



A Catholic Community in
Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park, MI

From the Desk of Fr. Andrew

November 11, 2018



I hope you had a blessed week.

And what a week it was within our faith community and the community at large

Our seventh grade students and their sponsors began their two year journey toward the Sacrament of Confirmation. While our pilgrims who traveled to Lourdes, Santiago, and Fatima have returned safe

and sound, renewed in faith, and strengthened on their life journey. I hope you had a chance to follow us via Facebook posts, photos, and videos.

This month we take special steps to remember our beloved deceased, with special prayers offered during and after the weekday and weekend Mass in our parishes. You are invited to write the names of deceased family and friends to be remembered in our prayers in the Book of Life by the Baptismal Font.

Across the Archdiocese the **Unleash the Gospel Challenge** has been launched to help us become active participants in our quest to have a personal relationship with Jesus and to share the Good News with others. This will be an ongoing challenge during the month of November. Please join the journey.

In our larger community we had the opportunity to exercise our right to vote in the midterm elections. I hope you let your voice be heard.

A Round of Thank You's

- With much appreciation, thank you to Fr. Ed Prus who ministered at St. Clare while I was away on the pilgrimage.
- To the priests who recently visited St. Philomena to serve: Fr. Robert Blondell, Fr. Thomas Puzio, Fr. George Charnley, Fr. Mark Luedtke, Fr. Albert Sandor, Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, Fr. Randy Philips, and to the committee from St. Philomena who organized the Homecoming Party Oct. 27th.
- To the members of the St. Clare Garden Club for receiving a beautification award from the State of Michigan in

recognition of the transformation of our landscape and gardens.

- Thank you to the Bereavement Ministries from both parishes for preparing and organizing prayer services for our deceased.
- And last but not least, to the St. Clare Knights of Columbus who organized the Vocation Dinner Saturday Night, and for those who came to pray and support the vocations from our parishes. Thank you all for your ministry and involvement.

Veterans Day, Remembrance Day, and Independence Day

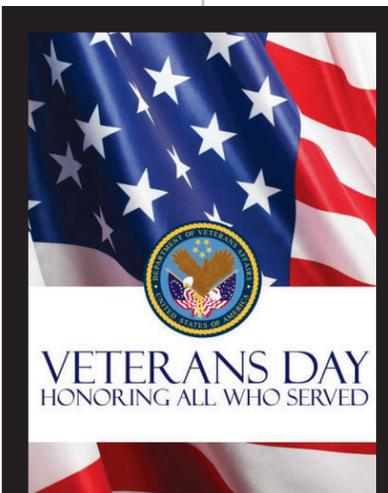
November 11th is a special day in many countries, commemorating the end of World War I when at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the Armistice with Germany went into effect. Here are three examples of countries that celebrate this day.

- **In the United States** – it is Veterans Day, honoring military veterans; persons who served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Not to be confused with Memorial Day, Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who died while in military service.
- **To our neighbors in Canada** – it is Remembrance Day, honoring the end of WWI. The red poppy has become a familiar symbol of Remembrance Day in Canada and

the Commonwealth due to the poem "In Flanders Fields" written by Canadian physician, Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae.

- **In my homeland, Poland** – we have National Independence Day to commemorate the anniversary of the restoration of Poland's sovereignty as the Second Polish Republic in 1918 from the German, Austrian, and Russian Empire. Following the partitions in the late 18th century, Poland ceased to exist for 123 years until the end of World War I, when the destruction of the neighboring powers allowed the country to reemerge. This year marks the 100th Anniversary.

Let us continue to pray for peace around the world.



BE BOLD, BE HOLY, BE CATHOLIC

Our Parish Community

Closing Protocol

On November 6, 2018, Archbishop Allen Vigneron issued two decrees. The first decree brings about the cessation of Saint Philomena Parish, with merging the Saint Philomena Parish territory into Saint Matthew, Saint Clare of Montefalco, and Saint Paul Parishes. The second decree relegates to secular use Saint Philomena Church. Both decisions take effect on November 26, 2018. For two weekends, that is until November 18, the aforementioned decrees will be placed at the entrance of St. Philomena church. A certified copy of these decrees may be obtained from our parish offices upon request. For additional information and assistance in understanding the details of this announcement, you may contact the Office of the Chancellor at chancellor@aod.org.

