

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 7, 2018
From Pastor's Desk**

Twice in today's readings, we hear references to those who are married – "the two become one flesh." Coincidentally we hear these words first in the Book of Genesis, where the first person becomes co-creator, naming all the animals and even providing a rib so that God could create his partner. In becoming one flesh, two people create a new and unique entity. Let us reflect on how we have or can become co-creators with God, creating bonds and new life from the impulse of love.

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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 JOHN McGOVERN (Flavia McGovern)

Masses at St. Clare of Assisi

4PM Saturday (October 6) - People of the Parish

4PM Saturday (October 13) - People of the Parish

Masses at St. Stephen

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

9:30 AM—John McGovern (1st Anniv) (Flavia McGovern)

Sunday (October 14) Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM—Eva Stanus (Dolores Straka)

Sunday (October 21) Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, September 50 Attendance

113 at St. Stephen

50 at St. Clare

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 14: Cemetery Fund

October 21: Mission Sunday

Thank you for your generosity! Collection for 9/23 Weekly and Cash \$2,753.00; Fuel & Heat \$490.00.

Thank you to those parishioners who mailed their yearly donations. 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 September 30	\$3,243.00
Cemetery \$	-----
Needed to Date (14th week)	\$40,438.44
Collected to Date (14th week)	\$39,845.25
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(593.19)

LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

October 14

Maureen Challenger/Lisa Gasper

October 21

Ed Tray/Elizabeth Harrison



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,

October 7 — Father Connolly

October 14 — Msgr. Handges

October 21 — Father Bill

October 28 — Father Connolly

November 4 — Father Connolly

The Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society will meet on Monday at 6pm in the rectory.

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Care of the Sick

Communion Calls

Due to Fr. Bill being in Rome the first week of October, some of our parish's Eucharistic Ministers will bring Holy Communion to the Sick and Shut-in's. The Ministers will call themselves to let one know the day and approximate time of arrival.

If one is unable to attend Church due to chronic illness or old age, please call the rectory to place one on the monthly communion call list.

Hospital Visits

Frequently we are NOT notified of a loved one's hospitalization and Fr. Bill is not aware until after that person is discharged or transferred to another facility. Please if a loved one is admitted to the hospital especially for something serious in nature, contact the rectory so Fr. Bill will do his best to visit.

Anointing of the Sick

When a person is seriously ill or anticipating surgery, the Sacrament of the Sick is highly recommended for spiritual healing and with God's Will, physical healing. Please call the rectory. We ask not to delay in calling especially if one is in danger of death or failing. Waiting till the last minute to call Fr. Bill might find him unavailable which creates more stress on the person.

Change in the Mass Schedule

Please also Note there will be No Weekday Mass from Monday, October 8 through Tuesday, October 16 due to the parish pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi. Fr. Brensinger is covering the weekend Masses at St. Clare.

Wednesday, October 17 Mass will be offered at 6PM in the daily Mass Chapel.

Thursday, October 18 & Friday, October 19
8AM Mass

While Fr. Bill is Away

Please arrange funerals through the rectory Monday through Friday 9AM to 4PM. Our staff will obtain a priest to celebrate the Mass.

The Month of October

Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to pray the rosary daily during the month of October, asking Mary and St. Michael the Archangel to intercede for the protection of the Church in a moment of "spiritual turbulence." The Pontiff had recently affirmed that prayer "is the weapon against the Great Accuser who 'goes around the world seeking to accuse.' Only prayer can defeat him. The great saints of all the traditions advised, in moments of spiritual turbulence, to shelter beneath the mantle of the Holy Mother of God." The pope said that recitation of the rosary would invoke Mary's intercession, placing the Church under her "protective mantle."

Parish Rosary Devotions for October

During October we will pray devotions to Mary at the Grotto beginning at 12PM. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather we will pray in the main church.

Saturday, October 13 is the 101st Anniversary of the Miracle at Fatima where the Blessed Mother appeared to the 3 shepherd children. Eyewitnesses to the miracle said that the sun danced in the sky, the colour of the whole landscape changed successively, and the sun seemed to come down towards them, so that many of the crowd thought it was the end of the world. Cathy Farone will lead us in the praying of the rosary.

Saturday, October 20 Recitation of the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows of Mary led by Anne McCormick.

Saturday, October 27 Recitation of the Franciscan Crown Rosary remembering the Joys in the Life of the Blessed Virgin Mary led by Lucy O'Connor.

Parish Bus Trip to St. Ann's Shrine

Saturday, October 27 parishioners are invited to join our Confirmation Class on a trip to St. Ann's Shrine, Scranton. While our Confirmation Class is making a mini-retreat, parishioners are free to spend time in the beautiful Basilica, mediate before the Blessed Sacrament in the adoration chapel, and roam the spacious religious grounds. Make it a day of prayer for yourself! Cost of the trip is \$20 and includes a fee for the bus and a donation to the Shrine. Please bring your own lunch.

Attention Parish Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

There will be a Morning of Reflection and Catechesis on Saturday, December 1 in St. Clare of Assisi Church Hall. The day will begin with Mass at 8AM followed by breakfast. At 9AM we will pray Morning Prayer together followed by a talk on our liturgical readings for the Season of Advent. There will also be instruction on changes to the role of the Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist by the Diocese. Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend as some important information will be shared.

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

- November 1 Feast of All Saints holy day
- November 4 EST begins. "Fall Back" on your clocks
- December 1 Morning of Reflection and Catechesis for Lectors and Eucharistic Minister.
- March 16 First Penance
- April 30—Confirmation
- May 5 St. Stephen First Holy Communion
- May 18-19 St. Clare of Assisi Chinese Auction
- May 19 St. Clare First Holy Communion

Thursday Bible Study Resumes

Beginning Thursday, November 29, following the 8am Mass, we will begin reviewing the Sunday readings once again. Coffee will be available. We will be using the At Home with the Word Book. If you wish to purchase one, please call the rectory.

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

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.

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

9th Annual Nativity BVM High School Golf Team Fundraiser Tournament (DATE CHANGE)

Sunday, October 21 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.

GOOD WILL FIRE CO #1 PORT CARBON

"DUCKS ON FIRE RACE," 10/13 @ 4 P.M., QUACKERS \$5.

AVAILABLE AFTER MASS TODAY AND AT FIRE HOUSE OCT 11, 6-8, BENEFITS: GOOD WILL HOSE CO

Hurricane Florence

On Sunday October 28, there will be a Special free-will offering Diocesan Collection for the victims of Hurricane Florence. Thank you for your generosity.