

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 26, 2019  
From Pastor's Desk**

As the days grow closer to Ascension Thursday, in today's Gospel we hear Jesus reassure his disciples that God will continue to dwell within them and with all who love Him (Jesus). Jesus promises that they will receive the Holy Spirit, who will continue to enlighten them. But He leaves them one more thing – PEACE. Peace to keep their hearts from being troubled. Peace to protect them from fear. Peace to stay with them forever. On this Memorial Day weekend, let us reflect on the peace that only God can provide.



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

**Please consult Weekly Schedule inside.**

**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\*\*  
TO ST. LUCY FOR THE HEALTH OF FLAVIA McGOVERN**

**St. Stephen Masses at St. Clare of Assisi  
4PM Saturday**

**May 25** — People of the Parish  
**June 1** — People of the Parish

**Masses at St. Stephen**

**Sunday, May 26—Sixth Sunday of Easter  
9:30AM**— Bertha Corson and James Corson (Bob Corson)

**Thursday, May 30 —The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord  
8:00AM**—Edward P. Lubinsky (Mary Ann)

**Sunday, June 2—Seventh Sunday of Easter  
9:30AM**— Carl Leibel (Family)

**Sunday, May 19 Attendance at St. Stephen 79  
At St. Clare of Assisi 42**

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**May 26: Cemetery Upkeep  
June 2: Building Fund**

**Initial Offering is to help defray the costs of  
printing and mailing offering envelopes  
Collection for May 19:**

**Weekly \$2,565.00 ; Fuel & Heat \$370.00; Cemetery \$71**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

<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 May 19</b>	\$2,935.00
<b>Cemetery \$</b>	-----
Needed to Date <b>(47th week)</b>	\$135,757.62
Collected to Date <b>(47th week)</b>	\$126,700.25
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(9,057.37)

**LECTORS AND  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**May 26**  
Ed Tray/Lisa Gasper  
  
June/July Schedule available in Sacristy  
and on the website



**Sunday, May 26**  
**Aiden Brennan**  
  
**June 2**  
Annabella Chaklos  
  
**Sunday, June 9**  
Jacob Challenger  
  
**Sunday, June 16**  
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 collec-  
tion basket. Always use an envelope  
with your name and the amount re-  
corded on it.**

**Grateful for Saying our Sunday Masses.**

**May 26 — Father Bill**

**June 2 — Father Connolly**  
**June 9 — Msgr. Handges**

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### **Changes in the Mass Schedule**

Monday, May 27 is Memorial Day, a national holiday to recall the sacrifices made by those brave men and women who served and are currently serving in our military. Mass will be offered at 9AM in St. Clare of Assisi Church.

**The Office will be closed.**

**There will be no Mass on Tuesday, May 28.**

**Thursday, May 30 is the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven, a holy day of obligation. Mass will be offered at 8AM at St. Stephen's and at 6:30PM in St. Clare of Assisi.**

### **Mary, Undoer of Knots**

On Wednesday, May 29 St. Clare parish will conduct a Candlelight Rosary for Mary Undoer of Knots at St. Clare of Assisi Grotto at 7PM followed by an ice cream social. All are invited to attend.

Ribbons with the prayer will be available. Please write your intention on the ribbon and attach it to the trellis. Keep the prayer and recite it daily throughout the month of May to have the Blessed Mother help undo the knots in one's life.

### **Graduates Mass**

We would like to honor our graduates from college, high school, and junior high. We ask any graduate who wishes to participate in this special Liturgy for you to contact the rectory by May 29 to make proper plans. We also ask that graduates dress in a respectable manner (please no shorts or tee shirts).

### **Vacation Bible School Meeting**

This year's first Vacation Bible School Planning meeting will be held in St. Clare of Assisi Church Hall on Wednesday, May 29th at 6PM. We need to pick dates and theme and get this ball rolling. We are always looking for all the help we can get. Gladly accepting all vetted adults!!

