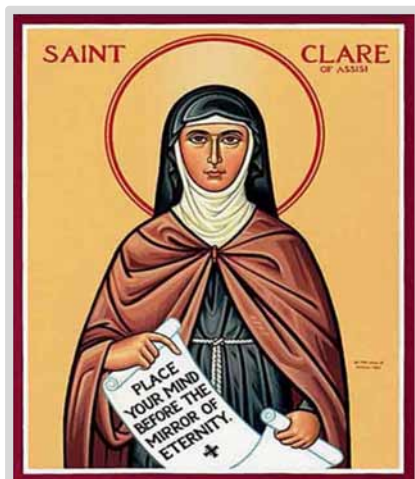


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Parish Registration

Parish registration is recommended for all individual persons and families who worship regularly and who intend to participate actively in the life of our parish by sharing their time, talents and treasure. Registration is necessary for celebrating Marriage and Baptism, as well as for the issuing of Sponsor Certificates.

Director of Religious Education

Thomas Dowd

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Dear Padre,

When and where did perpetual adoration develop?

Adoration of the Eucharist can be traced to the early centuries of Christianity, but the practice of perpetually adoring the Eucharist began most clearly in Europe after the Council of Trent (1545–1563).

An Austrian community of cloistered Benedictine nuns took vows of perpetual adoration in the seventeenth century. As the number of cloistered communities dedicated to perpetual adoration grew, the need arose to bring this devotion to the laity. By the nineteenth century, various practices of adoration of the Eucharist were established.

By the mid-nineteenth century, French Saint Pierre-Julien Eymard started the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament for men to instill in the lay faithful the desire to honor and worship Christ in the Eucharist. Saint Pierre-Julien built churches dedicated to perpetual adoration and inspired many to make a holy hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

By the mid-twentieth century, the practice of perpetual adoration began to fade. With the renewal of the liturgy and the accent on the baptismal priesthood's role of justice in the modern world, many types of devotions waned, including devotion to visiting the Blessed Sacrament.

Saint John Paul II, however, revised the practice of perpetual adoration, and today parishes throughout the United States have special chapels in which parishioners are encouraged to spend at least one hour a week in adoration. Pious societies promote perpetual adoration as a way of giving praise and thanks to Christ.

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20, 2019

MASS TIMES

(Please check bulletin for changes)

Tuesday – Friday 8AM (Chapel)

Saturday – 4PM

Sunday- 8:30AM and 10:30AM

St. Stephen – 9:30AM

Holydays – Please check bulletin

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:15-3:45PM or call the rectory to schedule an appointment. St. Stephen Parish, please see Priest before Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Prospective parents are expected to attend an instruction session. Please call the parish office to make arrangements and schedule an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made one year in advance to schedule and plan your wedding.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP/CCD classes are offered for our public grade school children. Classes are held Wednesday evenings 6PM to 7:30PM.

Monday, October 21, 2019
8AM NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, October 22, 2019
8AM NO MASS SCHEDULED

Wednesday, October 23, 2019
8AM NO MASS SCHEDULED

Thursday, October 24, 2019
8AM Barry Brassington

Friday, October 25, 2019
8AM Mary Ann Albo

Saturday, October 26, 2019
4PM St. Clare Vigil Mass for Sunday--The
Holden & Siney Families and John Kanish
St. Stephen Intention—Anna Corson

Sunday, October 27, 2019 Thirtieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
8:30AM Gloria & Jim McNulty
9:30AM at St. Stephen—James & Margaret
Collins
10:30AM Walter Androshick

From the Pastor's Desk

From the patriarchs of the Old Testament to the early apostles, God comes to the help of all those who ask. How do we pray? Do we only pray once a week when we come to Mass? Maybe once in a while when something important comes up? Or do we pray regularly and purposefully? Do we try to listen to what God is telling us? Do we find prayer helpful? Today as we celebrate Mass, let us think about how Jesus asks us to pray, and pray that we may more closely follow His example.

Sanctuary Candle Intentions

St. Clare of Assisi—In Memory of the Greenback Family requested by Betty Greenback.

St. Stephen—In Memory of Joseph J. Kreydt requested by Louise Kreydt.

Second Collections

St. Clare of Assisi: This week's will be World Mission Sunday (Team 3). Next week's will be for Heat & Energy (Team 4).

St. Stephen: This week's will be for World Mission Sunday. Next week's will be for Cemetery Upkeep.

Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary



This is the last week for our communal rosary (Weather-permitting in the Grotto; bring a lawn

chair. See you Saturday, October 26 to pray The Glorious Mysteries (12PM).

Changes in this Week's Mass Schedule

There will be NO MASS this Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday due to Fr. Bill attending Good Leaders, Good Shepherds. Mass resumes on Thursday at 8AM with Bible Study to follow.

Please also note our Pastor will be taking a week's vacation the following week Monday, October 28 to Thursday, October 31.

A Friendly Reminder

Eastern Standard Time begins on Sunday, November 3 at 2AM. We "FALL" back so we get an extra hour of sleep that weekend. Make sure you turn your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 2.



