

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 23, 2018
From Pastor's Desk**

"Look out for Number One!" the saying goes. Society often encourages us to take care of ourselves first. This easily leads to a sense of selfishness, feelings of jealousy, and actions of greed or entitlement; which St. James warns us of the dangers in our second reading for this weekend. Sadly even the disciples of Jesus fall into this temptation, arguing who is the greatest among them in today's Gospel.

As Christians, we know that these attitudes are antithetical to the model of Jesus, who emptied Himself to become flesh and offered Himself as the ultimate sacrifice. Jesus reminds us that we need to be the servants of all. Let us reflect on how we can resist jealousy and serve others as Jesus asks of us.

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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**



**LECTORS AND
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

****SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION**
IN MEMORY OF RUSSELL VANDERMARTIN (3RD ANNIV)**

(Patricia Vandermartin)

Masses at St. Clare of Assisi

4PM Saturday (September 22) - Rita Matsko (M/M Thomas Dalvet)

4PM Saturday (September 29) —Joseph & Joan Krynock (Children)

Masses at St. Stephen

Sunday (September 23) Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM—Russell Vandermartin (3rd Anniv) (Patricia Vandermartin)

Sunday (September 30) Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM—Kathy Bambrick (24th Anniv) and Patrick Bambrick (Dorothy Shipe)

Sunday (October 7) Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM—John McGovern (Flavia McGovern)

**Sunday, September 16th Attendance
96 at St. Stephen
23 at St. Clare**

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 23: Cemetery Upkeep

September 30: Fuel and Heat

Thank you for your generosity! Collection for 9/9 Weekly and Cash \$2,989.00; Fuel & Heat \$523.00. Please also note our posting of collection information to make budget, we are in the red for fiscal year 2018-2019.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

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| 2016-2017 Budget | \$170,800.00 |
| 2017/2018 Budget | |
| (All Funds) | \$150,200.00 |
| Amount Needed Weekly | \$2,888.46 |
| Collection September 16 | \$3,512.00 |
| Cemetery \$ | ----- |
| Needed to Date (12th week) | \$34,661.52 |
| Collected to Date (12th week) | \$32,778.25 |
| Over/(Under) Budget | \$(1,883.27) |

September 30
Lisa Gasper/Maureen Challenger



Sunday, September 23
Jacob Challenger

Sunday, September 30
Ciara Gilbert/Charissa Gilbert

Sunday, October 7
Emily Gasper

Sunday, October 14
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. Today we welcome our Celebrant,
September 23 — Father Bill**

**September 30 — Father Bill
October 7 — Father Connolly
October 14 — Msgr. Handges**

Mandated Reporter Training

Mandatory for every parish volunteer. If you have not completed it, please call the office to be scheduled.

10/29 – St. Ambrose, Schuylkill Haven – 5:30 PM

11/12 – St. Richard, Barnesville – 5:30 PM

PRIEST, PROPHET, KING: The Archangels and the Masculine Spirit – The Diocesan Commission for Men is offering a men's morning of reflection on Saturday, **September 29, 2018**, at **Queenship of Mary** in Northampton. An optional Holy Mass will be offered at 8:00 AM followed by refreshments. Presentations by **Msgr. John Martin, Rev. Patrick Lamb**, and **Rev. Eugene Ritz** will begin at 9:15 AM. To register for this free offering visit www.allentowndiocese.org/cfm-spirituality

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.

St. Patrick Church Spaghetti Dinner

All You Can Eat Homemade Spaghetti Dinner
Sponsored by St. Patrick Church, Sunday, October 7, 11:30 am to 2:30 pm, St. Patrick Parish Center, 319 Mahantongo Street, Pottsville. Eat in or Take out, Adults: \$8; Children: \$3.50

Marriage Encounter Weekend

School is back in session! Why not learn how to have a better marriage? Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been enriching marriages for 50 years. Sign up today to attend a **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** weekend. For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

Mary Has Come Home! (Formerly located at Cardinal Brennan) The Dedication

With hearts filled with happiness, St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Ashland, would like to announce that the Blessed Virgin Mary statue, which stood for many years on the former grounds of Cardinal Brennan High School, has come to make her home among us. Her pedestal is the steps of the former IHM convent. Over the next few weeks, Mary's painted restoration will occur. There will be a dedication ceremony on Saturday, October 6,th directly following the 4 PM Mass. If anyone would like to contribute towards the costs of bringing Mary home as well as the restoration, please contact the Parish Office. Contributions can go in weekend collection baskets, mailed or be dropped off at the Parish Office.

Annual Shower of Roses Festival

The Shrine of Therese, 15 E. Garibaldi Ave., Nesquehoning, sponsors the annual devotions to St. Therese on Oct. 7. Mass at 1PM, Rosary Procession 3PM, 4PM Benediction of Blessed Sacrament, Shower of Roses 5PM. Ethnic foods, vendors, music, spaghetti dinner.

9th Annual Nativity BVM High School Golf Team Fundraiser Tournament

Sunday, October 7 at Mountain Valley Golf Course, 4-person Scramble, 9am Shotgun Start. Registration and Buffet Breakfast begin at 7:30am. Cost \$90 per golfer and includes: Breakfast Buffet, Greens Fees, Cart, Gifts, Refreshments, various contests and the Mountain Valley Picnic. Teams must include foursomes. \$25 for picnic only. To register or become a sponsor, contact Athletic Director Josh Muldowney or Coach Dan Lisella at 570-622-8110 or email nativitybvmgolfers@gmail.com.

1st Annual St. Charles Borromeo HOME AND CRAFT SHOW, Saturday, November 10, 2018 9 AM to 3 PM

Come and explore a selection of independent vendors and local crafters. Enjoy delicious homemade foods, hot soup, and sweet treats. Eat in or take out available. Find great deals in our white elephant section, and enter in our door prize! Something for everyone! Vendors Needed!! For more information please call the parish office at 570-875-1251.