

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 14, 2018

		†	MASS INTENTIONS	†
Sat.	1/13	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sun.	1/14	7:30 AM	Dave and Helen Mahon by Their Children	
		10:30 AM	Margaret Petrusky by Gloria	
Mon.	1/15	9:00 AM	Televised Mass Lorraine Sharp by Cecelia Zahay	
		7:00 PM	Dorothy Croshaw by Janet and Stephen	
Tue.	1/16	7:00 AM	Lorraine Sharp by Daniel and Louise Sarosky	
Wed.	1/17		NO MASS	
Thur.	1/18	7:00 AM	Elaine Gazick by Her Family	
Fri.	1/19	7:00 AM	John Maranki by Bill and Mary Grace Maranki	
Sat.	1/20	4:00 PM	George "Ginger" Matisak by His Wife Gloria and Family	
Sun.	1/21	7:30 AM	Sonia and Stanley Wilczek by Their Son Stan	
		10:30 AM	For the People	

Last Weekend:



Sunday \$3,692.00; Dues \$611.0; Care and Education of Priests \$643.45; Christmas \$255.00; Religious Retirement \$5.00; Immaculate Conception \$5.00; Solemnity of Mary \$133.00; Ash Wednesday \$5.26; Church in Europe \$5.73; Initial Offering \$682.00; Poor Box \$175.78.

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Dave and Helen Mahon by Their Children.



MEMORIAL DONATION of \$50.00 was made in memory of John Maranki by Bill and Mary Grace Maranki.

PRAYFUL DONATION of \$50.00 was given to the church for prayers, health, and blessings for a Friend.



THE NEXT TELEVISED MASS will be on this Monday, January 15th, at 9:00 AM. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.



ENVELOPES FOR 2017 - The last day for envelopes to be credited for the year 2017 will be the weekend of January 27th and 28th. Any 2017 envelopes that are received after this date will be credited to 2018

Offering Envelopes



FOOD PANTRY DONATION for January is cereal. The next distribution will be Tuesday, January 23rd. Volunteers are needed to help unload the truck at 1 PM. Packing bags is at 1:30 PM. Distribution is 3:30 PM



LEGION OF MARY meets every Thursday at 1:00 PM in the church basement. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this honoring of our Blessed Mother.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY will be said before the 7:00 PM mass on Mondays and on Saturday mornings at 8:00 AM.





This week we hear the message of John the Baptist: to point out the Christ! It's a pretty easy message for us to understand as we look around the church and still see the Christmas poinsettias in the building. We know that HE has come; we just celebrated HIS birth. What makes this Gospel so interesting is what the two disciples of John did when he pointed out Jesus. They followed HIM and then then told others. It's very easy to follow Jesus at Christmas - did you see how full the church was at the 4 PM mass on Christmas Eve? The sign of a real follower of Jesus is coming back to church the following weeks. If you're reading this, then you came back to church. Take the next step and TELL someone like John's disciples did. They told Peter and look what he accomplished. Bring someone back to Church.



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, ORDINARY TIME

"Ordinary time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe." (USCCB) Growth and maturation, isn't that what New Year resolutions are all about. Let's resolve to use this time to show more respect, reverence, and appreciation for the great gift we have in Christ and the Eucharist!

DIOCESAN APPEAL DONORS: M/M Christopher Flanagan; M/M George Gyurko III; Mr. David Kopczynskie; M/M Matthew Kopczynskie; Mrs. Michele Mahovich; Atty. James Senape. We have \$22,996.00 pledged out of our \$28,000.00 goal. We are just \$5,004.00 away from meeting our goal. Won't you please consider making your pledge today?

FORGET-ME-NOT GIFT BAGS: The Messengers of Hope are once again sponsoring the Forget-Me-Not Gift Bags for our elderly parishioners. 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 a loved one, friend, or neighbor, please take a blue form at all entrances of the church or call Janet in the parish office at 570-636-3035 as soon as possible.



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!



UPCOMING EVENTS



WEDDING AND ANNIVERSARY MASS AND CELEBRATION

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2018

to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 10th. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, are available in the parish office. Deadline for registration is **March 12, 2018**.



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 21st with a special Holy Mass at 3:00PM at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin. Everyone is invited to attend especially all married couples and future married couples. Holy Spouses lapel pins will be distributed after the Holy Mass. A light reception will follow in the seminary community room for all to enjoy. Offer your personal petitions to the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph for your family.

A triduum (three days of prayers) will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 18- 19- 20 with a Holy Mass at 7:00PM and Novena prayers. The Holy Rosary and Confessions will be before the Holy Mass. Come early. You are invited to attend. Offer your personal petitions to the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph for your family.

HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL Grade 8 Placement/ Scholarship Test Result Night and Registration Night for incoming Freshmen will be held January 24th at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium. (snow date Jan. 25) Appointments for class scheduling for new students for the 2018-2019 school year will be held on February 8, 12 and 13 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Call Holy Redeemer High School's Guidance Department at 570-829-2424 to set an appointment.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MARDI GRAS will take place On Saturday, February 10th, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM in the Parish Center. Music will be provided by Father Mike and His Heavenly Delights. More details will be available in upcoming bulletins.



Catholic Schools Week

CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - CATCH OUR SPIRIT...JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 3

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week by attending one of our Catholic School Open Houses! You are invited to come experience our communities of faith and academic excellence. From Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade, our students live their faith, challenge their minds, serve their communities, and build lifelong friendships. For specifics about the Open Houses or for more information about our Diocesan Catholic Schools, including tuition assistance opportunities, please visit www.DioceseofScranton.org/CatholicSchools.