



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 13, 2019



† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	1/12	4:00 PM	For the People
Sun.	1/13	7:30 AM	Richard Kopczynskie by His Wife Anna Marie and Children
		10:30 AM	Margaret Petrusky by Gloria
Mon.	1/14	7:00 PM	Joseph Cukauskas, Sr. by Paula Gallagher
Tue.	1/15	7:00 AM	Stella & Peter Amentler by Their Children Janet & John Amentler
Wed.	1/16		NO MASS
Thur.	1/17	7:00 AM	Joseph Berta by Ann Marie Durange
Fri.	1/18	7:00 AM	Elaine Gazick by the Capozzelli Family
Sat.	1/19	4:00 PM	David and Helen Mahon by Their Children
Sun.	1/20	7:30 AM	M/M John Iben by Their Son and Granddaughters
		10:30 AM	For the People



Last Weekend: 2018 Sunday \$226.00; Care & Education of Priests \$447.00; Christmas \$186.00;

Last Weekend: 2019 Sunday \$3,852.00; Dues \$1,290.00; Care and Education of Priests \$794.00; solemnity of Mary \$159.00; Initial Offering \$842.00; Poor Box \$187.98

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of David and Helen Mahon By Their Children



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MEMORIAL DONATIONS: \$250.00 in Memory of His Wife and Sons by Henry Kopczynskie; \$100.00 in Memory of John F. Keeler by His Wife Janet; \$200.00 in Memory of Marylou, Patrick, and Katie Keeler by Their Mother Janet; \$300.00 in Memory of George Hadzick by His Wife Donna

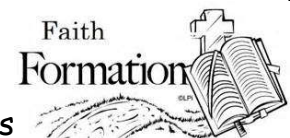
FORGET-ME-NOT GIFT BAGS: We are once again sponsoring our annual Forget-Me-Not Bags for the elderly in our Freeland Community. Right now, we are just taking registrations for the gift bags, which will be distributed in the spring. If you would like to register for a gift bag or would like to register an elderly loved one, friend, or neighbor, please call Janet in the parish office at 570-636-3035 as soon as possible. **Deadline for registration is Thursday, February 28th.**



FAITH FORMATION NEWS: On **January 20th**, there will be a second grade parent/guardian meeting at 9:15AM in the rectory.

On **January 20th**, the 10:30AM Mass will be the Fifth Grade Children's

We are accepting donations of Communion attire for boys and girls to our program to assist those who are less fortunate. If you have your child's First Communion Dress or Suit and would be willing to donate it, we would be most appreciative. All donations can be given to Marianne Gera or Donna Goetsch. As always, we appreciate your support.





This weekend we officially end the Christmas Season with the Baptism of the Lord. This Baptism takes place 30 years after the birth of Jesus - just before He began His public ministry. Ironically, the focus of this Baptism was not on Jesus, but John the Baptist. He had a direct and hard approach - turn away from

sin and repent! Because this was the first prophet in Israel for almost 100 years, the people were excited. They knew the Messiah was coming and they were getting themselves ready (just like little children do before Christmas when they are extra good because Santa is coming). I leave you with two thoughts as we end the Christmas Season: 1. Have you repented? 2. Do you go to confession on a regular basis? (This is a phrase you will see me emphasize this year.) Answers please?

A VIEW FROM THE PEW, RESOLUTIONS



I found an interesting article by Maggie Ciskanik, M.S. from "The Magis Center" titled The Best New Year's Resolution. We all know what happens; we make these promises and after a few weeks, they are quickly forgotten.

Her advice was a two-word resolution we can all keep, **BE GRATEFUL!** Seems simple and easy; but is it? We live in a country where excess is the norm and we're never satisfied with what we have. We tend to pray for God's help only when things aren't going well. How often do we express our gratitude for a nice day, no traffic on that commute home, or a great cup of coffee in the morning? I resolve to be grateful, how about you?

