

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 11, 2018
From Pastor's Desk**

From Monday, November 5 to this Sunday, November 11, the bishops of the United States (including our own Bishop of Allentown) have committed themselves to seven (7) days of intensified prayer, sacrifice, and fasting. The intentions of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops are three-fold:

For the healing and support of all victims of clergy sexual abuse of minors

For the conversion and just punishment of the perpetrators and concealers

For the strength of the bishops to be holy shepherds in protecting and leading their sheep from all harm

It should be noted, these acts of prayer and mortification being done by most of our current bishops in dioceses all throughout the United States were not bishops when these heinous acts occurred. Nevertheless, they take ownership of them and seek reconciliation to unite our Catholic Faith.

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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**

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**Mass Schedule
Sundays: 9:30 AM**

****Please consult weekly Schedule inside for Holydays 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 (November 17) - People of the Parish

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Masses at St. Stephen

Sunday (November 11) Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM—Elizabeth Fidler (Patty Pryce)

Wednesday (November 14)

6:00 PM Confessions for PREP Students followed by 6:30 Thanksgiving Mass

Sunday (November 18) Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM—Joseph Shapella (39th Anniv) and Betty Shapella (Dorothy Shipe)

Sunday, November 4 Attendance

86 at St. Stephen; 65 at St. Clare

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

November 18: Local Poverty Relief

November 25: Cemetery

Thank you for your generosity! Collection for 11/4 Weekly and Cash \$2,552.00; Building Fund \$439; All Saints \$319.00. 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 November 4 Cemetery \$	-----
Needed to Date (19th week)	\$54,880.74
Collected to Date (19th week)	\$53,281.25
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(1,599.49)

LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

November 11

Karen Kuperavage/Lisa Gasper

November 18

Maureen Challenger/Mary Ann Lubinsky

November 25

Ed Tray/Judy Johnson



Sunday, November 11

Ciara Gilbert/Charissa Gilbert

Sunday, November 18

Emily Gasper

Sunday, November 25

Taylor Lazarchick

Sunday, December 2

Aiden Brennan

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,
November 11 — Father Bill**

**November 18 — Father Brensinger
November 25 — Father Bill
December 2 — Father Connolly
December 9 — Father Bill**

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Remember Jesus' mission was a call to conversion of sinners and that they find mercy because of God's love. We are all in need of healing – victims, innocent faithful, and clergy. The evil one wishes to divide and exhibit hate and disdain. May we show others we are Christians by our love.

Change in the Mass Schedule

There will be NO Mass on Tuesday, November 13.

PREP Thanksgiving Mass

This Wednesday at St. Stephen's at 6:30PM. Confessions for the students at 6PM followed by Mass.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 9AM. Plan on joining us to thank God for your blessings. There is NO MASS on Friday morning, November 23. We are looking for volunteers to serve, lector, and help with Holy Communion at the Thanksgiving Mass.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

We will celebrate the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, Ann on Friday, December 7 with Masses at 4PM in Immaculate Conception Church, Diener's Hill and at 6PM in St. Stephen's Church, Port Carbon. On Saturday, December 8, Mass will be celebrated at 9AM in St. Clare of Assisi Church.

2019 Mass Book

We are now taking Mass requests for 2019. Please visit the rectory at St. Clare of Assisi Tues through Fri 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm to schedule your Masses. We also have a St. Stephen's intention at every 4PM Mass at St. Clare. If you wish to have your intention there, call our rectory number.

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.

We need your RSVP as soon as possible to plan for the breakfast.

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 a book, it is \$12. Please call the rectory.

Food Baskets

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society met at 6:00 PM Monday evening, Sept. 9. The members present decided to give food baskets to needy people. Any person who knows someone please give the name to Liz Harrison, president, at 570-573-3894.

St. Stephen's Dine Out at the Crimson House!

Wednesday, November 28. The church will receive 10% of all food sales from Noon till 10 PM. Plus, take a chance on our beautiful baskets, including gift cards, Christmas centerpieces, and lottery tree. Reservations are suggested (570-728-2512). If you wish to donate a gift card or basket, please contact Sam Kane at 570-691-4228.