Because of the closure of St. Philomena parish, its geographical boundaries had to be redrawn to ensure complete coverage of our eastside community. St. Clare will absorb 45 % of the current St. Philomena territory. St Paul 30% and St. Matthew 25%. Please see the insert for details of the new boundaries.

St. Philomena parish leadership is working closely with the Archdiocese to ensure proper protocol is followed as we implement closure procedures of the parish office and other buildings. All sacred and non-sacred objects in the parish's possession will also follow AOD protocol for distribution. Parish committees are working together preparing for the closing celebration, scheduled for Sunday November 25th. at 10:00 a.m.

The original sacramental records from St. Philomena Parish will be permanently maintained by the Archdiocese of Detroit Archives. Parishioners of St. Philomena may request their sacramental certificates from the Archives by mail using the request form available in the parish office or online via the AOD website; at <http://www.tfaforms.com/223139>. If you would like to have the form mailed or emailed to you, you may contact the AOD Archives at 313-237-5846 or archives@aod.org and they will be happy to assist you.

As the days toward our final Mass together approach many are reminiscing about the good times together as a parish community. Last week the bulletin had a page devoted to some of these stories. I invite all of you to please take a moment, write down your favorite memory of St. Philomena and send these to Joanna, at the St. Philomena office. We will compile and feature them in the upcoming bulletins. Submissions must be made by 11/12/18 to meet the final publishing deadline.

Saints of the week

- **Monday – St. Josaphat** (1580-1623) – his commitment to unite the Orthodox Church of Ukraine with the Church of Rome was realized in the Byzantine Rite of Catholicism. St. Josaphat was martyred for his ecumenical efforts.
- **Tuesday - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini** (1850-1917) – was an Italian immigrant to the United States. First US citizen to be canonized. Cabrini organized catechism and education classes for the Italian immigrants and provided for the needs of the many orphans. She established schools and orphanages despite tremendous odds.
- **Thursday - St. Albert the Great** (1206-1280) – teacher and mentor of St. Thomas Aquinas, scholar and known to be the universal doctor, the best learned man of his time.
- **Friday - St. Margaret of Scotland** (1045-1093) – wife and mother, woman of great faith, supporter of the poor, sick, and pilgrims.

*Have a blessed week,
Fr. Andrew*

You are invited

TO A

Wine & Mac 'n'

Cheese Social

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP WITH
NEW PARISHIONERS FROM THE PAST YEAR. ALL ARE
WELCOME (INCLUDING KIDS!) TO SHARE A MEAL AND
GROW IN FRIENDSHIP WITH EACH OTHER.

*"FOR WHERE TWO OR MORE ARE GATHERED IN MY NAME
THERE I AM IN THE MIDST
OF THEM" -MATTHEW 18:20*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018

4:00 PM MASS

RECEPTION DIRECTLY FOLLOWING IN THE
CHURCH SOCIAL HALL

Be Bold. BE HOLY. Be Catholic.

BEREAVEMENT FELLOWSHIP DINNER

The loss of a loved one is never easy, whether recent or many years ago. The approaching holidays can make this even harder to manage. Come join us for dinner and fellowship on Friday evening November 16th, 6:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Listen to a panel discussion featuring parishioners who have lost a loved one. They will share their stories and how they found strength in faith, how they coped with the loss, and how they began to move forward again. All are welcome (bring a friend). R.S.V.P required by November 13th.

bereavementministry@stclarem.org or call
Gina Serraiocco 313 527 6193 or 313 530 2290

News and Events In Our Parish Community

Stewardship Thoughts

Today's Scripture passages from the First Book of Kings and St. Mark's Gospel describe two widows' remarkable examples of self-sacrifice. In the Old Testament narrative, the prophet Elijah requests a poor widow, in the midst of a drought, to make him food from her insufficient supply of flour and oil. God richly blesses her and her son for her act of simple kindness and generosity. In St. Mark's Gospel, Jesus notices the poor widow who ... *from her poverty has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood* to the Temple treasury. Jesus professes to His disciples that her donation is noteworthy because she gives from her need, not from her surplus wealth as others do. In the Letter to the Hebrews, another form of sacrifice is expressed: Christ's ultimate sacrifice of Himself as our High Priest. As Christian stewards, we should strive to imitate these profound examples of sacrificial giving by acknowledging all gifts are God-given, and in gratitude, by giving back to God generously through the parish offertory, the Catholic Services Appeal, and to those in need. A good rule of thumb is to begin giving 4 percent of your pre-tax income to the parish offertory and 1 percent to the Catholic Services Appeal.

