

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
JUNE 2, 2019
From Pastor's Desk**

In the Gospel for this Sunday, Jesus prays that His disciples may all be one – not just His current disciples, but also all His disciples in the future. Yesterday in our Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Bishop Schlert through the imposition of Hands and the Grace of the Holy Spirit ordained three men to the Sacred Priesthood. Our prayers and congratulations to Fathers John C. Maria, Giuseppe C. Esposito, and Zachary R. Wehr. These men will attempt to imitate the love of God for us.

As we heard proclaimed to us in the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Stephen the proto-deacon is stoned to death for his preaching of the Gospel. While we celebrate with joy the ordination of these new priests, the fanfare will be shorted-lived to the harshness of those who do not show God's love to one's neighbor (even a priest). Yet how can Jesus be made present without a priest? Please pray for our newly ordained and thank God for all priests. With the love of God in us, directed outward toward our neighbor, Jesus is made manifest in all of us.

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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
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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****

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

June 8 — People of the Parish

May 15 — People of the Parish

Masses at St. Stephen

Sunday, June 2—Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:30AM— Carl Leibel (Family)

June 9 — Pentecost Sunday

M/M Charles Senkus (Al Albertini)

Sunday, June 16—The Most Holy Trinity

9:30AM— All Living and Deceased Fathers

Sunday, May 26 Attendance at St. Stephen 79

At St. Clare of Assisi 34

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

June 2: Building Fund

June 9: Cemetery Upkeep

**June 16: Peter's Pence (1st Collection will be for
Weekly and Fuel & Heat)**

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

Collection for May 26:

Weekly \$2,200.00 ; Air Conditioning \$5.00

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2016-2017 Budget	\$170,800.00
2018/2019 Budget (All Funds)	\$150,200.00
Amount Needed Weekly	\$2,888.46
Collection May 26	\$2,200.00
Cemetery \$358.00	-----
Needed to Date (48th week)	\$138,646.08
Collected to Date (48th week)	\$128,900.25
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(9,745.83)

**LECTORS AND
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

June 2

Judy Johnson/Elizabeth Harrison

June 9

Lisa Gasper/Maureen Challenger

June 16

Maureen Challenger/Ed Tray



June 2

Annabella Chaklos

Sunday, June 9

Jacob Challenger

Sunday, June 16

Need Substitute

Sunday, June 23

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 collec-
tion basket. Always use an envelope
with your name and the amount re-
corded on it.**

Grateful for Saying our Sunday Masses.

June 2 — Father Connolly

June 9 — Msgr. Handges

June 16 — Father Connolly

June 23 — Father Bill

June 30 — Father Tolentino

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Communion Calls to Sick & Shut-ins

Holy Communion will be brought to the sick and shut-ins of the parishes June 25-26. A phone call will be made prior to Fr. Bill's or the Eucharistic Minister's visit.

Mass to Honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Mary's Immaculate Heart

We will celebrate these devotions on Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8 at 8AM at St. Clare of Assisi. The Blessed Sacrament will be on the daily Mass chapel altar from 8:30am-12:30pm on Friday.

Please Be Aware the Air Conditioning System is "ON"

The church's AC has been turned on for the season. When the ambient temperature of 70 degrees is reached, the thermostat will call for cooling. We feel with the thermostat set at 70 fewer people might no longer complain it is too cold. However, we encourage and recommend those who are normally cold to bring a sweater or a jacket.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

We are grateful to our parishioners who have made a pledge or donation to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. As of today, our parishioners have raised \$751.00 from 14 parishioners representing 4.49% of our total number of registered families in our parish to benefit the needy of our diocese and the many diocesan projects in Schuylkill County.

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 \$300 gift to the BAA may be set-up with six \$50 installments. Your sacrifice and generosity to those less fortunate will allow the ministries of our Diocese to offer services to those who need our assistance. You can make your gift online at FaithHopeCharityGives.org, or pick up a pledge form in the back of church or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge form to the parish office or make your gift online. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small.

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. Place your pledge form in the collection basket or visit the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org. Thank you for your support!

ICC Caterers All You Can Eat Breakfast

This Sunday, June 2nd, 8-11:30AM at ICC Hall \$7.00 adults, \$3 children under 8. Benefits St. Clare of Assisi Parish.

WELCOMING IN TRUTH & CHARITY

JOIN BISHOP ALFRED A. SCHLERT as he hosts **FR. TAD PACHOLCZYK** from the National Catholic Bioethics Center on a discussion of the **Church's Authentic Teaching on Same Sex Attraction** to be held **June 22, 2019 from 10 AM – 12 NOON** at **Berks Catholic H.S. Auditorium**, 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd, Reading. There will be Q&A discussion included in the morning event. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** For questions, contact 610-289-8900 ext. 2021 or e-mail cle@allentowndiocese.org.

Family Picnic at Tuscarora Lake | June 30 / 12N - 6pm

Join teens and their families from several youth ministries and groups throughout the region for a fun day at the lake! SCYM Teens, Lorica Teens from St. Pats in Pottsville, ACTION Youth - Mahanoy City & Barnesville, Annunciation Parish in Hazleton and others. Enjoy a cook out, kayaking, hiking and some games. For those who are attending the Steubenville Youth Conference, this picnic will be a great opportunity to get to know many of the teens & adults going on the trip. Families are welcome!

RSVP Required. Register here:

<https://tinyurl.com/yxoqm7rv> on the Schuylkill Catholic Youth Ministry Facebook page, or email annie@allentowndiocese.org.

Stay up-to-date with the latest Teen Ministry news by following Schuylkill Catholic Youth Ministry on Facebook.

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. **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.**

Congratulations to Morgan Jacoby who will be graduating from Nativity BVM High School on 6/4/19. She has enlisted in the United States Air Force and will be leaving for Basic Training on 7/9/19.

