

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 29, 2018
From Pastor's Desk**

We are only three (3) weeks away!! On Sunday, August 12 we will celebrate the Feast of St. Clare of Assisi and the tenth anniversary of the parish under her patronage with a special Mass at 3PM, (Fr. Mark Searles will be our homilist for the Mass), and a picnic to follow "up da Gunny" till 7PM. We are hoping that St. Stephen Parishioners will attend!

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Please use a reply form found in the back of the church so we can include you in the count. Payment is needed with the form. Deadline to submit an RSVP is Monday, August 1.

**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**

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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 (August 4) Rita Matsko (Tom & Donata Villella)

4PM Saturday (August 11) - People of the Parish

Masses at St. Stephen

Sunday (July 29) Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM—Francis Lubinsky (Robert Lubinsky) and Alice Pitchalonis Fegley

Sunday (August 5) Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(CORRECTION) 9:30 AM—Carl Leibel & Louise Leibel and Rev. John J. McNamara (Dave & Cheryl Bolich)

Sunday (August 12 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM—John McGovern (Sandra & Darrell Lane) and Joseph & Joan Krynock (Children)

Sunday, July 22nd Attendance
97 at St. Stephen

40 at St. Clare

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

August 5: Building Fund

August 12: Cemetery Upkeep

Thank you for your generosity! Collection for 7/22 Weekly and Cash \$2,694; Building \$16. Please also note our posting of collection information to make budget, we are in the red for fiscal year 2018-2019.

Thank you to the anonymous donor for the \$2,000 donation!

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2016-2017 Budget	\$170,800.00
2017/2018 Budget (All Funds)	\$150,200.00
Amount Needed Weekly	\$2,888.46
Collection July 22	\$2,710.00
Cemetery \$367.00	-----
Needed to Date (4th week)	\$11,553.84
Collected to Date (4th)	\$9,977.25
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(1,576.59)

LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

August 5

Karen Kuperavage/Lisa Gasper

August 12

Maureen Challenger/Elizabeth Harrison



Sunday, July 29

Annabella Chaklos

Sunday, August 5

Jacob Challenger

Sunday, August 12

Ciara Gilbert/Charissa Gilbert

We have Mass Intention openings. Please call the rectory if you wish to schedule a Mass.

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. Today we welcome our Celebrant,
 July 29 — Missionary, Father Cherrian Pulikunnel**

**August 5 — Father Connolly
 August 12 — Father Bill
 August 19 — Msgr. Handges
 August 26 — Father Bill**

ICC All You Can Eat Breakfast

Next Sunday, August 5, 8 to 11:30AM, at ICC Hall, \$7 adults, \$3 Children under 8. Benefits St. Clare of Assisi Parish.

Communion Calls

Holy Communion will be brought to the homes of our sick and shut-ins this Wednesday and Thursday. A phone call will be made prior to Fr. Bill's visit.

Changes in Next Week's Mass Schedule

Monday, August 6 Mass at 6PM

Tuesday, August 7 Mass at 8AM

Wednesday, August 8 **NO MASS**

Thursday, August 9 Mass at **12 Noon**

Friday, August 10 Mass at 8AM

Saturday, August 11, Mass at 8AM in Honor of St. Clare of Assisi on her feast. Coffee & muffins on the rectory porch to follow Mass

Vigil Mass at 4PM

Sunday, August 12 Masses at 8:30AM (St. Clare) & 9:30AM (St. Stephen). **NO 10:30AM MASS due to Mass at 3PM for the anniversary.**

Important Mass Change on August 12

When we celebrate St. Clare of Assisi's 10th Anniversary on Sunday, August 12, there will be a change in the Sunday Mass schedule! **THERE WILL BE NO 10:30am Mass** that day due to many of our parishioners attending the anniversary Mass at 3pm followed by the parish picnic.

Mass Schedule Weekend of Sunday, August 12

Saturday at 4PM

Sunday at 8:30AM

Sunday at St. Stephen's 9:30AM

Sunday at 3PM followed by picnic

Protecting God's Children

Nativity BVM High School on Thursday, August 2, 6-9PM. Please call 570-622-8110 to register. NOTE: If you are going to volunteer at the parish, you should have this. If you attend, we must have a copy of your certificate of completion.

With Great Gratitude

This past week we closed the chapter on another fun-filled Vacation Bible School (VBS). There were close to 80 children who participated, 26 adult volunteers, and 19 student crew leaders. Thank you to all those who donated snacks especially, the Knights of Columbus and the Durant Family.

FREE General Admission Tickets to Reading

Phillies--SEAPA (Schuylkill Elderly Abuse Prevention Alliance) along with the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Schuylkill County Night at the Reading Phillies. Come cheer for the Phillies as they play the Hartford Yard Goats on Thursday, August 16 at 7:15PM. Tickets are free! Call the rectory to put tickets aside for you.