Stephen Ministry



Like many of you, I try to start and end my days with a prayer. Today I would like to share a prayer with you, that I wrote after a Stephen Ministry training session.

"Thank you, God for Your merciful love and Your heart of consolation, which I have received throughout my life, especially in the difficult times of loss, despair and grief. You placed Your beloved sons and daughters on my path and they offered me comfort and hope through their words, presence and prayers. You embraced me in my brokenness and sorrow. I was gently cared for with compassion. Because You have loved me, I am well. I see Your light and am able to share these gifts with others. With abundant gratitude for this new grace you have given me, I ask You to continue to bless the ministry of caregivers walking with those in need of support and Your love. Amen."

When I heard about the Stephen Ministry and its commitment to walk beside others who are

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Events In and Around Our Parish Community

(SCM= St. Clare Church | SPC=St. Philomena Church)

Monday, November 12

8:00 AM	Mass and Marian Devotion	SCM
4:00 PM	Religious Education	School
6:30 PM	Religious Education	School
7:00 PM	Intercessory Prayer Group	Rectory Chapel
7:00 PM	EEV Board Meeting	Rooms 1 and 2

Tuesday, November 13

9:30 AM	Legion of Mary Meeting	Whittier Room
9:30 AM	Motor City Mitten Mission (MCMM)	Rooms 1 and 2
4:00 PM	Silent Meditation	Rectory Chapel
6:30 PM	Mass and St. Michael Devotion	SCM
6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry Continuing Education	Faculty Room
6:30 PM	Baptismal Prep	Whittier Room
6:30 PM	Nursery School Membership Meeting	Mr. B. Room
7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus - Council Meeting	Rooms 1 and 2
7:30 PM	Finance Council Meeting	Rose Room
7:30 PM	Al-anon (Adult Children of Alcoholics)	Parish Offices

Wednesday, November 14

8:15 AM	Mass	SCM
9:00 AM	Catholic to Catholic Phase 2	Whittier Room
9:45 AM	Pastoral Team Mtg.	Rose Room
6:00 PM	Exposition and Adoration	Church
7:00 PM	RCIA	Faculty Room
7:00 PM	Legion of Mary Rosary	Church
7:00 PM	EEV General Meeting	Church Social Hall

Thursday, November 15

8:00 AM	Mass	SCM
9:30 AM	Motor City Mitten Mission (MCMM)	Rooms 1 and 2
6:30 PM	Faith Formation	Church Social Hall

Friday, November 16

8:00 AM	Mass and Divine Mercy Devotion	SCM
9:00 AM	UTG Parish Day of Renewal	OFF CAMPUS
9:00 AM	Friday Faith Formation	Whittier Room
4:40 PM	Altar Server Training	Church
6:15 PM	Bereavement Dinner	Church Social Hall

Saturday, November 17 - Name Tag Sunday

2:30 PM	Saturday Confessions	Church
4:00 PM	Saturday Mass - 4:00 p.m.	SCM SPC
5:00 PM	New Parishioner Welcome Wine & Cheese Social	Church Social Hall

Sunday, November 18 - Name Tag Sunday

9:00 AM	Sunday Mass (<i>Little Lambs</i> <i>Sunday Family</i>)	SCM
10:00 AM	Sunday Mass	SPC
11:00 AM	Sunday Mass	SCM
5:00 PM	Sunday Evening Mass	SCM
6:00 PM	Pilgrimage Recap. and Presentation	Church Social Hall

Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines

- Nov. 12: Normal Deadline for November 18th
- Nov. 12: Early Deadline for November 25th

<https://stclarem.org/bulletin>

St. Philomena Spirit

RESPECT – SEEING IT, LIVING IT

By Dick Nugent

Fr Pete at Mass: THE LORD'S PRAYER

After "Through Him, with Him, In Him ...," Father Pete says, "Would all the young people please come up to the altar and join me in the Lord's Prayer." And the kids come to him – streams of kids. Some are so young they can barely walk. Others even younger are carried by an older sister or brother. Others – the ones wearing the varsity letter jackets, for example -- are on the senior side of young. In fact, it's just about all the "young people" in the Church. They all know the call is to them. And they walk up like they know what they are doing ... and like they BELONG. He waits patiently for the last child to arrive. Then he gathers them in a circle. They all join hands and, together, recite the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father, who art in heaven ..." At the end of the Lord's Prayer, Father Pete selects a helper for a "special" task – holding the book. Almost always, he chooses the most active (and potentially most disruptive) youngster. And the kid does this "special" task with skill and grace every time ... every single time.

