

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 12, 2020

		†	MASS INTENTIONS	†
Sat.	1/11	4:00 PM	David and Helen Mahon by Their Family	
Sun.	1/12	11:00 AM	Joseph J. Baran by His Mother Mary, Father John, and Brother Robert	
Mon.	1/13	7:00 PM	Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lutz and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Roth by Brian Lutz	
Tue.	1/14	7:00 AM	Art, Dorothy, Evelyn, and Lynn Croshaw by Stephen and Janet	
Wed.	1/15	7:00 AM	Stella and Peter Amentler by Janet and John	
Thur.	1/16	7:00 AM	Martin Nocchi by Barba and Mike Tulanowski	
Fri.	1/17	7:00 AM	John Gretchen by Margaret Carter	
Sat.	1/18	4:00 PM	James and Margaret Carey by Geraldine Gordon and Rose and Seth Wheeland	
Sun.	1/19	11:00 AM	Vic Piazzi by His Wife Alice and Family	



Last Weekend 2019:

Sunday \$805.00; Dues \$424.00; Care and Education of Priests \$50.00; Christmas \$330.00; Immaculate Conception \$2.00; Religious Retirement \$50.00; Human Development \$100.00; Poor Box \$195.16

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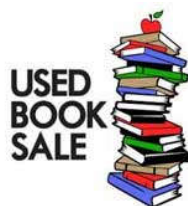
Sunday \$3,196.00; Loose \$307.45; Dues \$1,285.50; Care and Education of Priests \$558.50; Initial Offering \$980.00; Solemnity of Mary \$1,267.00

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of James and Margaret Carey by Geraldine Gordon and Rose and Seth Wheeland



FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

- On **Sunday, January 19th**, there will be a **Second Grade** parent meeting at **10:15 AM** in the rectory.
- **January 19th** at the 11:00 AM mass will be the **Fifth Grade Children's Mass**.



USED BOOK/DVD AND BAKE SALE - Holy Family Academy Grandparents Club is holding a used book/DVD sale in the school gymnasium on Saturday, January 18th, and Sunday, January 19th from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Anyone wishing to donate books or DVDs to our sale is welcome to drop them off at the school as late as Friday, January 17th.



HOUR OF KINDNESS will meet on **Saturday, January 18th, at 9:00 AM** in the rectory to sign and address Valentine cards for our nursing home residents and shut-ins. Anyone who would like to donate an hour of kindness is welcome and encouraged to come.

From the
Pastor's Desk

The CHRISTmas season comes to an end this weekend. Since December 1st, when we began the Advent season and through the Baptism of the Lord, our efforts have been focused on preparing for and recognizing the child Jesus. We cannot let all this prep and work end today. Here's our challenge between now and Lent (yep, Lent begins on February 26): Continue to look for Jesus in the most unusual places. HE's at the gym (this is for all you New Year's resolution folks who signed up for memberships). HE's at work (that co-worker you have difficulty with). HE's at school (that teacher who makes you work extra hard). HE's at Church (are you there every week?). Let's not end this season but continue looking for Jesus!



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, SOMETHING TO PONDER.

"The creator of the heavens obeys a carpenter; the God of eternal glory listens to a poor virgin. Has anyone ever witnessed anything comparable to this? Let the philosopher no longer disdain from listening to the common laborer; the wise to the simple; the educated, to the illiterate; a child of a prince, to a peasant." St. Anthony of Padua.

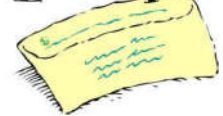
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS: Our next Baptismal Preparation Class with Deacon Jim will be held on **Tuesday, January 21st**, at Immaculate Conception and on **Tuesday, January 28th**, at Good Shepherd. This class is mandatory for ALL parents wishing to baptize their children. Please register by calling the parish office of Immaculate Conception at 570-636-3035 or Good Shepherd at 570-788-3141.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING CHURCH ENVELOPES:

- To receive proper credit for your church donations, you **MUST** use the envelopes provided.
- Putting cash or even checks in a plain envelope does not guarantee that you will be given proper credit.
- If you are using a check for your donation, please put your envelope number on the check. This will help to insure that you receive proper credit.
- In addition, it is important that you indicate the amount on the envelope.
- If you or anyone you know are not receiving your church envelopes, or if you are receiving envelopes for people no longer living at your address, please contact the parish office at 570-636-3035.
- It is important that you realize that the envelope company only makes changes at certain times throughout the year. If your address changes, we will inform the company but the change might not take effect immediately. If you aren't receiving your envelopes, call the office and we will send you temporary envelopes. If you run out of temporary envelopes, just call and we will send you additional envelopes.

