

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 12, 2018
From Pastor's Desk**

The last few weeks of our summer have been hot, humid, and torrential rains. We may grow weary from the heat as we enter the dog days of summer. We are eager for some sun, some cooler, less humid temperatures from our discomfort. Like Elijah despairing in the desert in the first reading, we become thirsty and hungry. We need food and drink to sustain us. The Lord sustained Elijah on his journey to the desert, providing food and water when he was ready to give up. Jesus in today's Gospel reveals Himself to be the living bread from heaven, able to sustain us through our trials and difficulties, and ultimately on our journey to eternal life.

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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****

Masses at St. Clare of Assisi

4PM Saturday (August 18) - People of the Parish
4PM Saturday (August 25) - Joseph & Joan Krynock

Masses at St. Stephen

Sunday (August 12) Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Wednesday (August 15) The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8AM—Eva Stanus at St. Stephen's
6:30PM—Elizabeth Didjunas at St. Clare of Assisi

Sunday (August 19) Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM—Elizabeth Fidler (Patty Pryce) and Rita Matsko (St. Stephen's Choir)

Sunday (August 26) Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM—Betty Shapella (34th Anniv) and Joseph Shapella and LAOH In Honor of Our Lady of Knock

Sunday, August 5 Attendance
77 at St. Stephen
51 at St. Clare

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

August 19: Fuel and Heat
August 26: Cemetery Upkeep

Thank you for your generosity! Collection for 8/5 Weekly and Cash \$2,432.00 including mail-ins; Building \$362; Fuel & Heat \$10. Please also note our posting of collection information to make budget, we are in the red for fiscal year 2018-2019.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2016-2017 Budget	\$170,800.00
2017/2018 Budget (All Funds)	\$150,200.00
Amount Needed Weekly	\$2,888.46
Collection August 5	\$2,804.00
Cemetery \$	-----
Needed to Date (6th week)	\$17,330.76
Collected to Date (6th week)	\$16,331.25
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(999.51)

LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

August 19
Ed Tray/Judy Johnson

August 26
Lisa Gasper/Mary Ann Lubinsky



Sunday, August 12
Ciara Gilbert/Charissa Gilbert

Sunday, August 19
Emily Gasper

Sunday, August 26
Taylor Lazarchick

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, August 12 – Father Bill

August 19 – Msgr. Handges
August 26 – Father Bill

Holy Day of Obligation This Wednesday
 This Wednesday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven; a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated at **8AM in St. Stephen's** and **6:30PM in St. Clare of Assisi.**

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This is St. Clare of Assisi Weekend! In our Roman Rite Church St. Clare's feast is celebrated on August 11; in the Eastern Rite Church it is August 12.

HAPPY 10th ANNIVERSARY TO OUR SISTER PARISH, ST. CLARE OF ASSISI!

Religious Education News--Beginning of the Year Faculty & Staff Meeting

Following the holy day Mass for the Feast of the Assumption (**Wednesday, August 15 at 6:30PM**), **there will be a faculty & staff meeting at the St. Clare rectory at 7:30PM** to discuss and plan the new school year. Anyone interested in helping with this year's program is encouraged to attend. We are in need of hall monitors, class room aides, and a couple new teachers. Refreshments and snacks will be provided at this meeting.

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 this Thursday, August 16 at 7:15PM. Tickets are free! Call the rectory to put tickets aside for you.

Important PREP News

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 as soon as possible. Have a great Summer!!!

Blessing of Backpacks

As we begin the new school year for our parish children, we continue with our custom of blessing the backpacks. This will take place at 9:30 Mass on August 26. A special thank you to the donor who supplies us with back to school supplies for our children.

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.

St. Stephen is now taking orders for their sub sale through Metzinger Provision of Gordon (same provider as last year) until Sunday, September 9. Cost is \$6.00 per sub, with a choice of Italian or Ham. Subs will be available to pick up on Thursday, September 13 at the parish rectory between 11:30 AM and 6:30 PM. Orders will be taken after Mass each Sunday in the church vestibule, or by calling Joe at 570-449-1960 and leaving a message. Order forms will also be available for anyone wishing to take orders from family, friends, or co-workers. Thank you for patronizing our fundraiser.

Upcoming Parish Events for St. Clare of Assisi and St. Stephen

Thursday, September 13 — St. Stephen Sub Sale
September 24 – Mass Celebrating the Lord's Comfort and Healing Love at 6:30PM with Bishop Schlert at St. Clare of Assisi

Registration for New School Year

All families who were enrolled in PREP last year had new registration forms e-mailed to your e-mail addresses. We ask you please complete the registration forms and return them to the parish office or place in the collection basket.

Anyone who did not receive this e-mail or does not have e-mail, or has a new child who was not at PREP last year, may download the registration form off the website or contact the rectory for a hard copy.

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.

Recent Flooding in Schuylkill County

If you live in Schuylkill County and have been impacted by recent flooding, Catholic Charities may be able to help. Call Catholic Charities 570.628.3343

Annual St. Clare of Assisi Food Faire and Flea Market

Annual Food Faire and Flea Market (9/8/18) reminders: Monday, 8/13, is the first day for drop-off—the hall will be open before/after Masses on the weekends and 9-4 on weekdays. We'll start selling our 50/50 chances at the church door before/after Masses next week, so bring that extra lucky dollar along. Call JoEllen (429-2022) to give her a donation for the basket of cheer. Volunteers will start sorting the donations next Monday (8/20) Wednesday 8/22 & Friday 8/24 evenings (6:30-8:00). Come and join us—we have fun!

Attention Young Adults (18-35)

Explore the Catholic history of Philadelphia with other young adults on Saturday, August 25 (8:30am-6PM). Sites include: Old St. Mary's, Old St. Joseph's, St. John Neumann Shrine, the Liberty Bell, Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul. Lunch (on your own) at Spruce St. Harbor. Contact 610-289-8900 (ext. 2021) or allentowndiocese.org/pilgrimage. Cost \$20 for the bus that leave from Bethlehem Catholic High School.

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.

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. 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.

Hospice of Central PA is looking for volunteers. For an application or more information, visit www.hospiceofcentralpa.org and click on volunteer or call 570-628-2290.

Novena to the Assumption of the Virgin Mary II

Majestic Queen of Heaven and Mistress of the Angels, you received from God the power and command to crush the head of Satan. Therefore, we humbly beg of you, send forth the legions of Heaven, that under your command they may seek out all evil spirits, engage them everywhere in battle, curb their pride, and hurl them back into the pit of hell. "Who is like unto God?"

With firm confidence we present ourselves before you, our most loving Mother, afflicted and troubled as we are, and we beg you to let us understand the love you have for us by granting this petition, if it is according to the Will of God and profitable for our salvation: (*mention your request*).

Good and tender Mother, you shall ever be our hope and the object of our love. Mother of God, send forth the Holy Angels to defend us and drive far from us the cruel foe. Holy Angels and Archangels, defend and keep us.