Fr Pete at Mass: THE KISS OF PEACE

For the Kiss of Peace, he sends the kids back to their seats.

Occasionally he keeps a child and escorts the child up and down the aisles. Along the way, he teaches the child to say, "Peace be with you," to just about every person in Church, at least every person within reach from the aisles.

Fr Pete at Mass: HAPPY BIRTHDAY

At the close of Mass just about every Sunday, Father Pete asks, "Is anyone celebrating a birthday this week?" People hardly ever stand up. So Father Pete walks down the center aisle and directs attention to specific parishioners.

"John, I believe you are 54 this Tuesday. Would you stand up please?" Typically, John will rise, silent.

"Emma, I believe you and your twin sister are both 39 on Thursday. Stand up, please. Yes, both of you."

"Emma will rise and say something like, 'No, Father, it's 89, not 39.'"

Father Pete will smile and say, "Oh, I stand corrected, Emma. You are almost as old as I am ... but not quite."

When a child stands, Father Pete calls the child to him at the altar, puts his arm around him (her) and engages in a peer-to-peer dialogue, after which Father Pete almost always gets the child to smile. And, be the child 8 or 18, Fr Pete never fails to get a "good-bye, love you" hug ... every single time.

Fr Pete: Shepherd

On a beautiful Spring morning, St Philomena parishioners are gathering for Sunday Mass. "Gathering" is not completely descriptive of the joyful chorus of *hellos* and *how ya doins* coming from in and around the Church. Guests often refer to this pre-Mass event as evidence of the "strong Christian spirit" of the Parish. But on this occasion, much of the joy was likely coming from anticipation of the day itself. It was Father Pete's 98th Birthday. Father Pete had been ill for many months. And, though he tried to carry out his pastoral duties, poor health and old age were making it more difficult for him to do so. Father Pete was big on birthdays, so big that they had become a *de facto* part of the Sunday Mass Liturgy. He used birthdays to introduce new members to the Parish Community, and in general, to unify us and to teach us on matters of daily living. Our hope was that God would give Father Pete the strength to celebrate his 98th birthday with us. At the start of Mass, a small commotion at the back of the Church signaled Father Pete's arrival. He sat in back through the service. At the end of the service, Father Pete started a slow walk to the lectors' podium next to the altar. As he did so, the celebrant said, "Is anyone celebrating a birthday today?" This brought in response a thunderous ovation from the Parish community. When the clapping and cheers finally subsided, Father Pete stepped to the podium. He was a small man, short in stature. He stood on the podium now, his head just visible above the bookstand. He spoke of his history – his parents' emigration from Italy over a century ago, his position in the family, and so on. For many of us, it was hearing a wondrous tale told for the hundredth time. We knew most of it by heart, but it was still beautiful as he told it. Then he spoke of today. His voice quavered as he searched for the proper words. We heard him say "Leaders" and "Leadership." Then he gathered his strength and delivered this message: "Increasing age and infirmity have not allowed me to be the leader I once was. For those times when I failed, I ask for your forgiveness. "Over the past several months, I have seen you, as individuals and as a Parish community, step up to the leadership challenge. I praise your courage and commend you on your success. I am confident that you will find the correct path and sail the right course in the coming days and months. "I am proud of you – for being a good flock and for making me look and feel like a good shepherd." Father Pete passed away a few weeks later.

Father Pete: The Good Word

It had been almost a year since my wife's passing. It was a snowy, wet, winter day. I was wearing a red Holiday sweater I hadn't worn in some time. Father Pete saw me, walked over and said, "I am sure Mary loved you in that sweater."

St. Phils – Legacy

Every year, from the first day of November through the month, a banner across the high wall behind the altar listed the Parishioners who had passed away during the previous 12 months. I did not appreciate the banner until my wife's name was on the list.

