

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 19, 2018
From Pastor's Desk**

Our readings capture a glimpse of what awaits you and me in heaven. Today's readings paint a picture of banquets, from the sumptuous table set by Wisdom in the Book of Proverbs to the Eucharistic meal that Jesus introduces. Just as Wisdom's feast offers more than simple food and drink, Jesus' Body and Blood offer more: eternal life and Christ Himself.

We gather today, as we do every Sunday, around the table of the Lord. We do so in order to receive Christ, the Bread of Life. In today's Gospel Jesus says, "whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." How does Jesus remain in you? Can others see Christ's presence in you in the way that you act? Let us ponder these questions as we approach the table to receive Christ.

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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****

IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH J. KREYDT (Louise Kreydt)

Masses at St. Clare of Assisi

4PM Saturday (August 25) - People of the Parish

4PM Saturday (September 1) People of the Parish

Masses at St. Stephen

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

(Dorothy Shipe)

Sunday (September 2) Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary

Time

9:30 AM—Jean Macaluso, King & Maccarone Families (Nancy King and Family)

Sunday, August 5 Attendance

77 at St. Stephen

51 at St. Clare

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

August 26: Cemetery Upkeep

September 2: Building Fund

Thank you for your generosity! Collection for 8/5 Weekly and Cash \$2,060.00. 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 12	\$2,060.00
Cemetery \$414.00	-----
Needed to Date (7th week)	\$20,219.22
Collected to Date (7th week)	\$18,391.25
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(1,827.97)

LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

August 26

Lisa Gasper/Mary Ann Lubinsky

September 2

Karen Kuperavage/Ed Tray



Sunday, August 19

Emily Gasper

Sunday, August 26

Taylor Lazarchick

Sunday, September 2

Aiden Brennan

Sunday, September 9

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. Today we welcome our Celebrant,
August 19 — Msgr. Handges**

**August 26 — Father Bill
September 2 — Father Connolly
September 9 — Msgr. Handges
September 16 — Father Bill**

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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!!!

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. Forms and new schedule can be found on the NEW PREP website: www.stcstsprep.weebly.com

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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.

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

Sept. 5 PREP begins at NBVM

Sept. 13 St. Stephen Sub Sale

Sept 24 Healing Mass with Bishop Schlert at St. Clare

March 16 First Penance

May 1 St. Stephen First Holy Communion

May 15 St. Clare First Holy Communion

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.

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

The kids just finished school less than 2 weeks ago, but it is necessary for us to begin planning and preparing for our next school year and religious education. 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 background checks. Therefore, it helps if we begin now. For more information please speak with Tom Dowd, Fr. Bill, or Mary Ann Lubinsky.

Diocesan Family Festival

Our Diocesan Family Festival is scheduled for Sunday, September 30th at SteelStacks, Bethlehem, PA. This is a great day of faith and fun beginning with an outdoor Mass at 11:00 AM, (bring a chair or blanket) celebrated by Bishop Schlert and with sacred music provided by our Diocesan Choir. The day follows with fun games, live music, and tons of great homemade food. Students from all of our Diocesan Elementary Schools, High School, and Schools of Special Learning will be present to join in the festivities as well. Don't miss this once a year event as we celebrate our family of faith and Catholic Education. There's something for all ages and for

all people across the five counties of our Diocese. We would love to see you there. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Annual Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass

Thinking of what to do for your wedding anniversary? Why not go to the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena? All married couples and their families regardless of how long you have been married are invited to a special Sunday Mass and social to follow. Couples celebrating 1-5, 10,15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years or more will receive a special certificate.

Sub Sale

**Fundraiser for St. Stephen Church, made by Metzinger Provision, Gordon, PA (40 years of sub-making experience)
Same provider as last year's Sub Sale.**

Choice of Italian or Ham— \$6.00 ea, for a 10 ½” Sub.

**Taking orders from now until Sunday, September 9.
Please pay for your order when ordering (preferred) or when picking up.**

Pick up date is Thursday, September 13 at the Parish Rectory between 11:30 AM and 6:30 PM.

Thank you for your patronage!