**Offering
Envelopes**



JUST A REMINDER: Tax season will soon be upon us. If you want credit on your 2019 parish contributions for tax purposes, please have your envelopes in as quickly as possible.

If you want a statement of your contributions for 2019, please email us in the parish office at secretary@ourladyfreeland.org.



**Food
Pantry
Needs**

FOOD PANTRY DONATION for January is soup (canned and boxed). Please note that the next food distribution is **Tuesday, January 28th**.





47th ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE will be held in Washington DC on Friday, January 24th. The theme of this year's march is **Life Empowers: Pro-Life Is Pro-Women**. Pennsylvanians for Human Life will sponsor a bus leaving the Hazleton and McAdoo areas. To call for details or to reserve your seat, contact Maryann Lawhon at 570-764-5428.

Catholic Social Services will hold its annual "Night At The Races", Saturday, January 18, 2020 at Catholic Social Services Family Center, 106 S. Church St., Hazleton, PA. Doors open at 6:00 PM, races begin at 7:15 PM. \$10 Advanced Tickets or \$15 at the Door, cost of the ticket includes a buffet. BYOB. Buy a horse for \$10.00 - you may win \$50! No one under 21 years of age admitted. For tickets and horse purchase please call Catholic Social Services at 570 455 1521. Catholic Social Services is a member agency of the United Way of Greater Hazleton.



WINTER WEATHER PROCEDURE: if there is a **winter storm warning**, parish activities such as Faith Formation will be cancelled. The parish office will be closed. **Mass will not be cancelled or delayed due to winter weather and will be held at the regularly-scheduled time.** The only exception to this would be if the governor declares a state of emergency that restricts travel.



SANCTUARY LAMP - Catholic churches have one Sanctuary Candle continually burning before the tabernacle for the purpose of worship. This lamp is placed near the tabernacle, and is kept continually lit to indicate and honor the presence of Christ." The red sanctuary lamp is a sign that the Lord is always present. Our Sanctuary Lamp is located on the wall to the right of the Blessed Sacrament. If you would like to have this lamp burning in memory of your loved one, you can schedule it by the week. The cost for each week is \$25.00. This is completely separate from the altar candles which remain at \$10.00 per week. The altar candles burn during the masses. The Sanctuary Lamp burns continually. It is never extinguished except for Good Friday when the Lord is not present in the Blessed Sacrament. If you would like to reserve the Sanctuary Lamp, please call the parish office at 570-636-3035.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551).

Aviso al Respecto de Reportar el Abuso Sexual de Un Menor de Edad Es la norma de la Diócesis de Scranton reportar cualquier alegación de abuso sexual de un menor de edad a las autoridades. Si usted es una víctima de abuso sexual cometido por un sacerdote, diácono, religioso o empleado laico, o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton, usted está obligado a reportar el asunto inmediatamente a las autoridades de la ley. Si algún sacerdote, diácono, religioso, empleado laico o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton tiene sospecha de que un menor de edad ha sido sujeto a cualquier forma de abuso, incluyendo abuso sexual de menor de edad, el asunto será reportado a las autoridades de la ley. Es la norma de la Diócesis defender todas las regulaciones civiles y del estado. Al fin de que la Diócesis esté comprometida igualmente a defender las normas del Código de Derecho Canónico y defender los principios de la Carta Para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos), lo cual incluye apoyar a las víctimas de abuso sexual en pos del bienestar emocional y espiritual. Por eso, información respecto a una alegación del asunto sexual de un menor de edad, debe ser reportada a la Coordinadora Diocesana de Asistencia para Las Víctimas, Mary Beth Pacuska, a (570-862-7551).