

**TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JUNE 10, 2018  
From Pastor's Desk**

June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart falls 19 days after Pentecost, on a Friday. The devotion to the Sacred Heart is one of the most widely practiced and well-known Roman Catholic devotions, taking Jesus Christ's physical heart as the representation of his divine love for humanity. While the devotion took on life in the 11<sup>th</sup> Century, it was not formalized until the efforts of a French priest, St. John Eudes. The spread of devotion to the Sacred Heart began following the revelations to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque. In these revelations to St. Margaret Mary Jesus told her: "*Behold this heart which, notwithstanding the burning love for men with which it is consumed and exhausted, meets with no other return from most Christians than sacrilege, contempt, indifference and ingratitude, even in the sacrament of my love [the Eucharist]. But what pierces my heart most deeply is that I am subjected to these insults by persons especially consecrated to my service.*" These revelations coincidentally began the practice of First Friday. The effects of the Devotions to the Sacred Heart were popularized again through the efforts of St. John Paul II through the diary of St. Faustina and the development of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

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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 9)** Rita Matsko (John Fegley & Family)

**4PM Saturday (June 16)** - People of the Parish

**Masses at St. Stephen**

**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 (June 24) Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

**9:30 AM**—Bertha Corson (Bob Corson) and Eva Stanus (Dorothy Legutko)

**Sunday, June 3 Attendance**

**56 people at St. Clare**

**105 people at St. Stephen**

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**June 17:** Peter's Pence (1st collection will be Weekly and Fuel and Heat)

**June 24:** Cemetery

Collections: Weekly and Cash \$2,290.00; Building Fund \$448.00; Fuel & Heat \$60 (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 June 3</b>	\$2,798.00
<b>Cemetery \$</b>	-----
Needed to Date <b>(48th week)</b>	\$160,965.00
Collected to Date <b>(48th week)</b>	\$150,502.00
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(10,463.00)

**LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**June 17**

Ed Tray/Lisa Gasper

**June 24**

Judy Johnson/Elizabeth Harrison

**July 1**

Lisa Gasper/Maureen Challenger

**July 8**

Karen Kuperavage/Ed Tray



**Sunday, June 10**

Jacob Challenger

**Sunday, June 17**

Ciara Gilbert and Charissa Gilbert

**Sunday, June 24**

Emily Gasper

**Sunday, July 1**

Taylor Lazarchick

**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 10 — Father Bill**

**June 17 — Father Bill**

**June 24 — Father Brensinger**

**July 1 — Father Connolly**

**July 8 — Father Bill**

**July 15 — Father Connolly**

**July 22 — Father Bill**

**July 29 — Missionary**

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

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### **Changes in this Week's Mass Schedule**

Fr. Bill will be preaching the parish mission of St. Anthony of Padua, Easton PA as well as the feast day of St. Anthony. There will be no daily Mass Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday this week. Mass will be celebrated this Friday and Saturday at 8AM in the daily Mass chapel.

### **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.**

### **St. Clare of Assisi 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: BBQ 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.

### **Upcoming Parish Events**

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

### **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.

### **What are the First Friday & First Saturday Devotions?**

The First Friday devotion and the First Saturday devotion are both reparatory devotions in the Catholic Church that arose from separate private revelations. The First Friday devotion is associated with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, while the First Saturday devotion is associated with the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Incidentally, these are two of the most widely popular devotions to Jesus and Mary.

Both devotions involve receiving Holy Communion on a certain number of consecutive first Fridays or first Saturdays of the month. You can think of it almost like a novena which is prayed on consecutive days for a particular intention, but instead, these devotions are performed on consecutive months for the particular intention of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, respectively.

The devotions are similar in that they call on the faithful to "stand in the gap" by doing penance for sinners, and both give a special promise of Divine assistance at the hour of death, that is, the promise of dying in a state of grace and therefore obtaining heaven.

### **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>

**The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass** and Veneration of the First Class Relic of St. Pauline Visintainer takes place **this month on Monday, June 18th** at 5PM in Our Lady's Chapel of St. Patrick Church in Pottsville. NOTE: the change in the date is for this month only.

## 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 \$4,035.00 from 52 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).



## Congratulations to our College, High School and 8th Grade Graduates

**We would like to publish the names of our graduates next week. Please contact the rectory with the name of the student and school of graduation. High School, please give us the name of the college he/she will be attending.**

the will of God will never take you,

where the grace of God cannot keep you,

where the arms of God cannot support you,

where the riches of God cannot supply your needs,

where the power of God cannot endow you.

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where the Spirit of God cannot work through you,

where the wisdom of God cannot teach you,

where the army of God cannot protect you,

where the hands of God cannot mold you.

the will of God will never take you,

where the love of God cannot enfold you,

where the mercies of God cannot sustain you,

where the peace of God cannot calm your fears,

where the authority of God cannot overrule for you.

the will of God will never take you,

where the comfort of God cannot dry your tears,

where the Word of God cannot feed you,

where the miracles of God cannot be done for you,

where the omnipresence of God cannot find you.