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

- November 28 Dine Out to benefit St. Stephen's Parish at the Crimson House
- December 1 Morning of Reflection and Catechesis for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers
- 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

ICC Thanksgiving Holiday Food Sale

ICC Caterers are conducting their annual Holiday for Sale (halupkie, bread filling, City Chicken, Pierogies, Cole Slaw, & Gravy). **Deadline for orders is this Monday, November 12.** Pick-up is November 20 between 10AM-1PM. To place orders use the order form in the rear of church or call 570-429-0302 (mornings only) or Diana 570-628-4676 or Joe 570-622-1838.

Nativity BVM High School Open House

For 7th & 8th Grade students and parents on Sunday November 18 at 6PM. Nativity administration, faculty, staff, students, parents and Board members will be on hand to discuss specific information about academics, financial aid, guidance services and opportunities for students. We invite you and your family to join us for this event. No pre-registration is required. Please contact the school at 570-722-8110 or jldaubert@nativitybvm.net with any questions.

The Schuylkill County Knights of Columbus Councils will be delivering a Turkey Dinner

complete with Turkey, Fillings, Yams, Gravy, Vegetable, and Dessert to all residents of Schuylkill County who are in need of a meal for this Thanksgiving Day, November 22. If you know of a person who is in need of a meal, please call 570-628-3333, 570-516-9514 or 570-773-0627 and please leave the following information if no one answers the phone: Name and phone number. We will get back to you. You can also contact us at kofc431@yahoo.com. The only requirement we have for the meal is that the person be home. Closing date to order is November 15, 2018 at 5PM so that we can order the required items for the meal.

COUNSELOR/CASE MANAGER - POTTSVILLE

Catholic Charities Diocese of Allentown is hiring a full-time (37.5 hr. /week) counselor and case manager (split position) based at the Pottsville Office location with possible travel in the five-county service region. Case management and education are provided to assist families with services needed during pregnancy or while parenting. The counselor provides individual, family, and marriage counseling for those seeking mental health services. Applicants should have a master's degree in related field with counseling licensure or licensure eligible. Applicants must be willing to provide services that align with the ethical, moral, and social teachings of the Catholic Church. Send cover letter and resume to: CCAD@allentowndiocese.org. Please specify POTTSVILLE COUNSELOR in the subject line.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"I wish we could just sit down and talk!" Have you ever said that to your spouse? Do you wish you could take your "talk" to a deeper level of listening and understanding? Learn how on a WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend. For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

The Diocese of Allentown Commission for Women

is sponsoring a Christmas Novena for Bishop Schlert and his intentions. The novena begins on December 8th and concludes on December 16th, 2018. Anyone can participate. A card will be presented to the Bishop, including the names of all those who enroll. To sign up to receive the daily prayer in your email in-box, go to <http://allentowndiocese.org/BishopNovena> For questions, contact 610-289-8900 ext. 2021 or e-mail cfw@allentowndiocese.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"You shall love God . . . and love your neighbor as yourself", Jesus instructs us in today's gospel. In marriage, our very closest "neighbor" is our spouse. Attend a WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend to learn how to deepen your love for each other. For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

Store Gift Cards that benefit our Catholic Schools

Both Assumption and Nativity can sell gift cards for local grocery stores, department stores in Schuylkill County as well as Berks County and the Lehigh Valley, gasoline gift cards, etc. The school receives a percentage of the sale of these gift cards. ? Contact the school office for more information.

You are invited to a special event "The Master Craftsman: God's Amazing Plan for Teens (and their Parents)"

co-sponsored by the Office of Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry and St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church. Join us for a faith-filled evening with nationally-recognized speaker Scott Anthony, as he helps us see the Truth of God's guiding hand in our lives. We encourage teens in grades 9-12 and their parents to attend! After this evening, you and your youth will look toward the future with a new-found sense of hope.

The event will take place on Friday, January 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM, at St. Thomas More Church Family Center (1040 Flexer Ave, Allentown, PA 18103).

This event is free of charge. Light refreshments will be provided.

To register for this event, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org/craftsman. For questions call (610) 289-8900, ext. 2021 or email Francesca Frias at Ffrias@allentowndiocese.org.