

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 19, 2020

		†	MASS INTENTIONS	†
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 Piazzini by His Wife Alice and Family	
Mon.	1/20	7:00 PM	Elaine Gazick by the Capozzelli Family	
Tue.	1/21	7:00 AM	Christine Yanek by Pat Ceol and Family	
Wed.	1/22	7:00 AM	James Dei Tos by the Feussner Family	
Thur.	1/23	7:00 AM	Clara Novotnak by Paul Thomas	
Fri.	1/24	7:00 AM	Francis Marencin by His Wife Marie	
Sat.	1/25	4:00 PM	Joseph Cukauskas, Sr. by His Wife Helen and Sons	
Sun.	1/26	11:00 AM	Joan and Gerald Gatti by Judy Lutz	

Last Weekend 2019:

Sunday \$75.00; Dues \$368.00



Last Weekend 2020:

Sunday \$3,451.00; Loose \$227.00; Dues \$934.00; Care and Education of Priests \$161.00; Solemnity of Mary \$64.00; Initial Offering \$300.00; Easter \$30.00; Christmas \$102.00; Poor Box \$132.56

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Francis Marencin by His Wife Marie



SANCTUARY CANDLE is in Memory of John Keeler by His Wife and Marylou, Patrick, and Katie Keeler by Their Mother, Janet Keeler



PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, January 20th, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



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

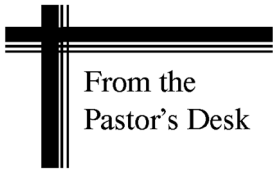


PASTORAL COUNCIL (Immaculate Conception) will meet on Wednesday, January 22nd, at 5:00 PM in the rectory. Good Shepherd will meet at 6:00 PM in the St. Joseph room.

FINANCE COMMITTEE will meet on Wednesday, January 29th, at 7:15 PM in the rectory.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN will meet on Thursday, January 30th, at 7:15 PM in the rectory.

LITURGY COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, February 3rd, at 5:45 PM in the rectory.



From the
Pastor's Desk

It's been almost 3 weeks since we began the year 2020. How 'bout those New Year's resolutions you made? Still sticking to them? Did you put your money down for that gym membership or has that treadmill you bought turned into a place to hang clothes yet? If you're still carrying through with what you said you would do, good for you (both of you - LOL)! Now, for the rest of us. Making a commitment is not an easy thing to do. It requires more than just a "will to do." It requires real change of heart. Those of you who are married know about real commitment. Here's the challenge this week: Try making a commitment geared toward someone else. Reach out to those in need. Focus on a particular family member who needs you to be there for them. Be supportive of those at work. Volunteer to help out at a charity (or even your own parish). When you take on a commitment that is geared to others, it comes from the heart. Do you need a commitment in your life?



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, IS CHRISTMAS OVER?

What do you mean? Of course, Christmas is over; it ended January 2nd. That's when the decorations are taken down! You are right, but technically there are three separate Christmas seasons. First is the Christmas octave. This is such a big feast day that eight days are set aside to celebrate much like Easter, December 25th through The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary January 1st. The second is the Liturgical Christmas season which begins Christmas Eve and ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Finally, there is the traditional Christmastide season which concludes with Candlemas. This older tradition is the liturgical year of the Extraordinary Form of Mass. The whole Christmastide season lasts forty days like lent and ends with Candlemas on February 2nd, the Feast of The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. But what is Candlemas? On this Feast day people would process into the church with lighted candles signifying Christ's entrance into the temple. Candles used during the year would also be blessed on this day. This is also the day the Vatican takes down its Nativity scene. So, if you like Christmas, it's ok to keep the decorations up just a little longer. Just toss the fresh tree, we don't want any fires!

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.



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 2019 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.



DIOCESAN APPEAL DONORS: Miss Desiree Anderson; Mr. David Charnigo; M/M Leo Decowski; M/M Walter Golab, Sr.; M/M David Kavitski; M/M Robert Kisatsky; Rev. Michael Kloton; M/M James Laputka; Mr. Paul Thomas; M/M Joseph Malloy; Mr. Thomas Pecora; Mrs. Mary Lou Potoskie; Atty. James Senape; Mr. John Skwierz; M/M Chester Soroko, Sr.; Mr. Anthony Sulkevich



TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS:

Dec 25th \$300.00 Omega;	Dec 31st \$100.00 Michelle Kondash;
Dec 26th \$100.00 Patty Carrelli;	Jan 1st \$500.00 Brian Thomas;
Dec 27th \$100.00 Deb Carr;	Jan 2nd \$100.00 Phyllis Herring;
Dec 28th \$100.00 Smokey Quinn;	Jan 3rd \$100.00 Audrey Branz;
Dec 29th \$100.00 Cyril Falatko, Jr.;	Jan 4th \$100.00 Sharon Rish;
Dec 30th \$100.00 John Serock;	Jan 5th \$100.00 Henry Kopczynskie

PROFFIT FROM THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WAS \$3,526.35

FORGET-ME-NOT GIFT BAGS: The Messengers of Hope are once again sponsoring the Forget-Me-Not Gift Bags for our elderly parishioners. If you would like to register for a gift bag or would like to register a 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 27th.**



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MARDI GRAS

will take place on **Saturday, February 22nd**, from 6:00 to 10:00 PM in the Parish Center and will be catered by Jackie Malloy.

Tickets cost is \$20.00 per person. **BYOB!!**

Music by Mighty Mike and His Heavenly Delights.

Tickets will go on sale next weekend after all the masses and will also be available in the parish office!

Deadline to buy tickets will be

Sunday, February 10th!

Don't miss out on a fun night of good food, music and tricky trays!



TRICKY TRAYS are needed for the Mardi Gras. If you would like to donate a tricky tray, please call Mary Lloyd at 570-578-6720 as soon as possible.

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February 2nd will be mass Attendance Card Check. Please send the mass attendance card to class with your child.



Our Confirmation Class families are beginning preparations for the Children's Bingo to be held Sunday, February 23rd at Good Shepherd parish in Drums. Please keep in mind that this year's Confirmation will be a combined sacrament of our three parishes with Bishop Bambara. More details will be available in future bulletins.



LOTTERY TICKETS for March will be on sale in the back of the Church . Take a chance on winning and help to support our parish!



SANCTUARY LAMP 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.



47th ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE will be held in Washington DC on Friday, January 24th. 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.