

**PENTECOST SUNDAY
JUNE 9, 2019
From Pastor's Desk**

When the disciples received the Holy Spirit, they were able to proclaim God's Word in a way that everyone could understand, no matter their culture, their country, or their language. When an early Christian received the Holy Spirit, they were able to serve the Body of Christ, the Church (the People of God), with unique spiritual gifts. St. Francis of Assisi told his followers and those who he preached to – "Preach the Gospel always and when necessary use words." In other words, our actions should enable others to recognize that we are Christians. Since we have received the Holy Spirit and continue to be filled with the Holy Spirit, let us ponder how we can use our gifts to the benefit of others.

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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**

**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.

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 15 — People of the Parish

June 22 — Joseph & Joan Krynock (Children)

June 29 — People of the Parish

Masses at St. Stephen

June 9 — Pentecost Sunday

9:30AM —M/M Charles Senkus (Al Albertini)

Sunday, June 16—The Most Holy Trinity

9:30AM— All Living and Deceased Fathers

**Sunday, June 23—The Most Holy Body and Blood
of Christ**

9:30AM— Jean Thomas (Jean Marie Thomas)

**Sunday, May June 2 Attendance at St. Stephen 75
At St. Clare of Assisi 47**

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

June 9: Cemetery Upkeep

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

June 23: Cemetery Upkeep

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

Collection for June 2:

Weekly \$2,107.00 ; Building Fund \$331.00;

Ascension Thursday \$\$285.00

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2016-2017 Budget	\$170,800.00
2018/2019 Budget (All Funds)	\$150,200.00
Amount Needed Weekly	\$2,888.46
Collection June 2	\$2,438.00
Cemetery \$358.00	-----
Needed to Date (49th week)	\$141,534.54
Collected to Date (49th week)	\$131,338.25
Over/(Under) Budget	\$(10,196.29)

**LECTORS AND
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

June 9

Lisa Gasper/Maureen Challenger

June 16

Maureen Challenger/Ed Tray

June 23

Ed Tray/Judy Johnson

June 30

Judy Johnson/Lisa Gasper



Sunday, June 9

Aiden Brennan

Sunday, June 16

Aiden Brennan

Sunday, June 23

Aiden Brennan

June 30

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

Grateful for Saying our Sunday Masses.

June 9 — Msgr. Handges

June 16 — Father Connolly

June 23 — Father Bill

June 30 — Father Brensinger

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Changes in this Week's Mass Schedule

Monday, June 10 Mass will be at 8AM at St. Clare.
Tuesday- Friday, June 11-14 Morning Prayer each day at 8AM. NO MASS, Fr. Bill attending Clergy Conference
Saturday, June 15 Mass will be at 8AM to celebrate the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Communion Calls to Sick & Shut-ins

Holy Communion will be brought to the sick and shut-ins of the parishes this week on Tuesday and Thursday. A phone call will be made prior to the visit.

Facts about the Sacrament of Confirmation

- To be Catholic Christian, one receives the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation
- The Sacrament of Confirmation is considered the Sacrament of Christian Maturity, meaning that before reception of Confirmation with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, the Christian is able to make basic decisions of Faith (acts of charity and kindness, understands sin and the need for Confession, has participated a number of years in a program to enrich one's basic understanding of Faith, and attends Mass faithfully).
- Catholics before celebrating Holy Matrimony should be Confirmed.
- Only Confirmed Catholics can act as godparents at Baptism, sponsors at Confirmation, and witnesses at Holy Matrimony.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Latest update:

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.

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 FaithHopeCharity-Gives.org. Thank you for your support!

Saint Stephen Mass Intentions are available at Saint Clare of Assisi 4PM Masses on Saturdays. Please contact the rectory to schedule.

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.

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.**

