

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	2/8	4:00 PM	Emil Barna, Sr. by His Wife Bernadine, Tina, Martha, and Michael Witchin
Sun.	2/9	11:00 AM	John and Irene Komishock by the Turri Family
Mon.	2/10	7:00 PM	Stephanie Delese by Jane and Leo Decowski
Tue.	2/11	7:00 AM	Eugene Zynel, Sr. by His Wife JoAnn and Children
Wed.	2/12	7:00 AM	Martin Nocchi by Bob Kislak
Thur.	2/13	7:00 AM	Jean Shrosky by Tyler Houanee and Amy and Family
Fri.	2/14	7:00 AM	Jean Iben by Her Husband and Daughters
Sat.	2/15	4:00 PM	John, Rita, and Joseph Denion by the Denion Family
Sun.	2/16	11:00 AM	Sonia and Stanley Wilczek by Their Son Stanley

Last Weekend:



Sunday \$3,850.00; Loose \$149.00; Dues \$869.00; Care and Education of Priests \$507.00; Initial Offering \$47.00; Ash Wednesday \$23.00; Christmas \$25.00; Easter \$5.00; Poor Box \$130.42



CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Emil Barna, Sr. by His Wife Bernadine, and Tina, Martha, and Michael Witchin

MEMORIAL DONATION of \$50.00 was made in Memory of Gertrude Opert by Pat and John Weigand

Our Confirmation Class families are beginning preparations for the Children's Bingo to be held **Sunday, February 23rd** at Good Shepherd parish in Drums. Doors open at 12:00 PM and BINGO begins at 1:00 PM. Anyone who would like to donate a tricky tray for this event can do so by **February 18th**. Donations can be brought to the church office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Please keep in mind that this year's Confirmation will be a combined sacrament of our three parishes with Bishop Barbara. The prizes for the kids are amazing and there are also two 32" flat screen TVs! Lots of fun and great prizes!



February 16th is the 4th Grade Children's Mass will be at the 11:00 AM Mass.

On **February 22nd**, the Second Grade Students will receive First Reconciliation at 12:00 PM. Please keep the children in your prayers as they prepare for this beautiful sacrament.



HOUR OF KINDNESS MINISTRY will meet on **Saturday, March 14th, at 9:00 AM** in the rectory to sign and address Easter cards for our nursing home residents and shut-ins. Anyone who would like to donate an hour of kindness is welcome and encouraged to come.

If your loved one enters a nursing home, please let the office know as soon as possible so we can add their names to our list and they can receive a greeting card on their birthday, at Christmas, and Easter, as well as a "thinking of you" cards throughout the year. Also, they will automatically receive a forget-me-not bag, a beautiful poinsettia at Christmas as well as an Easter lily. But if you don't tell us, we won't know. We get calls in the office, some of them angry, because loved ones were not included. But if you don't tell us, we don't know. Just call Janet in the parish office at 570-636-3035 and your loved one will be registered for everything.

From the
Pastor's Desk

I grew up in the Scouting program and am still an active member. When on camping trips, one of the things I liked most was the night sky. It was such a mystery to look up at the stars and see their light. My astrology merit badge told me they were far distant stars, my faith told me they were the Light of Christ. Each star for me was a brilliant example of how Christ challenges us to be His Light for others. This weekend's Gospel asks us to reflect the Light of Christ from us to others. When someone sees you smiling, doing an act of kindness, or just silently praying, you are reflecting the light of Christ. Maybe tonight, while walking RJ before bed, I'll take a moment and look at the stars - the Light of Christ.



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, SNOW PHILOSOPHY

It's that time of the year, the dreary months of February and early March. We've been lucky in the snow department, but I'm sure it's only a matter of time for at least one storm. Here are a few quotes using snow for encouragement.

- "A snowflake is one of God's most fragile creations but look what they can do when they stick together!" - Unknown Author.
- "Kindness is like snow; it beautifies everything it covers."-Khalil Gibran. We should all pray for a few feet of kindness!
- One last thing to ponder, "The future lies before you, like a field of fallen snow; be careful how you tread it, for every step will show."- Unknown Author



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. 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. If you would like to reserve the Sanctuary Lamp, please call the parish office at 570-636-3035.

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.**



LOTTERY TICKETS for March are now on sale in the back of the church.



TRICKY TRAYS are needed for the Mardi Gras on **February 22nd**. Please call Mary Lloyd at 570-578-6720 as soon as possible. The tricky trays are due on **Friday, February 14th**, so that they can be displayed at the masses. The number of tickets to the Mardi Gras is limited to 100 tickets and must be purchased by **February 10th**. Don't miss out on a fun evening of great food and great music!

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS: Our next Baptismal Preparation Class with Deacon Jim will be held on **Tuesday, March 24th**, at Immaculate Conception and on **Thursday, March 26th**, 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.



FOOD PANTRY DONATION for February is pasta and sauce. Please note that the next food distribution is **Tuesday, February 25th**.



DIOCESAN APPEAL DONOR: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walters