

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 14, 2018
From Pastor's Desk**

"All things are possible for God." Jesus follows a series of challenging pronouncements with this line – some of the most consoling words that He utters in the Gospels. As we celebrate Mass today, recall the times that you have had to rely on God because you didn't know if you could manage on your own. For us human beings on our own, it may well be impossible, but for God, all things are possible.

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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 MATTHEW "BUZZ" McDONALD (Quinn &
Carestia Families)**

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 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 (October 28) Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM—Sonny Shipe (14th Anniv) and Kathy Bambrick
(Dorothy Shipe)

Sunday, October 7 Attendance

88 at St. Stephen

44 at St. Clare

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 21: Mission Sunday (1st Collection Weekly and Fuel & Heat)

October 28: Cemetery Fund

Thank you for your generosity! Collection for 10/7 Weekly and Cash \$2,341.00; Building Fund \$520.00. 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 October 7	\$2,861.00
Cemetery \$	-----
Needed to Date (15th week)	\$43,326.90
Collected to Date (15th)	\$42,706.25
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(620.65)

October 21
Ed Tray/Elizabeth Harrison
October 28
Lisa Gasper/Maureen Challenger



Sunday, October 14
Taylor Lazarchick
Sunday, October 21
Aiden Brennan
Sunday, October 28
Annabella Chaklos
Sunday, November 4
Jacob Challenger

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 14 — Msgr. Handges**

**October 21 — Father Reiley
October 28 — Father Connolly
November 4 — Father Connolly**

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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 Monday, October 15 or 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

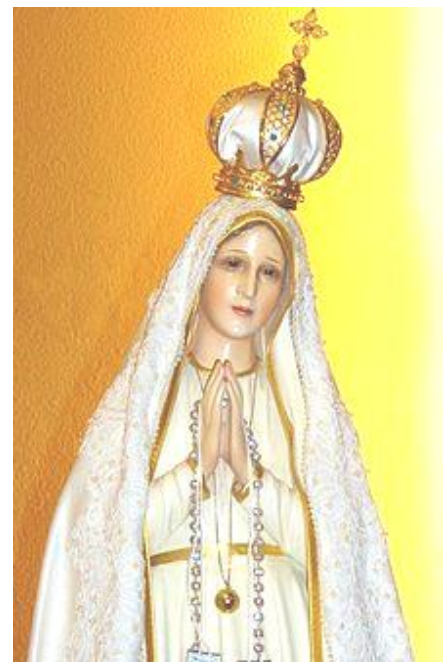
Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to pray the rosary daily during the month of October, asking Mary and St. Michael the Archangel to intercede for the protection of the Church in a moment of "spiritual turbulence." The Pontiff had recently affirmed that prayer "is the weapon against the Great Accuser 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 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 brown bag your own lunch.

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.

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

Spaghetti Dinner

Knights of Columbus Council 14009, on Saturday November 10, 2018 after 4:00 o'clock Mass at St. Clare of Assisi Parish Hall. Cost : \$8.00 Adults; \$4.00 Kids under 12. Members of K of C will be selling tickets before every Mass at St. Clare.

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

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.

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.

The Questions You Never Ask But Should:

When you think about the life you want and deserve for your family does it seem overwhelming to create a financial plan that takes all of your future needs and expenses into account? Are you feeling unprepared to make important end of life decisions? Then please join us October 18th at the McGlenn Center located near Alvernia University from 6:00 to 8:00 pm for a complementary information presentation in which our panel of pastoral and financial experts, may have answers you need to make smart decisions about your financial future. Small plates and sweets will be served. Please RSVP by October 15th to Ginny Downey at (610) 871-5200 ext. 2244 or gdowney@allentowndiocese.org

Marriage, Divorce and Annulments

Have you ever been asked or wondered... Is an annulment just "Catholic divorce"? Can divorced people receive the Eucharist? Join us as Msgr. Victor Finelli discusses how to answer these and other common questions about the Church's teaching on marriage! This free event will take place on Wednesday, October 24, 2018, from 7-9PM at St. Ignatius Loyola (School Meeting Room) — 2810 St. Alban's Drive, Sinking Spring. There is no charge for attending TRUTH: What the Catholic Church Really Teaches. For questions contact the Office of Adult Formation by email at adultformation@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-289-8900, Ext. 2021