

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 18, 2018
From Pastor's Desk**

The month of November is the time when the Church traditionally recalls those who have gone before us. We mourn their loss, we pray for their souls, we hope to be reunited with them when we ourselves die. As it is the end of the liturgical year (it begins anew in two weeks with Advent), we also bring to mind the end of time. Though we cannot know the day nor the hour, our trust and hope is in the Lord. Our readings this week and next focus on the "end times." Daniel prophesies about the resurrection of those already dead, a radical notion in his day. The author of Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross atoned for all sins, for all people, for all time. In our Gospel from St. Mark, Jesus warns his disciples of the terrible signs that bring the end of the world but reassures them that God's elect will be gathered from the ends of the earth. May these promises allow us to face the future with hope.

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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 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 (November 24) - People of the Parish

4PM Saturday (December 1) - People of the Parish

Masses at St. Stephen

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

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

Sunday (November 25) Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

**Sunday, November 11 Attendance
112 at St. Stephen; 57 at St. Clare**

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

November 25: Cemetery

December 2: Building Fund

Thank you for your generosity! Collection for 11/11 Weekly and Cash \$2,796.00; Building Fund \$5; All Fuel & Heat \$174.00. (Includes 2 weeks of mail-in envelopes). 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 11	\$2,975.00
Cemetery \$475.00	-----
Needed to Date (20th week)	\$57,769.20
Collected to Date (20th)	\$56,256.25
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(1,512.95)

LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

November 18
Maureen Challenger/Mary Ann Lubinsky

November 25
Ed Tray/Judy Johnson



Sunday, November 18
Emily Gasper

Sunday, November 25
Taylor Lazarchick

Sunday, December 2
Aiden Brennan

Sunday, December 9
Ciara Gilbert/Charissa Gilbert

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 18 — Father Brensinger**

**November 25 — Father Bill
December 2 — Father Connolly
December 9 — Father Bill
December 16 — Father Bill
December 23 — Father Bill**

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Thanksgiving Day Mass

Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 9AM at St. Clare. 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.

Christmas Confessions

Confessions for Christmas at St. Stephen's will be heard prior to the Sunday Mass on December 9, 16, and 23 from 8:45AM to 9:15AM. If these times are not convenient for you please check the St. Clare Schedule.

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



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 jlдаubert@nativitybvm.net with any questions.

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@allentowndioocese.org. Please specify POTTSVILLE COUNSELOR in the subject line.

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://allentowndioocese.org/BishopNovena> For questions, contact 610-289-8900 ext. 2021 or e-mail



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Thanksgiving! When you give thanks for your blessings this week – remember to thank God for the gift of your spouse. A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend will bless your marriage! For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

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 newfound 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.allentowndioocese.org/craftsman. For questions call (610) 289-8900, ext. 2021 or email Francesca Frias at Ffrias@allentowndioocese.org.

Want to give yourself the perfect Christmas gift?

Join the women of the diocese at a Day of Reflection to be held at the Jesuit Center, Wernersville on Saturday, December 15, 2018 from 9:30am to 2:15pm. The Commission for Women is hosting the event, with the theme "Advent: New Church Year, New Me." Deacon James Russo will be discussing a Catholic perspective on the Charles Dickens' classic, "A Christmas Carol." Cost for the day is \$20, which includes a light breakfast, Mass, Rosary, Liturgy of the Hours as well as lunch and time for fellowship. If you would like to register, please go to www.allentowndioocese.org/cfw-spirituality. For questions, please contact Joanie Norelli at 917-406-4879 or Susan Teaford at 610-207-5763 or e-mail cfw@allentowndioocese.org. Hope to see you there!