

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 26, 2020

		†	MASS INTENTIONS	†
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	
Mon.	1/27	9:00 AM	<b>Televised Mass</b> Ann Gallagher by Bernie and Francis Bobis	
		7:00 PM	Michael Plaksa by James and Anna and Family	
Tue.	1/28	7:00 AM	Thomas Gallagher by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Thomas	
Wed.	1/29	7:00 AM	Barbara Preat by Andrew Soltis	
Thur.	1/30	7:00 AM	Father Joseph Matthey by Mary	
Fri.	1/31	7:00 AM	John and Betty Kostick by Their Daughters	
Sat.	2/1	4:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Former St. Anthony's Choir By Marie	
Sun.	2/2	11:00 AM	Edward and Mary Carter by Their Daughter and Family	

## Last Weekend:



Sunday \$2,363.00; Loose \$58.00; Dues \$2,187.00; Care and Education of Priests \$45.00; Initial Offering \$85.50; Solemnity of the Blessed Mother \$15.00; Christmas \$40.00; Poor Box \$136.42

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of Father Joseph Matthey by Mary



**SANCTUARY CANDLE** is in Memory of John Dias by His Mother, Virginia Dias



**BLESSING OF THROATS** will take place after Masses next weekend, February 1st and 2nd.



**FORGET-ME-NOT GIFT BAGS:** We 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.**



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

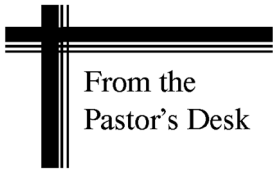
**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** will meet on Thursday, January 30th, at 7:15 PM in the rectory.

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



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





From the  
Pastor's Desk

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." This line from this weekend's Gospel is really where it all begins for Jesus! We celebrated His birth just a month ago, but now, He has to get to work asking folks to get ready for the Kingdom of Heaven. HE knew what HE had to do, but also knew He needed

some help in the process. This was a big undertaking and it was not going to be easy. Instead of going to the Jewish leadership, He went to the ordinary folk of the Jewish community. Jesus also knew that this job had to come from the people up, not the leadership down. You might think it is my job to preach the Good News (and indeed I have been given the responsibility of this parish), but it is YOUR job also. If this Change is going to happen, it needs to come from YOU, TOO! Guess what? Jesus is calling YOU to help, just like HE called the disciples.



### 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:secretary@ourladyfreeland.org).

**DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE ANNULMENT PROCESS?:** In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more "user friendly" than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact your pastor or the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246) to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.