

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 13, 2019

From Pastor's Desk

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that the Sacrament of Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life. Through baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as God's sons and daughters. We become members of the mystical Body of Christ, are incorporated into the Church, and made sharers in the Church's mission in enlightening others of Jesus, the Son of God.

Baptism is the sacrament of Faith; but Faith needs the community of believers. It is only within the faith of the Church that each of the faithful can believe. Baptism is necessary for salvation but not without faithful practice and participation. Therefore, at Baptism we promise to renounce Satan and all evil, we promise to live in freedom without the bondage of sin, and we promise to avoid the lure of temptation to sin. We also believe that God is pure love and His Son offered Himself as a sacrifice so we could be redeemed to become God's sons and daughters.

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### MAIL TO:

**250 E. Hancock St., Saint Clair, PA 17970**

**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**

**Rev. Msgr. William F. Glosser, V.F., M.A., M.Div.**  
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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\*\***

**Masses at St. Clare of Assisi**

**4PM Saturday (January 12)** - Joseph & Joan Krynock  
(Children)

**4PM Saturday (January 19)** - People of the Parish  
**Masses at St. Stephen**

**Sunday (January 13) The Baptism of the Lord**  
**9:30 AM**—William Kalymun (Bill & Grace Guers)

**Sunday (January 20) Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:30 AM**—Eva Stanus (Lillian McBreen & Daughters)

**Sunday (January 27) Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:30 AM**—Ray Barth (Bob Corson)

**Sunday, January 5 Attendance**  
**86 at St. Stephen; 40 at St. Clare**

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**January 20: Fuel & Heat**

**January 27: Catholic Relief Services**

**February 3: Building Fund**

Thank you for your generosity! Collection for 12/30 below , for 1/6 on Page 3. 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**

<b>2016-2017 Budget</b>	\$170,800.00
<b>2018/2019 Budget</b>	
<b>(All Funds)</b>	\$150,200.00
Amount Needed Weekly	\$2,888.46
<b>Collection December 30</b>	\$2,486.00
<b>Cemetery \$</b>	-----
Needed to Date <b>(27th week)</b>	\$77,988.42
Collected to Date <b>(27th week)</b>	\$74,434.25
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(3,554.17)

**LECTORS AND  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**January 13**

Maureen Challenger/Judy Johnson

**January 20**

Ed Tray/Maureen Challenger

**January 27**

Judy Johnson/Mary Ann Lubinsky



**Sunday, January 13**

Annabella Chaklos

**Sunday, January 20**

Jacob Challenger

**Sunday, January 27**

Ciara Gilbert/Charissa Gilbert

**Sunday, February 3**

Emily Gasper

**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,  
January 13 — Father Reiley**

**January 20 — Father Connolly  
January 27 — Father Bill**

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Baptism is not magical or to be socially acceptable; but rather to enter into a relationship with God who rewards us with eternal life. Baptism is not a private family Sacrament but one to be celebrated and lived in relationship with the local parish family.

**Retreat**

Fr. Bill will be making his winter retreat at the Jesuit Center, Wernersville from January 21 till 25. The rectory will be open Monday to Friday to conduct normal business. In the event of a death, funeral directors are to contact the office to make arrangements. Any Mass intentions scheduled for this week, Fr. Bill will offer those Masses at the Jesuit Center, unless family members wish to reschedule when the Mass will be offered in the parish.

**Healing the Body of Christ**

During the Thursdays of Lent, our parishes will be conducting a program called "Healing the Body of Christ" in lieu of our Thursday evening faith formation program. This program has been specifically designed to help all of us prayerfully cope with the Clergy sexual abuse crisis. One facet of the program is the need to have adults willing to lead discussion groups of the participants. There will be some training sessions for those willing to lead a small group. Fr. Bill will be present for all sessions. Please let Fr. Bill know of your interest to lead a group.

The six session topics are:

- Facing the Truth and the hurt caused
- Healing our wounds
- Rebuilding the Church
- Why do I remain Catholic? (participants will be encouraged to read a short book which Fr. Bill will provide)
- What we believe
- We are the Church

**Communion Calls**

**There will be no Communion Calls in January due to Father Bill's Christmas calls.**

<b>2016-2017 Budget</b>	\$170,800.00
<b>2018/2019 Budget (All Funds)</b>	\$150,200.00
Amount Needed Weekly	\$2,888.46
<b>Collection January 6 Cemetery \$</b>	-----
Needed to Date <b>(28th week)</b>	\$80,876.88
Collected to Date <b>(28th week)</b>	\$77,167.25
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(3,709.63)

**A Plea to our High School age Parishioners**

In order to encourage and keep our young people strong in faith, Bishop Schlert has hired Annie Sarlo as a Youth Minister to work solely with the 17 parishes of Schuylkill County. Prior to Christmas, Father Bill sent a letter to all our high-school age parishioners inviting them to become participants in a special program to enfire and invigorate their

faith. This Program is called Alpha. The program will begin January 27 and run 6 weeks meeting for 2 hours on a Sunday evening. There is no fee for the program and a Sunday dinner appealing to teens is included. Father Bill really wishes to have our parish represented by two of our high school students. Please contact him if interested. Parents and Grandparents encourage your children **to become a part of this special faith event.** Please RSVP: [annie@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:annie@allentowndiocese.org) the Director of Youth Ministry for Schuylkill County: [annie@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:annie@allentowndiocese.org).

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

- March 16 First Penance
- March 24, 25, 26 St. Clare Parish Mission
- 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

**2019 Mass Requests**

We are now taking St. Stephen 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 during business hours.

## Open House

**Nativity High School** is conducting an Open House and Registration this Sunday, January 13 beginning at 1PM. Tours are available and discussion of financial aid. Contact Jenn for more information 570-622-8110.

**Assumption BVM School** is accepting registrations for grades K – 8 and Saint Patrick's Pre School @ ABVM is accepting registrations for the 2019-2020 school year. Open House is scheduled for Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 11:30 until 2pm. Tours are also available at any time by contacting the office 570-622-0106.

## Retreat

All Confirmandi in the Diocese of Allentown are invited to the **Confirming Faithful Families Retreat!** Registration is still open for the following rallies: **February 2, 2019 at St. Ambrose Parish, Schuylkill Haven**



## Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™

An intimate spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion, March 22-24, 2019. In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter into the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations, and activities flowing from the meditations you can experience God's compassion and forgiveness. For \*registration information contact: Sr. Meg Cole, 1-866-3 RACHEL (Toll Free) 610-332-0442 Ext. 2019

[projectrachel@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:projectrachel@allentowndiocese.org)

\* Deadline for Registration is March 14th. For information about the retreat experience visit the national website: [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION! Make 2018 the year you resolve to improve your marriage! Attend a WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend and learn how. For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org)

## Store Gift Cards that benefits 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. Why not use these gifts cards to purchase your groceries, gas, restaurants, etc and help either our Catholic grade school or high school in the process? Contact the school office for more information.

## Looking for a religious gift?

Berger's Trinity Peace Religious Goods Store in Elysburg right on Route 54 (if you get to the Scheetz and McDonald's you went too far). Berger's offers many Christmas-themed items that fit many needs. Berger's also specializes in rosaries, statues, missals and prayer books, medals, spiritual reading, etc. They are open Tuesday through Thursday (10-6), Friday (10-8) and Saturday 10-4). Frank and Sue are wonderful people! Pay them a visit to their great store; one will not be disappointed. Phone 570-672-9339.