Our Parish Community



Christian Service Corner

Support CCSEM

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan will hold a special collection on November 17-18. Compelled by the love and teachings of Jesus Christ, Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM) helps children, teens, adults and families who find themselves in a variety of challenging circumstances. CCSEM provides works of mercy in all six counties of the Archdiocese of Detroit. These programs help thousands in our area to overcome life challenges through several programs: Adoption and Foster Care; All Saints Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry; Behavioral Health; Christian Service and Health Care Ministries; Family Support Services; Hispanic Outreach; Immigration and Refugee Services and Senior Services. **Please consider making a donation to support these services on November 17-18. An envelope is included in your bi-monthly packet. Extra envelopes are on the tables around the church.** CCSEM replaces the former collection called Campaign for Human Development.



You may learn more about CCSEM at www.ccsem.org or 855-882-2736.



The **St. Clare Giving Tree Project** will kick-off the weekend after Thanksgiving, Nov. 24-25, 2018. Just in case you want to pick up a gift or gift card over the next couple of weeks to support this worthwhile project. The Giving Trees and their tags will be out for three weeks and then gifts will be collected during all masses on December 15-16, 2018. More details will come in the weeks ahead...



Wonderful to be back after our pilgrimage to Europe with Fr. Andrew and friends from St. Clare. We enjoyed the rich spiritual and cultural history of Southern France, Northern Spain and Portugal during our visit. You were all in our prayers and thoughts each day while we said mass as a group. This is a picture of the Cathedral in Santiago de Compostela where many pilgrims finished their journey. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers during our travels.

Mike McDevitt
Christian Service Coordinator | 313-647-5025

From the Desk of Mrs. Pawlowski Kindergarten Teacher



The end of October went out with a bang! Mrs. White, our 6th Grade Teacher, arranged for the Detroit Mounted Police to visit St. Clare School. The children saw two huge horses! Each child was allowed to pet a horse and discovered that the fur of these beautiful animals was amazingly soft.

We celebrated Halloween in costume! The school children gathered in the gym for a Halloween Assembly. Each class paraded around to show off their HALLOWEEN attire. We were entertained as we listened to *The Twelve Days of Halloween*. Then we returned to our classrooms to continue the morning with a little work - and lots of delicious treats, music, crafts and games.

On November 1st, we gathered at Mass to celebrate All Saints Day. Deacon Rich reminded us that we were all born saints and that we should look for saints around us. During the month of November, the Kindergarten class will be discussing



"little" ways that bring us to sainthood - helping at home, smiling, being kind, not complaining, putting toys away, singing, praying, etc.

Our Varsity Forensics Team continues to practice and memorize their pieces in preparation for the December 9th Competition at the Grosse Pointe Academy. Keep us in your prayers!

From the desk of Sue Reik Preschool Teacher



I would like to thank everyone who supported us in our launch of our new Preschool program. We are very blessed to have your support. Currently, there are nine students in the program, who are very active and happy to be at St. Clare.

October is fire safety Month. The St. Clare Co-op Nursery School, St. Clare Preschool, and the St. Clare Kindergarten classes had a visit from the Grosse Pointe Park public safety officer. The children were excited to learn about fire safety and to have a tour of the fire truck.



St. Clare of Montefalco Presents:
JOURNEY TO HOLINESS
3 Part Lecture Series

St. Clare of Montefalco Social Hall
1401 Whittier Rd., Grosse Pointe Park

NOVEMBER 15



Kathy Eubanks (Motivational Speaker)
"Navigating Negativity – The Power of Faith & Positivity"

NOVEMBER 29



Margy Nagel (St. Paul Street Evangelization)
"Holiness and the Evangelist - Two Minute Kerygma Speech Training"

DECEMBER 6



Patty Chase (Catechetical Coordinator AOD)
"Prayer"

In a world where **Christianity is no longer welcome**
in the public square, we are a **beacon of light**

6:30 P.M. Fellowship and Refreshments
7:00 P.M. Praise & Worship
7:15 P.M. Lecture, Discussion, Q & A
8:30 P.M. Prayer & Close

Free of Charge! (We gratefully accept your donations)



Faith Formation

Children's Faith formation continues as usual. Our attendance has been very good. Special thanks to those who see that their children are in class, and those who call in if a child is sick.

Please remember that each child will be asked to pray the Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be by him/herself. I will begin hearing their prayers the first of December. If you pray these every day, your child will learn them.

