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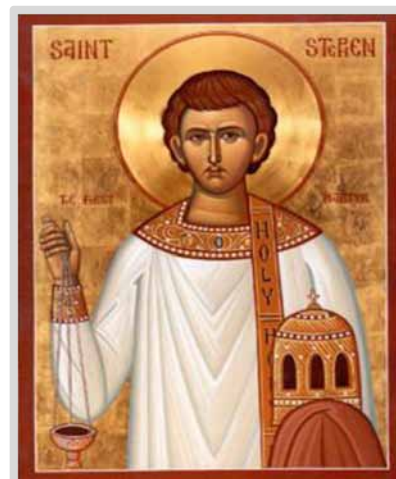


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Parish Registration

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

Parish Religious Education Website

stcstsprep.weebly.com

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Mrs. Wendy S. Krisak, MA, MCC, LPC Direct: 1-800-791-9209

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Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT 1-610-332-0442, Ext 2019

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Dear Padre,

What is a "doctor of the Church"?

Institutions of higher learning confer doctorates on those who make significant contributions to a particular discipline. Likewise the Church, as an institution of higher enlightenment, confers the title "doctor" on those who have significantly illuminated Christ to his disciples.

Doctor is derived from the Latin *docere*, "to teach." While all saints are recognized for their exceptional holiness, popes or an ecumenical council may bestow the honorary title of "doctor of the Church" to saints with exceptional wisdom and learning. These rare individuals have contributed profoundly to a greater understanding of the faith, making a monumental theological or doctrinal impact on the Church.

The Church has thirty-six doctors. Saint Gregory of Narek was the most recently named in 2015. Saints Ambrose, Jerome, Augustine, and Gregory the Great were the original four. Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274) was accorded the distinctions "doctor angelicus" and "doctor communis" for his purity of life and clarity of thought that were thought to stretch beyond the confines of the human intellect. Saint Catherine of Siena (1347–1380) became a "shuttle diplomat" as she developed peace treaties between warring political factions in Italy in the fourteenth century. Saint Teresa of Ávila (1515–1582), whose feast day is October 15, remains the hallmark of those seeking to engage in a more mystical spirituality. Saint Alphonsus Liguori (1696–1787) was named a doctor the quickest of all, a mere eighty-four years after his death.

These doctors proved themselves to be trustworthy guides for both protecting and developing the great treasure that is our faith.

—The Redemptorists

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 13, 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 14, 2019
8AM NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 St. Teresa of Jesus
8AM Charles Mazloom

Wednesday, October 16, 2019
8AM Mary Andrusyshyn

Thursday, October 17, 2019
8AM James McCarthy

Friday, October 18, 2019 St. Luke, Evangelist
8AM Jack Fowler and the Deceased Members of the Fowler Family

Saturday, October 19, 2019
4PM Vigil Mass for Sunday
St. Clare Intention—Greenback Family
St. Stephen Intention—Francis Legutko

Sunday, October 20, 2019 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30AM Betty Pogash
9:30AM at St. Stephen—Kathy Bambrick and Patrick Bambrick
10:30AM Elizabeth Didjunas

From the Pastor's Desk

It is the Samaritan, a foreigner, who alone returns to glorify God and thank this man who healed him. It is Naaman, a foreigner, who seeks out Elisha, the man of God, to be healed. How is it that only foreigners recognize the Hand of God in their healing and respond appropriately? Could it be that because they are foreigners, they are more open to the unexpected and more appreciative that they were included?

Many Catholics take their faith and religion for granted. We believe that we are saved no matter how we live out our lives. Do we realize that we ourselves are foreigners, are lepers, sinners saved by a God who reaches across boundaries? We all need to realize the importance of healing in our lives and be grateful for those who walk with us through the healing process.

Sanctuary Candle Intentions

St. Clare of Assisi—In Memory of James Brennan requested by Margaret Brennan.

Second Collections

St. Clare of Assisi: This week's will be for the **Building Fund (Team 2)**. Next week's will be for **World Mission Sunday (Team 3)**.

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

Ethnic Dinner Meeting

On Monday, October 14 there will be a meeting at 6:30 in the rectory to begin planning for the December 7 Ethnic Dinner. All are invited.

October is the Month of the Rosary

Join your fellow parishioners and anyone who loves our Blessed Lady during the Saturdays in



October to pray the Rosary. Weather-permitting in the Grotto (bring a lawn chair)

- **Saturday, October 19 – The Chaplet of the Sorrowful Mother (12PM)**
- **Saturday, October 26 – The Luminous Mysteries (12PM)**

Rosary Rally

Our Lady of Fatima invites you to participate in the 2019 Rosary Crusade beginning at 11:45AM at St. Michael's Church, 538 Sunbury St. Minersville, Sunday, October 13.

Mary, Mother of All Priests

As we seek the Blessed Mother's intercession upon our needs and requests during this month of the rosary, will you offer an occasional prayer (or rosary) for our Holy Father, our Bishop, our Pastor, the priests of the Diocese, and priests in serious need of prayers?

We ask you to remember, our dear friend Fr. Bob Reiley MM who is experiencing some health issues right now which are preventing him from doing ministry for the people of Schuylkill and Berks counties. Fr. Bob is recuperating in the Maryknoll Infirmary. Perhaps you would like to send him a get-well card to cheer his spirits:

Rev. Robert Reiley, MM
Infirmary
Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers
P.O. Box 302
Maryknoll, NY 10545-0302

Also, perhaps a note or a Halloween card to encourage our summer seminarian, Keaton:

Keaton Eidle
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Our Thanks

We are grateful to Bob & Matt Dudash and Warren for moving the benches in the grotto to increase the seating capacity around the Fatima Shrine.