All Saints Day

We celebrate the Feast of All Saints, a holy day of obligation on Friday, November 1. Masses will be

offered at 8AM in St. Stephen's and 6:30PM in St. Clare.

As is customary, we need volunteers to lector, serve and EM.

Mass Times	Lector	EM	Servers
8AM (St. Stephen's)			
6:30PM (St. Clare)	Sabrina McLaughlin		

All Souls Day

November is the month of All Souls, our time to remember those who have died and to offer our prayers for the souls in purgatory. All Souls Remembrances will be on our altar and our parish Book of Remembrance in all the Masses Fr. Bill offers. Thank you to Irene Mashack, once again, for the beautiful calligraphy work. Mass for All Souls will be offered on Saturday, November 2 at 8AM in St. Clare of Assisi.

Mass Time	Lector	EM	Servers
8AM St. Clare			

St. Clare of Assisi Fall Fest 50/50 Raffle

We are close to selling 3,000 chances for the 50/50. Can we work harder and make it 4,000 so we can give away \$2,000? Please call the rectory if you need chances. Any UNSOLD chances, please return to rectory immediately.

Bible Study to Prepare for Sunday Readings

Our weekly scripture study of the Sunday readings will meet after the 8AM Mass on Thursday, October 24. All are invited to listen and share thoughts and details on the Sunday readings so we can understand and apply them to our lives. We continue to use At Home with the Word for 2019.

Parish Work Parties

Thank you for the help this past weekend! We are grateful to Amy & John Baruka, Mark Chiccini, Paul Jones, Phil Grabish, Tony Klazas, Sr., Tony Klazas, Jr., Sib McCarthy, Jack Ketner.

Next Work Party

- Saturday, November 9: cleaning of Immaculate Conception Church
- Saturday, December 7: decorating the rectory and exterior for Christmas, bring up wreaths and trees from storage
- Sunday, December 22: setting up Christmas figurines in manger and arranging of flowers

Fall Fest Update

Be prepared to be “wow-ed!” This weekend you will get to preview our **Fabulous** Fall Fest “Choose and Win” during “Shop and Drop” times on Saturday, October 19, from 3-6, and Sunday, October 20, from after the 8:30 Mass until noon. You can buy tickets and start dropping them in the bags of the prizes you desire! Tickets are only \$3.00/sheet or 2 sheets for \$5.00! There are going to be some **Big Ticket Prizes** as well!! Plan on joining us for dinner while you shop; delicious food and baked goods will be sold as well. Remember baked goods can be dropped off during shop and drop times Saturday and Sunday. Have you noticed that we’re having the bake sale table on all the Shop & Drop Days as well as the Day of the Auction? We need all the nut rolls, cinnamon buns, muffins, scones,--any kind of baked goods or candy— (except nothing that needs refrigeration, please) that you can create! What a wonderful way to share your culinary talent with your parish! Kids, we hope you are planning to bring your lucky ticket to try to win Fr. Bill’s Special Prize! The basket winners will be drawn beginning at 2:00 on the 27th, but you do not need to be present to win. If you have not yet been able to sell your 50-50 tickets, please return them in an envelope with your name into the collection basket or to the parish office. Thanks! Call Jo Ellen Gipe @ 429-2022, Jo Ann McCarthy @ 429-1040, or Cathy Heim @ 429-1637 for more information.



Our Next Big Fund Raiser

On Saturday, December 7 from 5-7PM, the parish is offering a “Coal Region Special Ethnic Dinner.” The platter will include: a piece of smoked Kowalonek’s Kielbasy,

Halupkie, Haluskie, and Kugel (a baked bleenie), apple sauce, a beverage, and desert. All this food for \$12.00 – eat in after Mass or take out.

Advanced Sale
Tickets go on sale
Sunday, October
27 at the Fall
Fest: Choose &
Win. Our goal is
to sell 150 tickets
or better.



We are in need of help for this fund raiser to be another success – food prep, hall set-up, Saturday morning heating food, table servers, takeout station, and clean up.

Register Now for Advent Program: “Grace and A Loose Thread”

Only the Master Mender can repair the frayed edges of the fabric of our lives and restore them to the beautiful tapestry that they once were. Addressing challenges and difficulties in our lives the Master Mender will dress us anew.

Tuesday, December 3 from 9AM to 12PM. Cost of the program is \$35 per person which does include lunch. Call the rectory to sign up; a \$15 deposit is necessary.

Very Important PREP Information

Our Parish Religious Education Program has begun. The program meets every Wednesday from 6-7:30PM at Nativity High School. Visit the PREP website: www.stcstsprep.weebly.com for information about schedules and upcoming events, time changes or cancellations.

Upcoming Events

October 26-27 New SCA Revised Parish Event, “Fall Fest” (formerly Chinese Auction)
November 9 St. Clare Parish Work Party
November 16 Confirmation Retreat
December 7 St. Clare Parish Work Party
December 7 NEW SCA Parish Event!—Ethnic Dinner following 4PM Mass
December 22 St. Clare Parish Work Party
March 14 First Penance
March 22-24 Parish Lenten Mission “The 10 Commandments”
April 29 Confirmation at St. John’s
May 3 First Communion at St. Stephen’s
May 17 First Communion at St. Clare

Sunday Mass Attendance – Week of October 13, 2019

4PM: 198 people
8:30AM 145 people
9:30AM people (count not available)
10:30AM 126 people

Sunday Collections -- Week of October 13, 2019—Not available by deadline, will be published next week.