Thursday night Faith formation completed a series on the Holy Eucharist. If you were not able to attend, I do suggest **PRESENCE** on formed.org. I believe if we truly believe that Jesus' real presence dwells within our bodies when we receive Jesus in Communion, we would never knowingly miss a weekend Mass. We should be running to church to receive Jesus.

We will begin a three -week speaker series this Thursday, November 7, with Kathy Eubanks speaking on "Navigating Negativity, the Power of Faith and Positivity."

This Wednesday in RCIA we will study the Pascal Mystery-the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. Join us at 7:00 in the Teacher's lounge.

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FORMED.ORG

- **November 11: ST. MARTIN OF TOURS**
✓ Watch: Brother Francis: The Saints
- **November 13: ST. AUGUSTINE'S BIRTHDAY**
✓ Watch: Restless Heart
✓ Listen: Saints for Sinners
✓ Listen: The Restless Flame
- **ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI**
✓ Listen: St. Frances Cabrini
- **November 15: ST. ALBERT THE GREAT. Patron of Scientists**
✓ Study: From Nothing to Cosmos: God and Science
✓ Watch: The Gardener of God
- **November 18: DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF STS. PETER AND PAUL**
✓ Watch: What's What in the Church
✓ Watch: Jubilee
✓ Watch: Paul of Tarsus

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Our Parish Community

Readings for the Week of November 11, 2018

Sunday

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146: 7, 8-9, 9-10;
Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Monday

Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24: 1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37: 3-4, 18 & 23, 27 & 29;
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday

Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23: 1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday

Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Phlm 7-20; Ps 146: 7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Lk 17:20-25

Friday

Saint Margaret of Scotland;

Saint Gertrude, Virgin

2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119: 1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16: 5, 8, 9-10, 11;
Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

Sunday Collection

November 4, 2018

Parishioner Envelopes*:	\$10,656
Loose Collection:	\$3,027
Total Collection:	\$13,683
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$10,331
Over for the week by:	\$3,352

*Includes We Share For The Week

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Thank you for supporting the New Evangelization.

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text **STCLAREM** to **22828**

The Man, The Myth, The Legend

My husband and I first met Fr. Lentine at St Matthews, during our Freshman year of high school. He was the moderator for the Junior Legion of Mary. From our first encounters we knew he was a faith filled man, a silent leader with a quiet sense of humor. During his leadership, the young people in the parish got preschool classes going during Mass, babysitting during all of the Masses, CCD classes for all east side Special students, running errands for seniors, raking leaves and shoveling snow to name a few ...and he did it in his quiet manner, which put the individual in charge and he as the supporter. Due to his influence, my husband and I ending up going off to the seminary and convent. We realized the Religious Life was not for us and that's when we finally met, thru St Matthews...married, had three children and 6 grandchildren. I started out teaching at St Matthews, and two of our children went to school there, so we had to remain parishioners. But we always seem to spend many Sunday mornings at St Philomena, a small welcoming Parish. After we got our third child thru parochial grade school, we officially registered at St Philomena. Our favorite community, and house of prayer. Fr. Pete has been our stronghold for most of our lives, thru the sudden death of my parents and thru a horrible accident with our son. Fr. Pete left his family reunion and spent the day and night with us, when our son had a zero% chance of recovery. He spent the next nine days visiting him, and praying over him. He continued to tell us "put Bob in the hands of God and you will be at Peace". Our son is a survivor, and living and working independently. I do believe in the power of prayer and Fr. Pete's power and faith. I fought as hard as I could by writing letters, trying to keep our simple little, financially solvent community going, but obviously my/our voices cannot be heard downtown. Three years ago we moved out to 23 mile road and Romeo Plank and Fr Pete said to us, "I hope we won't lose you to those big churches out there". Well he didn't and we've been driving down. We, of Saint Philomena Parish, had the experience and privilege of a beautiful small community...a community who knows each other and cares. We should be most grateful – not sure of where the church road leads us from here, but it won't be the big churches surrounding us. ~Peggy Monaghan

Our Second Home

Our family has been a member of the St. Philomena family for 42 years and have celebrated many significant sacraments here (as recently as this past spring): Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage and also funerals. Monsignor Pete always made the reception of these sacraments personal and special. How fortunate we were to have him in our lives! We have always regarded this parish as our second home and will cherish all the friendships made and years of ministry shared. St. Philomena will never be gone, not as long as we have our memories.

