

THE PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

**April 14, 2019
From Pastor's Desk**

This weekend we enter into that sacred time where we as Catholic Christians find our true identity in the Body & Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. This is the celebration of our true baptism, (not the date), when we died to our sins and were claimed by Christ as God's adopted daughters and sons. This is the week where we live out our baptismal calling, recognize the forgiveness of our sins, are fed with the Body and Blood of Jesus, celebrate the mystery of God calling men to be other priests like Himself. This is the week of the mercy of God in our lives and the humility of washing our feet by the Son of God Himself.

Our fast-paced secular society has removed the solemnity of holiness from this week, but not its sacredness. If you truly believe and are grateful for the suffering and death of Jesus to open the gates of paradise for us, I hope we see you at the Masses and devotions of the Easter Triduum.

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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****

St. Stephen Masses at St. Clare of Assisi
4PM Saturday April 13 —Joseph & Joan Krynock (Children)
4PM Saturday April 27 — People of the Parish

Masses at St. Stephen
Sunday (April 14) Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:30 AM—Edward Gately (36th Anniv) (Agnes Gately)

Sunday (April 21) Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9:30 AM—People of the Parish

Sunday (April 28) Second Sunday of Easter

9:30 AM—Vincent Gately (Agnes Gately)

Sunday, April 7 Attendance 85 at St. Stephen;
54 at St. Clare

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 14: Cemetery Fund

April 21: Easter Sunday

Initial Offering is to help defray the costs of printing and mailing offering envelopes

Collection for April 7:

Weekly \$1,876.00; Fuel & Heat \$33.00; Building Fund \$411.00; Initial Offering \$2.00

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2016-2017 Budget	\$170,800.00
2018/2019 Budget (All Funds)	\$150,200.00
Amount Needed Weekly	\$2,888.46
Collection March 31 Cemetery \$	-----
Needed to Date (41st week)	\$118,426.86
Collected to Date (41st week)	\$111,011.25
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(7,415.61)

LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

April 14

Lisa Gasper/Ed Tray (also 2nd Reader)

April 21

Maureen Challenger/Judy Johnson



Sunday, April 14

Ciara and Charissa Gilbert

Sunday, April 21

Emily Gasper

Sunday, April 28

Aiden Brennan

Sunday, May 5

Annabella Chaklos

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, April 14 — Father Bill—NOTE: Confessions will be heard at 8:45AM this date

**April 21 Easter Sunday — Father Bill
 April 28 — Father Connolly
 May 5 — Father Bill (First Communion)**

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The Rectory Office for Easter Holy Day & Holyday

The Rectory Office will close for business at 12 Noon on Holy Thursday and NOT reopen till Tuesday, April 23 at 9AM. The phone will be monitored for emergencies and deaths only.

Our Lenten Obligation

The Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence which means Catholics abstain or refrain from eating meat.

Holy Week in Our Parishes of St. Clare of Assisi & St. Stephen

Tuesday, April 16 Stations of the Cross in St. Clare of Assisi at 6:00PM.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 4PM with Stations & Benediction at 6PM. Confessions will follow Stations (last opportunity for Confession)

Wednesday, April 17 Healing Our Church faith-sharing group in the St. Clare daily Mass Chapel from 6:30PM to 8PM.

Holy Thursday, April 18 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7PM for both Parishes. All Servers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers are invited to be part of both the entrance procession and procession with the Blessed Sacrament at the end. Seats will be reserved. Meet in the back of the Church.

Holy Thursday Watching 8:30PM to 10PM in St. Stephen's Church, come keep watch with our Lord. Night Prayer and Procession at 10PM.

Good Friday, April 19 Reading of the Passion & Veneration of the Cross at 3PM. Help is needed after devotions to carry flowers from the basement and to decorate for Easter.

PREP NEWS

No class on Wed. April 17th. Finally, we will have our **end of the year Ice Cream party on Wed. April 24th.** If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Nativity will present Disney's "Newsies"

on Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27th (7 PM), and on Sunday, April 28th (2 PM). Newsies is based on the 1899 New York City Newsboy Strike. Adult tickets are \$10, students and seniors \$7. Partner school students attend free with an adult!

Special Announcement about remaining Pierogies Sales

Pierogies will be sold on Wednesday, April 17 from 11am to 2pm. Please orders by Monday.

Thank you for supporting this vital and necessary fund raiser for our St. Clare of Assisi, our sister Parish. God bless all the workers for your tremendous efforts!

Special Holy Week Mass Schedule

Monday, April 15 Mass at 8AM

Tuesday, April 16 Mass at 5:30PM

Wednesday, April 17 NO MASS due to Chrism Mass in Allentown

Holy Thursday, April 18 Mass of Lord's Supper at 7PM

Good Friday, April 19 Reading of Passion & Veneration of the Cross 3PM

Saturday, April 20 NO 4PM Mass. Easter Vigil begins at 8PM

St. Stephen Easter Egg Hunt

An Easter Egg Hunt for children up to 10 years old will be held on Palm Sunday, April 14, at 10:45 am on St. Stephen's upper parking lot. Please sign up at the front entry of the church or RSVP to saintstephen2@verizon.net or (570) 622-6600.

Easter Flower Memorials

If anyone would like to memorialize Easter Flowers or other church Easter decorations by making a \$10 donation, please write on the envelope with your donation the name of the person to be memorialized and your name. Please have the memorial to the collection basket or rectory by Tuesday, April 16 for the published list available on April 21. Memorials received after April 16 will be listed in a later bulletin.

Upcoming Events for Our Parishes

April 14 Easter Egg Hunt 10:45AM at St. Stephen's
April 30 Confirmation-4:30PM at St. Patrick's
May 5 St. Stephen First Holy Communion
May 18 St. Clare of Assisi Chinese Auction
May 19 St. Clare First Holy Communion

Healing Mass

Fr. James Blount, Spiritual Director, Confessor, and Charismatic is set to be at St. Thomas More church, 1040 Flexer Ave., Allentown on Thursday, May 16. A Healing Mass will start at 6 p.m. Fr. Blount is a spiritual Advisor to the Flame of Love Movement of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the United States. His teachings depict his deep love for the Eucharist and his devotion to both Jesus and Mary.

Holy Week Minor Ministers Assignments

Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are asked to report 30 minutes before service for practice.

	Servers	Lectors	Passion	EM (paten)	EM (cup)
Holy Thursday	Connor Patrick Alison Haley Neveah	Sabrina Judy Johnson		Margy Anne Bridget Dottie	Lisa Diane Patty Mary Ann Lubinsky
Good Friday	Jacob Challenger Connor Chloe Z	Maureen Challenger Michele Price	Margy Need 1 Male Lisa Charlene Mary M John M Tony K Mike McC	Joe Corby Jerry Hesse	
Easter Vigil	Briar Riegel Jacob Challenger Caitlyn Need 1 server	Mark Scarbinsky Millie Scarbinsky		Cathy F Judy J Margy	
Easter Sunday					
8:30AM	Chloe Riley & Aiden	Mike McCord		Shyanne Diane	
10:30AM	Laura Braelynn	Bob V		Dottie Need 1 EM	

HOLY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING

Val Davis	Norm Egan	Loren Gibas
Peg Hess	Jerry Hesse	Judy Johnson
Sib McCarthy	Anne Bridget McCormick	Michael McCord
Desiree Riegel	Carol Shandor	Joseph Steficek