

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 16, 2020

		†	MASS INTENTIONS	†
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	
Mon.	2/17	7:00 PM	Edward and David Marmello by Janet Amentler and Gene Resuta	
Tue.	2/18	7:00 AM	Joyce Hrabovecky by Wayne and Gerry Brugger	
Wed.	2/19	7:00 AM	George Sarosky by Kim and David Corbin	
Thur.	2/20	7:00 AM	Christine Yanek by Kevin, Cammy, Ruby, and Boys	
Fri.	2/21	7:00 AM	Eleanor Schneider by Alice Timinsky	
Sat.	2/22	4:00 PM	Andrew Blasko, Sr. by Paula	
Sun.	2/23	11:00 AM	Deborah Pshar Bonner by Her Mother Elsie Pshar	



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$4,060.50; Loose \$279.00; Dues \$1,400.00; Care and Education of Priests \$196.00; Initial Offering \$17.00; Church in Europe \$121.00; Solemnity of Mary \$5.00; Christmas \$20.00 Poor Box \$153.15



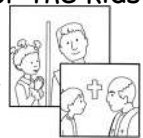
CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Steve Korol by JoAnne.

SANCTUARY LAMP is burning in Memory of Kenneth Kopczynskie by His Mother Anna Marie



MEMORIAL DONATIONS were made in Memory of Gertie Opert: \$50.00 by Brian and Sandy Cann, \$25.00 by Katherine Lutz, and \$25.00 by Martha Lesko.

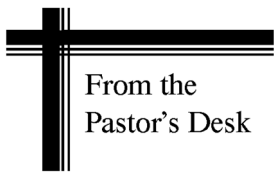
Our Confirmation Class will hold a Children's Bingo to be held **Sunday, February 23rd** at Good Shepherd parish in Drums. Doors open at 12:00 PM and BINGO begins at 1:00 PM. Anyone who would like to donate a tricky tray for this event can do so by **February 18th**. Donations can be brought to the church 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 Bambara. The prizes for the kids are amazing and there are also two 32" flat screen TVs! Lots of fun and great prizes! On **February 22nd**, the Second Grade Students will receive First Reconciliation at noon. Please keep the children in your prayers as they prepare for this beautiful sacrament.



FAMILIES OF NURSING HOME RESIDENTS AND ELDERLY LOVED ONES - if your loved one enters a nursing home or is at 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" card throughout the year. Also, they will automatically receive a lovely forget-me-not bag in the spring, 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 very upset., because loved ones were not included. But if you don't tell us, we don't know. Please don't rely on other people to tell us. Just call Janet in the parish office at 570-636-3035 and your loved one will be registered for everything.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS DAY.





From the
Pastor's Desk

Recently I went into our wonderful Confirmation classes and asked about the 10 Commandments and was surprised to know that we have 10 of them because of our 10 fingers - one for each commandment. This weekend's Gospel has Jesus talking about the Commandments and how some folks followed them to the "letter" of the Law. Following the

Commandments with our brain and not our hearts is wrong! Jesus is trying to tell folks that we are not considered good folks because we follow, for example, "you shall not kill." Not killing is good, being Pro-Life is even better. "You shall not steal" is good, giving to the poor is better. "You shall not commit adultery" is good, promoting chastity is better. I think you get it. Now do it - or not!



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, CHRYSOSTOMOS

Born in 349, Saint John Chrysostom was a bishop and is a Doctor of the Church. After death he was given the name CHRYSOSTOMOS, Greek for "golden mouthed". The name was appropriate because of his oratory skills and ability to apply scripture to everyday circumstances. I found a few quotes that are appropriate even today.

- "No matter how just your words may be, when you speak with anger, you ruin all..." Good advice for family and political conversations!
- "Let us always guard our tongue; not that it should always be silent, but that it should speak at the proper time." Really good advice for meetings!
- Finally, "When you are weary of praying, and do not receive, consider how often you heard a poor man calling, and have not listened to him." Something to contemplate for lent.



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.**



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



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.





HOUR OF KINDNESS 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.

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



TRICKY TRAYS are still 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!

THIRD ANNUAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, *Refresh Your Faith*, will take place at the University of Scranton, Byron Center on Saturday, June 20th. For More information go to www.cwcnepa.com or call 570-872-8630

DIOCESAN MASS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES will be held on Sunday, February 23 at 10 AM at St. Peter's Cathedral. Bishop Bambara will celebrate this mass to recognize the many gifts brought to our parishes by the special needs community. For more information or if you would like to participate in this mass, please contact Katy Windels at kwindels@dioceseofscranton.org.



THE HOUR OF KINDNESS MINISTRY will be happy to send a "GET WELL SOON" greeting card to any of our elderly and nursing home residents who are ill. If your loved one is in the hospital or is not feeling well at home and you would like us to send a cheery card, please call Janet in the parish office at 570-636-3035. If you are leaving a message after hours, please leave your loved one's name and address. If the card is going to a hospital, please be sure to list the hospital and the room number. A card will be sent out promptly.