~ The McKenzie Family--Mike, Katy, Kelly, Molly, Mike and Ryan

Knowing, Loving and Serving

"The good people of St. Philomena outdid themselves in putting on the "Homecoming Party." Every detail was glorious. That was a thoughtful and generous gift the committee gave...sharing the memories and being able to take them home. Beautiful.

The people of St. Philomena can be very proud of their decades of love and service in that corner of the Kingdom. They completely fulfilled Question #2 from the old Baltimore Catechism about KNOWING, LOVING AND SERVING GOD (and God's people). "Thanks to all for a wonderful evening!
~Former Parishioner

Worship and Prayer In Our Parish Community

Please Remember in Your Prayers

ST. CLARE	Carol Provencal
Michael Anderanin II	Bob Phillips
Sr. Kathy Avery	Anne Purvis
Marti Benedetti	Joel Rivera
John Blondin	Larry Rochwalski
Karen Bolton	Tracy Tripp
Betty Burt	James Schoenherr
Ann Carson	Diane Sullivan
Marie Ciaramitaro	Joseph Sutherland
Glenn Closures	Jeffrey P. Valentic
Kathie DeMumbrum	Lois Watson
Helen Edmonds	Christopher Wolfslayer
Julie Froggett	
Karen Galkowski	ST. PHILOMENA
Patrick Giffer	Toni Lams
Clayton Guensche	Judy Monahan
Betty Irvin	Sharon Sadowski
Christine Kahanak	Julie Gosskie
Hector Kim	George Krappmann
Ted Kirles	Lucky Quillin
Marty Knorp	Thomas Bingham
Robert Koch	Davonte Atwater
Mary Ellen LeRoy	Margaret Ochenski
Joseph Lisy	Dan Lusch
Bahia Mahfet	Eric Keller
Josephine Marino	Sherry Day
Betty Maher	Ann Guibord
Mary Ann McLaughlin	Judy Kovalcik
Sarah McPharlin	Katie Rogers
Sandy Melanson CSJ	Beverly Johnson

Stephen Ministry continued

hurting, I knew instantly that I was called to join this group. Jesus has modeled for us to take care of one another as He has cared for us. He has walked right next to me, again and again. I WAS NEVER ALONE. I pledge my utmost to serve, offering comfort, confidentiality, hope and care.

May I be a grateful and joyful minister, giving thanks and glory to God,

Margaret Platz

A Family Perspective

By: Bud Ozar

The widow in today's gospel gave only a little, but it counted for a lot. In our homes, there are many LITTLE MOMENTS which can have great significance and glue the family together. Seize the moments.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



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(SCM= St. Clare Church | SPC=St. Philomena Church)

Saturday, November 10

4:00 PM	Loraine BlondellSCM
	JoAnne DeRooSPC
	Thomas KolojeskiSPC

Sunday, November 11

9:00 AM	Ladislav MachekSCM
	Tom & Sylvia SickelsteelSCM
10:00 AM	Maureen MurphySPC
	Virginia Fazio (1st ann.)SPC
11:00 AM	St. Clare ParishionersSCM
5:00 PM	Patricia McKeeverSCM

Monday, November 12 - Marian Devotion

8:00 AM	Emanuel BuhagiarSCM
	John S. OlisSCM
	Edmund BoksSCM

Tuesday, November 13 - St. Michael Devotion

6:30 PM	Pierre Gagnier (1 yr. Anniv.)SCM
	Bob and Mary Ann JarvisSCM

Wednesday, November 14

8:15 AM	St. Clare SchoolSCM
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Thursday, November 15

8:00 AM	Bernard O'RourkeSCM
	Mary Ellen CanestraightSCM
	Patricia Elsey (1 yr. Anniv.)SCM
	Keith RoachSCM

Friday, November 16 - Divine Mercy Devotion

8:00 AM	Josephine BuhagiarSCM
	Margaret E. OlisSCM
	Geoffrey KirlesSCM

Saturday, November 17

4:00 PM	St. Clare ParishionersSCM
	Bill SikeleSPC

Sunday, November 18

9:00 AM	Michael SullivanSCM
10:00 AM	Remy & Isabello deVeraSPC
11:00 AM	Wanda and Ray BarthSCM
	Duane DepueSCM
	Lee and Evelyn BarlowSCM
	Betsy KovachSCM
	Mary MabarakSCM
5:00 PM	Patricia McKeeverSCM
	Ed and Gerry Auk-BayerSCM