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ENVELOPES: If you have already made a pledge to our Capital Campaign Fund, you will find initial monthly payment envelopes at all four entrances to the church. You only need to take one envelope, because envelopes will be coming regularly with your church envelopes starting February 17th. Thank you to all who pledged and are investing in the future of our parish.



FOOD PANTRY DONATION for January is pasta. The next distribution date is Tuesday, January 22nd.



CHRISTMAS CARD FRONTS - Please save the front of your Christmas cards and drop them in the box in the front entrance of the church. Thank you for your assistance!



FREELAND COMMUNITY CHOIR will present an encore performance of their Christmas Cantata this Sunday, January 13th, at 3:00 PM at Faith United Church of Christ (behind Independence Toyota).



Parish Happenings



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MARDI GRAS will take place on Saturday, March 2nd, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM in the Parish Center catered by Jackie Malloy. Music will be provided by Father Mike and His Heavenly Delights. More details will be provided in future bulletins.



PARISH BUS TRIP to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Wednesday, April 24th, to see "Take Me Away," an all new musical with a live



orchestra. Cost is \$83.00. So plan ahead for a day of good food and laughs. Call Mary Lloyd at 570-578-6720 to make reservations. Deadline is April 3rd.

FEAST OF THE HOLY SPOUSES - The Oblates of St. Joseph will host the Annual Feast of the Holy Spouses, the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, on Sunday, January 20th with a special Holy Mass at 3:00PM at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin. The Rev. Mariusz Beczek, O.S.J., pastor of The Holy Annunciation Parish, Hazelton, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. The Holy Spouses lapel-pins will be distributed after the Holy Mass. A light reception will follow the Mass in the seminary community room for all to enjoy. You are invited to attend. Offer your personal petitions to the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph for your family.



MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP - The annual March for Life in Washington D.C. will be held on Friday January 18th, 2019. Cost is \$50 which includes bus and a lovely buffet dinner. Make checks out to PHL by January 14th, and mail to Maryann Lawhon, 103 John's Jog, Drums, PA 18222. Bus will leave from the Laurel Mall Cinema parking lot at 6:15 a.m. and return at approximately 10:30 P.M. If you are unable to attend but would like to sponsor someone for the bus trip, please contact Maryann at 570-764-5428



Holy Redeemer High School Grade 8 Placement/ Scholarship Test Result Night and Registration Night for incoming Freshmen will be held January 23rd at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium. (snow date Jan. 24th) Appointments for class scheduling for new students for the 2019-2020 school year will be held on February 7th, 11th and 12th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Call Holy Redeemer High School's Guidance Department at 570-829-2424 to set an appointment.

Diocese Adds Names to List of Credibly Accused Individuals

Following the release of the Grand Jury report last year, Bishop Bambera made a promise that he would be more open and transparent in the way that the Diocese handles occurrences of child sexual abuse. That commitment remains true.

In August, the Diocese published on its website a list of all clergy, staff and volunteers who had been credibly accused of child sexual abuse. Since then, additional victims have come forward. Eleven new names have been added to the online list. Those new names are listed below. We will continue to alert you periodically in the case that additional individuals are added to this list.

If you are aware of additional allegations of wrongdoing or any information that should be included on this list, please contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570) 862-7551 or Monsignor Thomas Muldowney, Vicar General, at (570) 207-2269. If you have suffered abuse by clergy or anyone working on behalf of the Diocese, you are encouraged to contact Mary Beth Pacuska.

These names have been added to the original list of credibly accused individuals:

DIOCESAN CLERGY

Polcha, Michael C.

Pulicare, Michael J.

MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS ORDERS

Bourbon, Francis C. (S.J.)

Fertal, Joseph (SVD)

Garrity, Stephen M., (S.J.)

Long, Arthur J. (S.J.)

Pisaneschi, Sister Clare (M.P.F.)

Rebovich, John (OSJ)

LAITY

Maroni, Mark

Smith, Richard

Yarros, David