

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MIKE:



This Sunday we hear the "rest of the story" after last weekend Gospel. Jesus came to His home town and they were excited that He might be the Messiah. This weekend the wheels begin turning and the town-folk question the notion that Jesus could be the Messiah. They say that they KNOW Him as the son of Joseph and Mary. The problem is they KNEW Him with their heads and not their hearts. They should have listened to the second reading from St. Paul. If they LOVED Jesus they would have understood that He really IS the Messiah. Here's the lesson for us this weekend: if you want to really know someone, learn to love them.



## A VIEW FROM THE PEW, WINTER BLUES.

"What good is the warmth of summer without the cold of winter to give it sweetness." John Steinbeck. Nice quote, but January is still hard to take!



Do you want to become Catholic or know someone else who does? Are you a baptized Catholic and still need the sacraments of Initiation (Holy Communion or Confirmation) or know someone else who does? Do you want to grow deeper and reconnect in the practice of your faith?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, the RCIA program is for you! RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This program is being offered jointly between Good Shepherd and Immaculate Conception Parishes.

All Adults who have been baptized or not baptized are welcome! Please contact the parish office for any questions, additional information, and to register by calling 570-788-3141 (Good Shepherd) or 570-636-3035 (Immaculate Conception) and leave your name and telephone number.

**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, a friend, or loved one would like to receive a Forget-Me-Not Bag, please call Janet at the parish office (570-636-3035) and register. If you are already on our Hour of Kindness Greeting Card List, you are already registered.



**TICKETS FOR THE PARISH MARDI GRAS** which will be held on Saturday, February 26th, in Immaculate Conception's Parish Center, are on sale after each of the weekend masses and also in the parish office. Cost is \$25.00 per person. BYOB. Music will be by Father Mike and His Heavenly Delights. Deadline for ticket purchase is Sunday, February 13th.