Dates to Remember

Event info: <https://stclarem.org/event-tickets>



Thursday, Nov. 22	Mass 9am Parish Office Closed
Saturday, Dec. 1	Light up for Christ
Sunday, Dec. 2	Advent Begins
Sunday, Dec. 16	Breakfast w/ Santa

Worship and Prayer In Our Parish Community

Weekend Ministry Schedule for St. Clare - Nov. 17-18, 2018

Time	4:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am	5:00 pm
Eucharistic Ministers	Jacque Lauth Carol Jacklyn Sister Valerie Binder Becky McCoy	Margaret Platz Art Post Claudia Rowland Sue Buckley Bernadette Cusmano Kate Vandelinder	Denise Cotter Dennis Cotter Jean Irvin-Stanley Donna Gormely Rachel Perkowski Karen Perkowski	SUB SUB SUB if needed
Lectors	Perry Calisi (1) John Hennessy (2)	Katie Domzalski (1) Chee Chee Williams (2)	Adam Post (1) Gina Serraiocca (2)	Donna McMillan (1) Don Bersback (2)
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Celebrant	Fr. Andrew	Fr. Andrew	Fr. Andrew	Fr. Andrew

Weekend Ministry Schedule for St. Philomena Nov. 17-18, 2018

Time	4:00 pm	10:00 am
Lectors	Sue Loreda	Christine D'Angela
Altar Servers	Sam Beard Ethan Beard	Alice Walsh Aidan Walsh
Ushers	Jeff Pinder Cassie Pinder Martha Louisell	Tony Gatliff George Humphry Bob Konen Steve Pawlowski Marty Cohan
Celebrant	Fr. Sandor	Bishop Gumbleton

God's Garden

by Patricia Kofojeski

This week I am going to deviate from the garden and go into the kitchen. I will tell you a story about fruitcake. No, don't turn the page, this is not just any fruitcake, it is the Best Fruitcake Ever. It was made by my Nana, Agnes DePuydt, who was a member of St. Philomena. All my years growing up, Nana made the fruitcake, but only my aunt, my mother, their cousin and I liked it. Even today, none of my siblings like the cake. Nana died in 1972, and it felt strange not to have fruitcake at the holidays. I tried to find her recipe, but it wasn't complete, and I had trouble reading her hand writing. So, for several years I tried piecing together different recipes that I found and finally I got it right. It has been my special tradition for the last 46 years. I know what made Nana's fruitcake the best, it was the love she put into it, not to mention the best ingredients and of course the brandy and rum!! In October she would head down to the Eastern Market and buy the candied fruit, and nuts. She bought nuts in the shell, so that's what I did. That did not last too many years, since my husband Tom did the shelling. Butter,

God's Garden continued

eggs, sugar, milk, flour and almond extract were the other ingredients. All the fruit and nuts go into a big pot and brandy and rum are added. This is stirred several times a day for 4-5 days. I read somewhere that it was good luck to have friends come and 'stir the pot'. So, I invite friends and relatives to stop by. This year my daughter in laws twin nieces came over for a stir and a taste. When I started making the cake, my daughter Martha was 5 and was my big helper. Garbed in apron and standing on a stool she helped add the ingredients, especially liking to crack the eggs. Over the years, my son Tom was my assistant, then my grandson Andrew. In the last few years, some of my friends have helped out. When the cake comes out of the oven it cools and then comes the fun part. Brandy and rum are mixed in a bowl and clean rags are cut in pieces and soaked in the mixture. The cake is then saturated with the mixture and wrapped in the rag and then double wrapped in foil. The cakes need to "mellow" for 6 weeks before they are ready to eat. I used to unwrap them from the rags and rewrap in foil, but one year I was rushed and did not take the rag off. Well, this was a big hit... people say they love just to smell the cloth. I make anywhere from 18-30 cakes, tripling the recipe. These cakes are for friends and have gone to New York, Minnesota, Florida, New Jersey, Chicago, and all over Michigan. They have even gone to Italy, England and Greece! Today was my fruitcake day and my house smells wonderful. I can't wait for six weeks to have a bite. Now, aren't you sorry that fruitcake gets a bad wrap?

"The happiness of life is made up of little things." Thornton Wilder

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Sunday10:00 AM

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