### **AD Times Diocesan Newspaper**

If you do not subscribe to the AD Times but would like to receive it, please email the rectory.

### **So Much for Rumors, Nay Sayers, and just Nasty People**

Back in 2016 when I was appointed administrator of St. Stephen's, some parishioners began to "hang crepe" stating my assignment was to close St. Stephen's doors. One hurtful and hate-filled letter even accuse me of trying "to martyr St. Stephen" a second time. (But I tried to smile and I prayed for wisdom.) Back in 2016, I said I would do my very best as your priest. As I begin on July 1, my fourth year as your parish administrator, we stopped the hemorrhaging of our finances and the last two years managed to balance the books in the black. We formed a serious-minded finance council and a pastoral advisory board where everything is put on the table. We cut our operating costs by the thousands. However years without serious fund raising, failing to face reality by heating an empty school to the tune of between \$33,000-40,000 a year, parishioners who left the parish before and after 2016 reducing the collection places us on a slippery slope! But we are still here as I begin my fourth year with you! While we need to realize that sometime in the future many more churches will be closed; I am confident enough to replace much needed sidewalk in front of the church. Your Prayers; Your Encouragement; Your Support are much needed for me to continue to do the best of my ability for St. Stephen's.

### **The Leaky School Roof**

An inspection of the former St. Stephen's School reveals the need for some patching of the rubber roof but also highly recommended is the replacement of the rain gutters that fell off a number of years ago in an ice storm. Without directing the flow of water away from the building, it pools up until it seeps into the school.

To replace the rain gutters and downspouts on this type of building will cost the parish a few thousands of dollars. We need to pray and hope our frugality in spending will enable us to weather this expense without creating indebtedness to the parish.



# Port Carbon Memorial Day Church Service

Sunday, May 26, 2019  
at 6 pm

St. Stephen Church  
218 Valley Street

Join us for Port Carbon's annual  
Ecumenical Religious Service  
honoring fallen Port Carbon  
Military Veterans - local heroes  
who gave all for our freedom.

## Silver Ribbon Month Event

Senator Dave Argall will host an Elder Abuse & Financial Exploitation Prevention program on Wednesday, May 29 at the Schuylkill Haven Senior Community Center, 340 Haven St., Schuylkill Haven from 8-9AM. The program will present ways that ill-willed people (contractors, bank scams, lottery scams, telemarketers) will scam our seniors out of their life savings. The program is open to the elderly and anyone who is concerned for their well-being. RSVP 570-773-0891.

## Priesthood Ordinations

On Saturday, June 1, Bishop Schlert through the imposition of Hands and the Grace of the Holy Spirit will ordain to the Sacred Priesthood, Rev. Mr. John C. Maria, Rev. Mr. Giuseppe C. Esposito, and Rev. Mr. Zachary R. Wehr. Please pray for these men as the countdown to Holy Orders begins. In 2020, only one man will be ordained to the priesthood and one to the diaconate. Please pray for vocations and support your priests.

## Thank You

To Carol and Rich DeWitt for always cleaning up the leaves and debris from the church, rectory and school grounds.

## Quo Vadis and Fiat Days

The Office for Vocations Promotion is conducting its Seventh Annual Quo Vadis Vocation Camp and Fifth Annual Fiat Days Vocation Camp, from Sunday, July 14 to Thursday, July 18, 2019 on the campus of DeSales University. Both camps are open to young men and women from ages 14 to 18 (including the newly graduated). There are a limited number of spaces available. For more details and registration material, please see our webpage at [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org). **Early registration is \$60 before June 14. After June 14, the registration fee is \$85. Registration deadline is June 28. No registrations after the deadline will be accepted, and there are no walk-ins.**

## 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA).

We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL. Your gift will allow our diocese to meet the many and varied needs of the people of this diocese. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal website at [FaithHopeCharity-Gives.org](http://FaithHopeCharity-Gives.org). Thank you for your support!

Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online at [FaithHopeCharityGives.org](http://FaithHopeCharityGives.org).

