

# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

† **MASS INTENTIONS** †

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| Sat.  | 2/10 | 4:00 PM  | For the People  |
| Sun.  | 2/11 | 7:30 AM  | Irene and John Komishock by the Turri Family  |
|       |      | 10:30 AM | Eugene Zynel, Sr. by His Wife JoAnn   |
| Mon.  | 2/12 | 7:00 PM  | Stanley Potosky by His Family   |
| Tue.  | 2/13 | 7:00 AM  | Cecilia Kavitski by Her Sister Marguerite Bobby   |
| Wed.  | 2/14 | 7:00 AM  | <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Jean Iben by Her Husband John                                      |
|       |      | 7:00 PM  | <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Tim Mahovich by M/M Paul Thomas                                    |
| Thur. | 2/15 | 7:00 AM  | Joseph LaPorte by Mary Ann McGeehan   |
| Fri.  | 2/16 | 7:00 AM  | Edward and David Murmello by Janet Amentler and Gene Resuta                             |
| Sat.  | 2/17 | 4:00 PM  | Jean Matisak by Her Mother Gloria and Family  |
| Sun.  | 2/18 | 7:30 AM  | Deceased Members of the Feissner and Staruch Families by M/M Gerald Feissner and Family |
|       |      | 10:30 AM | For the People  |



**Last Weekend:**

Sunday \$6,246.90; Dues \$1,546.00; Care and Education of Priests \$754.50; Initial Offering \$60.00; Ash Wednesday \$62.00; Church in Europe \$108.00; Easter Flowers \$41.00; Good Friday \$7.00; Solemnity of Mary \$10.00; Poor Box \$201.69

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of Jean Matisak by Her Mother Gloria and Family

**MEMORIAL DONATION** of \$25.00 was made in Memory of M/M Stanley McCarro Daughter



**SPECIAL COLLECTION** on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, will be for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe Including Collection for the Church in Lithuania, Poland, and Slovakia

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is this Wednesday, February 14th. Ashes will be distributed after the 7:00 AM mass, the 4:00 PM prayer service, and the 7:00 PM mass.

**Reminder: Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.** Everyone ages 18-59 should fast by eating only one full meal, and everyone ages 14 and older should abstain from eating meat. **Every Friday during Lent is a day of abstinence from eating meat.**



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be offered every Friday during Lent at Noon and again at 7:00 PM beginning this Friday, February 16th. The evening Stations will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction from 6:00 to 6:55 PM.



**FAITH FORMATION NEWS:** On February 18th, the 10:30 AM mass will be the Third Grade children's mass.

On February 24th, our 2nd Grade class will be receiving their First Reconciliation. Please pray for our children as they prepare to receive this blessed sacrament.



**\*\*\* F.I.R.E. YOUTH TEEN MEETING** this Sunday from 12:00 to 1:30 pm in our parish.\*\*\*



Leprosy is a difficult disease. Once you have it, you have it for life. The symptoms can be diminished and there are drugs to make the patient non-contagious, but it is in you for life! This weekend's Gospel is, on the surface, about leprosy, but underneath the skin, it is about SIN! We are all sinners. The effects of sin can be diminished through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, but we will always have it. There is something you can do about SIN! We are about to begin the season of LENT. I urge you to seriously think about sin in your life and make a promise to yourself to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There are numerous occasions each week to come to this wonderful sacrament. Jesus wants to not only "cure" you, he wants to "heal" you.



### A VIEW FROM THE PEW, STONES AND BREAD

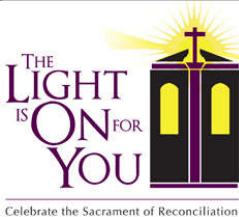
I read an article written by Father Dwight Longenecker titled "The Joy of Being Wrong." The first line was an interesting way of looking at the beginning of Lent "Ash Wednesday is the day when we wear our error on our brow. The ashes declare to the world, "I'm wrong. It was me." Ash Wednesday we begin to examine our hearts. Has it become like a stone? Isn't it time to admit, "It was me." If it has become like stone, why not make the changes in our lives that are necessary to soften our hearts and become closer to Christ. Through self-denial, penance and humility we should develop a spiritual hunger and longing for the ultimate food, the Bread of Life, The Eucharist. Let's make our Lenten journey memorable, let us **TURN OUR HEARTS FROM STONES TO BREAD!**

**FORGET-ME-NOT GIFT BAGS:** Deadline for registering is February 28th.

**BLANKET DRIVE:** New blankets will be collected in the back of the church. They will be distributed to VALOR and also to St. Francis Soup Kitchen in Philadelphia. Please bring your **new** blanket donations as soon as possible. As always, thank you for your support and your generosity to those in need.



**ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT.** The Office for Parish Life will offer a Retreat on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The retreat will include Mass celebrated in St. Peter's Cathedral with distribution of ashes. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to Mass. Cost is \$30, which includes lunch. To register, call Mary Anne Malone at 570-207-2213, ext. 1100.



**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!** During Lent, you are encouraged to take the opportunity to experience the joy and peace that comes from receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Lenten schedule for masses, Journey through Lent with the Bible, and most importantly Reconciliation are on the purple paper enclosed in this week's bulletin. Father Mike is leaving the light on just for YOU!

**PARISH BUS TRIP** to see the play "Steel Magnolias" at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, Hampton, NJ on Thursday, April 19th. Cost is \$76 and includes lunch. Lunch includes a choice of Yankee Pot Roast, Fried Jumbo Shrimp Platter, Lemon Pepper Cod, Stuffed Chicken Breast, Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Eggplant Rollatini, or Roasted Vegetable Kabob. Call Mary Lloyd 570-578-6720 for reservations. Money is due with reservation.

**DIOCESAN APPEAL DONORS:** M/M Robert Buchman; M/M Bruce Hopeck; M/M William Shive; M/M Joseph Wizda

**\*\*\* IN THE EVENT OF A WINTER STORM WARNING, \*\*\*  
THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED!**



**A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT WITH THE BIBLE**

**Every Wednesday Evening from 6:00 to 7:00 PM**

Wednesday, Feb. 21st, in Immaculate Conception Church

Wednesday, Feb 28th, in St. Patrick's Church

Wednesday, March 7th, in Immaculate Conception Church

Wednesday, March 14th, in St. Patrick's Church

Wednesday, March 21st, in Immaculate Conception Church

Wednesday, March 28th, in St. Patrick's Church

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

**Holy Thursday, March 29th at 7:00 PM.**

**Good Friday, March 30th at 1:00 PM.**

**Blessing of Baskets, Saturday, March 31st at 11:00 AM.**

**Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 31st at 8:00 PM.**

**Easter Sunday, April 1st at 7:30 AM and 10:30 AM.**

**ST. PATRICK'S PARISH**

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**Easter Sunday, April 1st at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM.**

**LENTEN SCHEDULE FOR RECONCILIATION**  
**AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**



***IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH:***

Monday evenings before the 7:00 PM mass from 6:00 - 6:50 PM;  
Every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday morning from 6:15 - 6:50 AM;  
Saturday afternoons from 3:00 - 3:30 PM.

***ST. PATRICK'S PARISH:***

Monday mornings from 7:00 - 7:50 AM;  
Wednesday evening from 5:00 - 5:45 PM  
Saturday afternoons from 5:00 - 5:30 PM.

***There Will Be No Communal Penance Service At Either Parish.***

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

***IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH:***

Friday at Noon

Friday evenings at 7:00 PM

with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
and Benediction from 6:00 to 6:55 PM

***ST. PATRICK'S PARISH:***

Friday evening at 6:00 PM