171st Anniversary 50-50 Results: Congratulations to winner Patty Hale ("Mimi" - Ticket #968). The winning ticket was sold at St. Clare of Assisi on 6/30/18 at the Friends of St. Stephen sales table. Patty generously donated \$50 of her \$508 prize to St. Stephen. The 50-50 fundraiser netted \$568 profit (\$508 + \$60 in donations). Many thanks to Mr. Bob Evans for donating the tickets, to our sellers, and to all who purchased chances!

Upcoming Parish Events for St. Clare of Assisi and

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 Schlerl at St. Clare of Assisi

Healing Mass

On Monday, September 24 at 6:30 PM there will be a Mass Celebrating the Lord's Comfort and Healing Love. All are invited to join in prayer at this Mass here at St. Clare of Assisi with The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlerl 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.

10th Anniversary Parish Celebration Plans - Mark the Calendar!

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Help Needed for the Anniversary Mass

We are looking for volunteers to be Minor Ministers for our 10th Anniversary Mass on August 12th at 3 PM. We would like 4-5 altar servers and 2-3 lectors. Due to the number of priests expected, there is no need for Eucharistic Ministers.

Because the picnic follows the Mass, it is permissible for servers and lectors to wear shorts and sundresses on the altar; however, please make sure you look respectable.

Enjoy Your Summer

With this great weather to be outside and hopefully get some time away to be with family and friends, we pray for your leisure time and your safety. However, please remember that while you are away, the bills still keep coming.

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!!!

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

We are in need of hall monitors to sit in the halls near the bathrooms to make sure our children are safe. Hall monitors can bring a book or a laptop while performing this duty. We are in need of classroom aides to assist our catechists in those classes where there are a large number of children or projects needing help or supervision. We could always use some more catechists or substitutes to teach our young people. How can we expect our children to pass on the faith if we do not pass it on to them?

All these positions will require compliance with State and Diocesan Codes of Conduct. While not extensive, it will take some time to receive back clearance checks. Therefore, it helps if we begin now. For more information please speak with Tom Dowd, Fr. Bill, or Mary Ann Lubinsky.

Be of Service to your Elders The Schuylkill County Long Term Care Ombudsman is looking for volunteer ombudsmen to visit local nursing homes. No experience needed, just a willing heart and a cheerful spirit. No set hours; work on your own schedule. Free training, orientation, and continuing education provided. For further information, contact: Eileen Barlow, c/o MidPenn Legal Services 570-628-3931 extension 3304.

Annual Food Faire and Flea Market

The St. Clare of Assisi Annual Food Faire and Flea market will be held on Saturday, September 8, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in our church hall. Please start gathering useable household and gift items for us to sell, but please, **no** computer, office, or exercise equipment, clothes, or tires. The hall will be open beginning **Monday, August 13** for dropping off your items. During the week, it will be open Monday through Friday, from 9 to 4 and before/after Masses on weekends till 9/2.

We could use help: Would you consider selling 50/50 chances? (Call Irene at 429-0512) Make something delicious for the baked goods table? Donate some kitchen supplies? Watch for the poster and basket in the vestibule next week! Call Cathy (429-1637) for more info.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and Veneration of the First Class Relic of St. Pauline Visintainer takes place on the last Monday of each month at 5PM in Our Lady's Chapel of St. Patrick Church, 319 Mahantongo St., Pottsville. The next Mass will be at 5PM on Monday, July 30, 2018.

Visiting Missionary

We welcome Fr. Cherian Pulikunnel V.C, a Vincentian Missionary Priest from India, to our parish this weekend to participate in our Annual Missionary Co-operation Plan. He is preaching at all the Masses this weekend and will make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions. The Vincentian Missionaries, all natives of India, need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities in their missions. They need our special financial support for the training of young men studying for priesthood. There will be special collection today to help the Missionary work of the Vincentian Missionaries. We urge you to be very generous in your mission offering since these Missionaries need our help. If you did not have an opportunity to make an offering today or would like to make an additional offering, you may make your offering through the general parish collection next weekend in a specially marked envelope. Please keep Fr. Cherian and all the Vincentian Missionaries and seminarians in your prayers. Thank you very much for your prayers and generous financial support.

If you have not already given, PLEASE USE THE SPECIAL MISSION CO-OP ENVELOPE THAT WAS INCLUDED IN THE MAY-JUNE MAILING OR A PLAIN ENVELOPE.

The Difference between Anointing of the Sick & Last Rites The Sacrament of the Sick is administered to all those who are preparing for surgery, who are afflicted with a serious or chronic illness or pain, who are advanced in years, or in need of spiritual healing.

The Last Rites are administered when a person is in danger of death. The Last Rites can include: anointing, Viaticum (Last Communion), and confession or any combination thereof. The Last Rites was formerly called "Extreme Unction" or extreme urgency. The biggest difference between the two is quite simply the prayers prayed by the priest. One set of prayers is to bring spiritual encouragement (Sacrament of the Sick) and the other to prepare the person for the joys of eternal life and reunion with God (Last Rites).

What is probably most important is that one contact your parish priest giving him ample time to visit the sick person. Often people wait till the last moment only to discover a priest was not readily available.

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.