Last Friday, Fr. Bill and a number of our St. Stephen's and St. Clare's parishioners celebrated Mass with our Bishop in the Cathedral and then attended a presentation on the Mass by Dr. Edward Sri. It was a wonderful Friday night of learning about the mysteries of our Faith and sharing over dinner at Cracker Barrel. Some of those same parishioners also attended the Diocesan Women's Conference the next day.

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 (Msgr. Handges) and 6:30PM in St. Clare (Fr. Bill).

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 Church.

St. Clare of Assisi Parish Work Parties

- Saturday, November 9: cleaning of ICC Church
- Saturday, December 7 putting up the outside Christmas decorations and decorating of the rectory

Fall Fest Update

This is the third and final "Drop-Off" weekend.

Donations can be dropped off in the hall before and after all weekend Masses and Sunday evening October 13 from 6:00-8:00. We've been busy arranging and wrapping all the beautiful and exciting gifts. Thanks for your support! Donations for the Basket of Cheer are also due by October 13. Remember also that volunteers are always needed—wrapping, set-up, selling tickets, staffing stands, and recording sales. Call us to join the fun! **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! If you need more 50-50 chances to sell, call Jo Ellen Gipe 429-2022, JoAnn McCarthy 429-1040, or Cathy Heim 429-1637. 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 cakes, brownies, cookies, tarts, pies, —any kind of baked goods or candy— (except nothing that needs refrigeration, please) that you can create! What a wonderful way to share your talent with your parish! Bon Appetit for us!

You are Invited! Catholic Women's Society of Giving

Our Diocese of Allentown, with the inspiration by women throughout the Diocese, invites women of the Diocese to an Inaugural Mass & Brunch on Sunday, October 20 at 11AM, St. Mary's Church, Kutztown.

What is the Society? It is a community of Catholic Women who are committed to raising awareness and funds to aid non-profit ministries endorsed by the Diocese of Allentown in imitation of the life of St. Catharine of Siena.

Membership in the Society asks an annual contribution of \$350 to create a charitable trust account to be distributed to chosen non-profit ministries.

Schuylkill County Committee Members are Millie Scarbinsky and Carol Boyer. Since Millie is a parishioner she would be happy to address your questions.

Bible Study to Prepare for Sunday Readings

Our weekly scripture study of the Sunday readings will resume after the 8AM Mass on Thursday, October 17. 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.

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 6

4PM: 218 people (26 from St. Stephen)

8:30AM 135 people

9:30AM 86 people

10:30AM 142 people

Sunday Collections -- Week of October 6

St. Clare

Plate: \$5,369.00

Building Fund: \$1,032.00

Cemetery Upkeep: \$92.00

Candles: \$156.00

BAA: \$25,794.00

St. Stephen

Plate: \$2,027.00

Mass Books: \$410.00

Building Fund: \$290.00

BAA: \$4,380.00

St. Stephen Celebrant Schedule

October 13 Father Maletz

October 20 Father Connolly

October 27 Father Bill

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.

St. Clair Halloween Parade will be held on Wed., Oct 23 at 7PM. Registration will be held on Oct 16th & 17th from 6-8 at the St. Clair Elementary-Middle School.

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.

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.

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.

Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Center Collection

The weekend of October 19th and 20th, prior to all Masses, the Knights of Columbus will be asking for donations to help the St. Joseph Center for Special Learning in Pottsville.

Recent St. Stephen Memorials In Memory of Donald J. Burns

\$25 Patricia Yaag
\$25 Paul & Mary Burns
\$50 Cornelia & Alexandru Zugravu
\$40 Helen Ann McKenna
\$25 Joe & Gladys Matz
\$50 Mary Anne Sninski
\$10 Mary Dries
\$20 Al & Linda Baldinger
\$20 Terry & Paul Laubenstein
\$40 Patricia Carr
\$50 Denis Wenders

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.

Need a Religious Article?

Berger's Trinity Peace Religious Goods Store in Elysburg right on Route 54 (if you get to the Sheetz and McDonald's you went too far). Berger's offers many Christmas-themed items that fit many needs. Berger's also specializes in rosaries, statues, missals and prayer books, medals, spiritual reading, etc. They are open Tuesday and Thursday (10-6), Friday (10-8) and Saturday 10-4). Frank and Sue are wonderful people! Pay them a visit to their great store; one will not be disappointed. Phone 570-672-9339.

Store Gift Cards that benefits our Catholic Schools

Both Assumption and Nativity can sell gift cards for local grocery stores, department stores in Schuylkill County as well as Berks County and the Lehigh Valley, gasoline gift cards, etc. The school receives a percentage of the sale of these gift cards. Why not use these gift cards to purchase your groceries, gas, food at restaurants, etc. and help either our Catholic grade school or high school in the process? Contact the school office for more information.





St. Clare of Assisi
Choose & Win Fall Fest
Only 2 Weeks Away

We need your help!

We'd like to make this the BEST parish fundraising event ever!

To name only a few, here are some of the donations already received:

Grande Prizes:

\$1,000 Ninja Foodi System
\$200 Gas Grill
Ton of Coal
\$300 Choice of Fuel Oil or Propane
50" HDTV Television
Kindle Fire Echo Dot

Hundred Dollar Prizes:

\$100 R & J Travel Gift Certificate
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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.)

It's Not Too Late. Prizes / baskets can be dropped off until October 13th at the latest.

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



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