St. Stephen Celebrant Schedule

October 20 Father Connolly
October 27 Father Bill
November 1 Msgr. Handges
November 3 Father Connolly

Safe Environment Training for the Protection of Our Children

It is now law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that anyone who works or ministers to children MUST complete State and Federal background checks, fingerprinting, Child Abuse checks, and online training which take a few weeks. Some of these adults include coaches, youth workers, club moderators, theatre guilds, as well as priests, teachers, social workers, church youth leaders, etc. **All clearances are paid for by the diocese but you must enroll through Safe Environment. Please call the rectory before registering for a class.**

Mandated Reporter Training

Tuesday, October 22, 6:00PM at St. Patrick’s in Pottsville. Call 570-628-0466 to register.

Protecting God’s Children

Saturday, October 26 at 10:00AM at St. Patrick’s in Pottsville. Call 570-628-0466 to register.

Attention Contractors, Plumbers, Electricians, Exterminators and Handymen

**Also open to interested Professionals and Caregivers!

There will be a FREE seminar on How to Protect Your Elderly Customers from SCAM artists. This will be Thursday, November 14 in St. Clare of Assisi Hall beginning at 6:30PM. A free meal will be provided.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our ministry to the sick via our prayer shawls has quieted down but our ladies are still knitting away and we have many prayer shawls available. If you have a loved one who is chronically ill, elderly or in need of prayers, please ask us for a prayer shawl. Each prayer shawl is hand-made and the person knitting it prays while making it. The prayer intention is for a person who is sick or in need of prayers. It is our hope that the prayers of our entire parish family bring comfort and healing to this person. Please watch the bulletin for an upcoming evening Mass offered for the sick of the parish and the blessing of prayer shawls.



Nativity BVM High School Asst. Principal

Nativity BVM High school is accepting applications for the position of Asst. Principal for the 2019-2020 School Year. This is a year round position. Duties include all aspects of Discipline, Student Record Keeping, Attendance, Coordination of Student Life, Supervision of Maintenance and other duties. Minimum of Bachelor's Degree and Teacher Certification required, Master's Degree preferred. Interested candidates should send resume, certifications and all clearances by October 21, 2019 to:

Nativity BVM High School
Attn.: Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Principal
One Lawtons Hill
Pottsville, PA 17901
lsabol@nativitybvm.net

Halloween & the Irish

Did one ever think where Halloween customs came from? Well they came from the Celts back in the 4th century.

Dressing in Costume: Even though Christianized by the likes of St. Canicus, Kieran, and Columban (and other Irish monks), on Halloween the Celts believed that the spirits and ghosts of the dead came back to roam the earth.

People wore masks and "dressed up" in an



outfit to look like one of the spirits to avoid being recognized as one of the living.

Jack-O-Lanterns: On the Emerald Island lived a miserable man named Jack who tricked the devil. Unable to enter heaven or hell after death, he was destined to roam the earth listlessly. Jack placed a burning ember of coal in a carved out turnip and used it as a lantern to keep evil spirits away. When the Irish migrated to America, turnips were replaced with pumpkins.

Trick or Treating: In preparation for All Hallows Eve (the Feast of All Saints), the poor would call upon the rich folks and request money, gifts, and food. The food was gathered for a huge, communal feast of the poor.

When St. Patrick came upon the scene in the 5th century, he helped to dissolve more fully the pagan significance of Halloween, but the fun persisted even coming across the Atlantic Ocean to America.

Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Center Collection

This weekend prior to all Masses, the Knights of Columbus will be asking for donations to help the St. Joseph Center for Special Learning in Pottsville.

St. Michael's Election Day Pork & Sauerkraut
Parish Center Cafeteria, 538 Sunbury St.,
Minersville, Tuesday, November 5, 12 noon to 6PM. Eat In or Take Out. Adult \$9.00; Child (under 10) \$5.00, includes Pork 'N Kraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, roll, beverage & dessert.

Standing Firm In Our Faith – Register today to see Dr. Ralph Martin, Fr. Jim Greenfield, Gus Lloyd, and Sam Guzman at *Standing Firm in Our Faith*, the 8th annual Allentown Diocese Men's Conference on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at DeSales University. In addition to a Vigil Mass, there will be opportunities for Adoration and Confession. Presentations in Spanish will be given by Dr. Ricardo Luzondo and Deacon Isidro Gonzalez. Register by November 13th at www.allentowndiocese.org/mens-conference. Questions can be directed to mensconference@allentowndiocese.org or (610) 289-8900, Ext. 2021.



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We are still in need of youth / teenage prizes (such as Razor A2 Kick Scooter, Backpacks, Bicycle Helmets, Plush Animals, etc.)

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Auction Starts at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 27th



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