisa Gasper/Maureen Challenger



**Sunday, June 10**

Jacob Challenger

**Sunday, June 17**

Ciara Gilbert and Charissa Gilbert

**Sunday, June 24**

Emily Gasper

**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,**

**June 3 — Father Brensinger**

**June 10 — Father Bill**

**June 17 — Father Bill**

**June 24 — Father Brensinger**

**ICC All You Can Eat Breakfast**

Today, June 3, 8 to 11:30AM, at ICC Hall, \$7 adults, \$3 Children under 8. Benefits St. Clare of Assisi Parish.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**OUR MAILING ADDRESS HAS CHANGED TO:**

**C/O 250 E. HANCOCK ST.  
SAINT CLAIR, PA 17970**

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### **Father's Day**

Father's Day is Sunday June 17. Father's Day Mass Remembrance cards can be found on the rear table in the back of church. These cards can be used to remember both living and deceased fathers. We will remember our Father's Day intentions during the entire month of June with every Mass offered. Donation for the Remembrance is \$10. **DO NOT USE THE ENVELOPE ENCLOSED WITH THE JUNE MAILING.**

### **Graduates Mass**

Attention our parish graduates from high school and eighth grade, **PLEASE RSVP TO THE RECTORY BY MONDAY, JUNE 4**, 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.

### **St. Clare of 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parish Celebration Plans**

On Sunday, August 12 St. Clare of Assisi Parish will celebrate their patronal feast day and the tenth anniversary of the parish under her patronage with a special Mass at 3PM and a picnic to follow "up da Gunny" till 7PM. Fr. Mark Searles will be our homilist for the Mass.

The picnic will be catered by Hess Catering. The menu will include: B-B-Q chicken and ribs, hamburgers, hot dogs, and pulled pork sandwiches. There will also be pasta salad, baked beans, corn on the cob, fresh fruit, Nachos w/salsa. The cost will be \$15 per person. Those attending need to bring their own refreshments. All are invited to attend. Watch for more details.

### **Diocesan Red, White, & Blue Mass**

All Police, Firefighters, First Responders, Legal Professionals, Health Care Workers, & their Families are invited to join to Bishop Alfred A. Schlert as he celebrates the First Red, White, & Blue Mass on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 6:30 PM Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena. Please wear your uniforms.

**Both Assumption and Nativity can sell gift cards** for local grocery stores, department stores in Schuylkill County as well as Berks County and the Lehigh Valley, gasoline gift cards, etc. The school receives a percentage of the sale. Why not use these gifts cards to purchase your groceries, gas, restaurants, etc and help either our Catholic grade school or high school in the process? Contact the school office for more information.

**PLEASE SEE THE LAST PAGE REGARDING CEMETERY CONCERNS.**

### **Upcoming Parish Events**

June 4 – Nativity BVM Baccalaureate 7PM

June 5 – Natvity BVM Graduation 7PM

June 5 — Vacation Bible School Meeting at SCA at 6:30

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

June 8 – Pottsville Area High School Graduation  
August 12 – Celebration of the 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 or pledged \$3,900 from 47 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.

## CEMETERY CONCERNS

### Memorial Day – Grass & Rain

In the 26 days preceding our Memorial Day weekend, 15 of those days were filled with rainfall that at times was moderate to heavy (one can't cut grass in the rain)! Still our grass cutters did an extraordinary job! We wish to thank Alspaugh's for their efforts to make the cemeteries, old and new, look presentable. St. Stephen Cemetery is not easy to cut. There were a couple complaints and the rectory contacted Alspaugh's. One person was downright rude and would not identify himself.

### Recent Burials

Please note that it takes at least 6 months to 1 year for the ground to settle after a recent burial. Our grass cutters, after sufficient time, will come back, rake the grave and add more topsoil. They will then let the ground settle again. One cannot expect grass to grow on the graves overnight. Please be patient. If a burial occurs in the late fall or during the winter, the grave cannot be seeded until the spring. It will then take a few months for the grass to take hold, sometimes requiring multiple seedings.

### Removal of Flowers from the Graves

We ask that the flowers one placed on loved ones graves for Memorial Day be removed by June 7. We also remind plot holders that cemetery regulations prohibit the planting of ANY permanent shrubs, trees, etc., on the graves. The parish is NOT responsible for anything that might be taken off your graves – solar lights, flags, statues, stuffed animals, etc. In addition to the possibility of them being stolen, it makes grass cutting and trimming extremely tedious for the grass cutters by increasing the amount of hours it takes to cut the cemeteries. This then is reflected in cemetery costs.

The parish is going to great expense trying to keep the final resting places of your families in a respectable condition. However, we can't do anything without money. If the grass is high, or trimming needs to be done around a headstone, we will correct it if you let us know. But, please do not complain about grass on a headstone or bird droppings on a headstone, or any other minor problem regarding the grave. You need to take some responsibility for your graves.

### About the St. Stephen Cemetery Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund is the new title for Perpetual Care. Perpetual Care was a fee that began in the late 1970's-early 1980's in the hopes that everyone who had a loved one buried in the cemetery would pay this fee to cover cemetery maintenance. The goal was to create a principal where the interest generated off the principal would cover annual cemetery expenses such as grass cutting. Sadly, not everyone contributed and with the economy today interest rates are not what was originally expected.

Over the years, Father Mac, Father Karns and Father Bill have been forced to withdraw from the principal so that cemetery expenses, such as grass cutting, could be paid. Presently, the cemetery endowment fund has only \$6,000. Last year, the cemetery collections, donations, and burial charges totaled \$9,485 in income. We sold no burial lots. Last year, cemetery expenses, grass cutting, grave repair, & burial charges was almost \$15,000. Last year, the cemetery went in arrears of \$5,000.

### Donations sought for Cemetery Fund

Having parish grass cutters enables a uniform and consistent cutting of the cemeteries. Please consider making a donation to the St. Clare of Assisi Cemetery Fund to help us add to the principal to begin to generate sufficient interest.

**If you desire to have our cemeteries looking as best as possible (aka YOUR families' plots), or you do not wish to drag a lawn mower up to the cemetery to cut your own, or you do not want to be frustrated because you cut your grass but the people who own the plots around you won't cut their grass, then we need your help! Please be generous on those weeks there is a cemetery collection.**

### Have a Cemetery Problem or Concern?

We do our very best to correct any fixable problems in all our; BUT we need to know there is a problem first. We do not have a maintenance staff nor can Fr. Bill check each cemetery on a weekly basis. You need to be our eyes and ears to let us know rather than nasty phone calls or hearing it is all over Facebook. Just please civilly let us know. We will correct the problem if we can.