

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 17, 2018
From Pastor's Desk**

Today we celebrate Fathers' Day, honoring fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, and all those who acted like fathers in our lives. How fortunate are we if we had or have a father who is like the majestic cedar described in the first reading, providing comfort and protection for all those in its care. Whatever our own circumstances, we can look to God, our Almighty Father, as the ideal of a fostering, loving, forgiving parent.

What is a Father by Sally B. Williams

A Father is a person who loves and respects you,
He is honest and he never neglects you.
He is the greatest that your eyes will ever see.
No other man like him will there ever be.
When you are in your bedroom and scared at night;
A father comes in to let you know that everything is all-right.
Education is important so stay in school hanging out on the streets is not cool.
Listen to me son, so the day you become a man,
Like me you will do everything you can.
A father is like no other man around
Another man like him can never be found

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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

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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 23) Joseph & Joan Krynock (Children)

4PM Saturday (June 30) - People of the Parish

Masses at St. Stephen

Sunday (June 17) Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time/

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 (July 1) Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM—Helen Bitterlich Family (Family) and
Jean Macaluso (Nancy King & Family)

Sunday, June 10 Attendance

61 people at St. Clare

105 people at St. Stephen

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

June 24: Cemetery

July 1: Building Fund

Collections: Weekly and Cash \$2,703.00. 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	\$3,285.00
Collection June 10	\$2,703.00
Cemetery \$ 420.00	-----
Needed to Date (50th week)	\$164,250.00
Collected to Date (50th week)	\$153,205.00
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(11,045.00)

**LECTORS AND
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

June 24

Judy Johnson/Elizabeth Harrison

July 1

Lisa Gasper/Maureen Challenger

July 8

Karen Kuperavage/Ed Tray

July 15

Maureen Challenger/Lisa Gasper



Sunday, June 17

Ciara Gilbert and Charissa Gilbert

Sunday, June 24

Emily Gasper

Sunday, July 1

Taylor Lazarchick

Sunday, July 8

Neiko Eckley

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 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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Father's Day

Father's Day is today. 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.**

Upcoming Parish Events

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

September 24 – Mass Celebrating the Lord's Comfort and Healing Love at 6:30PM with Bishop Schlert at St. Clare of Assisi

Mission Co-OP

Our parish is scheduled for a missionary to visit on July 29 to promote the cause of evangelization of the Gospel. Please utilize your mission co-op envelope found in your packet that weekend.

Important PREP News

New this summer, registration materials will be emailed to all families that have attended the PREP program in the previous year to be filled out at your convenience. **ALL** non-parishioners attending the St. Clare/St. Stephen PREP program must get written permission from their pastor to attend our program. Make sure all email addresses are written clearly since this is our main mode of communication. Place all material and payment in an envelope and either send to the rectory or place in the collection basket. Please send in registration by July 31st. Have a great Summer!!!

Healing Mass

On Monday, September 24 at 6:30 PM there will be a Mass Celebrating the Lord's Comfort and Healing Love here at St. Clare of Assisi. All are invited to join in prayer at this Mass with The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert as celebrant and homilist. Following Mass there will be a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for confession. The evening will conclude with Benediction at 8:30 PM.

St. Stephen 171st Anniversary 50-50 Drawing – Ticket Sellers Needed! Drawing will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday, July 17 in St. Stephen Rectory. If you are able to sell 50-50 tickets, please pick them up at the church entrance today after 9:30 am Mass, or at the St. Clare parish office during business hours. Tickets are also available for purchase - \$1 each, 6 for \$5.

St. Clare of Assisi 10th 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.

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>

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.

- **How Does One Define a Good Catholic?**

Some might say they are a Good Catholic, but does their interpretation of the word "good" mean the same thing to all Catholics? A good Catholic or better a practicing Catholic:

- Received the Sacraments of Initiation namely, Baptism, Eucharist, & Confirmation
- Is a registered member of a parish in close proximity to where they reside
- Prays during the course of one's day (morning, meals, night)
- Participates regularly in Saturday evening or Sunday Masses
- Takes opportunity to examine one's Conscience and receives the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least twice a year
- Frequently receives Holy Communion
- Gives of one's time, talent, and treasure to support their pastor and parish
- Abides by the teachings of Christ found in the Gospels and the beliefs of the Roman Catholic Church
- Observes the Precepts of the Church
- Avoids unnecessary work on Sundays to enjoy one's blessings from God
- To learn Catholic teaching to advance the cause of Christ from the age of reason to elder adulthood
- To observe the marital laws of the Church
- To educate one's children in the Catholic Faith
- To perform acts of penance and sacrifice as called for by the Church during Lent and as a special devotional practice
- Prays for the Holy Father, all priests, and the Universal Church
- Encourages vocations to the religious life, the missionary spirit of the Church, and the work of the Church
- Provides good witness to the Catholic Faith by the observance of the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy and living out the Beatitudes

This week, the Associated Press published a story on the looming Pennsylvania Grand Jury report due to be released by month's end. The Grand Jury's two year investigation of clerical sexual misconduct pertaining to minors spans from 1947 until 2002. This compendium of fifty years of abuse cases will be damning and painful. However, the focus of our prayers and concern must be for the healing of all victims and survivors of these shameful times.

As a Church we must be proactive to never allow something like this to happen again.

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 \$4,285.00 from 60 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 Faith-HopeCharityGives.org.

The Office for Vocations, in conjunction with the Saint Andrew Committee, will be conducting its Sixth Annual Quo Vadis Vocation Camp and Fourth Annual Fiat Days Vocation Camp, from Sunday, July 15 to Thursday, July 19, 2018 on the campus of DeSales University. Both camps are open to young men and women from ages 14 to 18 (including the newly graduated). There are a limited number of spaces available. For more details and registration material, please see our webpages at www.allentowndiocese.org/quo-vadis and www.allentowndiocese.org/fiat-days. **Early registration is \$50 before June 15. After June 15, the registration fee is \$75. Registration deadline is June 29. No registrations after the deadline will be accepted, and there are no walk-ins.**

That's What the Pope Said...

Peace is a gift that can easily be destroyed through petty gossip and speaking ill of others, Pope Francis said. The Pope's comments were made during his weekly general audience on Wednesday. "Gossip is not a work of the Holy Spirit; it is not a work of the unity of the church. Gossip destroys the work of God. Please stop gossiping," the pope said.