

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	2/20	4:00 PM	Martin C. Nocchi by His Wife and Children
Sun.	2/21	11:00 AM	Betty Lonsetta by John and Sandy Sabo
Mon.	2/22	7:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Capozzelli Family by the Capozzelli Family
Tue.	2/23	7:00 AM	David Kopczynskie by Gavin, Gabby, and Ashley
Wed.	2/24	7:00 AM	George Barron by Ed and Barb Barron and Family
Thur.	2/25	7:00 AM	Jodi Drauschak by John and Sandy Sabo
Fri.	2/26	7:00 AM	Jean Iorio by Her Daughters Susan, Janet, and Ruth
Sat.	2/27	4:00 PM	Andrew Blasko. Sr. by Paula
Sun.	2/28	11:00 AM	Michael Pshar, Sr. and Deborah Pshar Bonner by Elsie Pshar



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$4,389.00; Loose \$391.00; Dues \$1,683.00; Care and Education of Priests \$202.00; All Saints \$10.00; Immaculate Conception \$15.00; Religious Retirement \$15.00; Christmas Flowers \$15.00; Christmas \$90.00; Solemnity of Mary \$5.00; Initial Offering \$35.00; Ash Wednesday \$177.00; Church in Europe \$67.00; Rice Bowl \$55.00; Catholic Relief \$10.00; Holy Thursday \$20.00; Good Friday \$49.00; Holy Land Sanctuary \$10.00; Easter flowers \$61.00; Poor Box \$89.34



CANDLES ON THE ALTAR and **OUR SANCTUARY CANDLE** are burning in Memory of Steve Korol by His Wife JoAnne



MEMORIAL DONATION of \$100.00 was made in Memory of Mary Berta Hanusek by the Co-workers of Her Daughter, Susan Hanusek.

REMINDER: Every Friday During Lent Is A Day Of Abstinence From Eating Meat.



ALL MASSES LIVESTREAMED BEGINNING IN LENT: Our new camera system will allow you to watch **ALL MASSES** in both churches (weekday, weekend, holy days, and even Stations of the Cross). The link for all services is as follows:
[YouTube.com/channel/UCRogmn_HRMSPzAq4XSysm3w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRogmn_HRMSPzAq4XSysm3w).



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be offered every Friday during Lent at noon and again at 7:00 PM. The evening Stations will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction from 6:00 to 6:55 PM.



The Light is
ON for You. 
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is offered Monday evenings before the 7:00 PM mass (6:00 - 6:50 PM); every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday morning from 6:15 - 6:50 AM; and Saturday afternoon from 3:00 - 3:30 PM. Father Mike is leaving the light on for you!



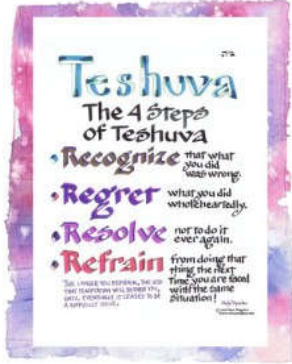
WE APOLOGIZE: During the last two weeks because of weather, we fell behind in keeping our church as clean as possible. In this day and age of COVID, it is important to keep up with this daily task. I want to thank those who, on a regular basis, keep our beautiful building shining. I also want to assure you that spray sanitization takes place after every service. We will do better.



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MIKE:

If you've been to church or watched Mass on You Tube, you have seen two purple banners in the altar area. The first word on the banner is REPENT. During the season of Lent this word is of utmost importance. Repentance has two components: sorrow and change. When we celebrate the Sacrament of Penance we say we are sorry for those things we have done wrong. When we walk out of the confessional we are challenged to change. Most of us get the "sorrow" part, the "change" part is often difficult. During this season of Lent, I urge you to focus on the word REPENT. Say you're sorry and change!

A VIEW FROM THE PEW, "TESHUVA".



Teshuva is a Hebrew word often associated with repentance, but it is more accurately understood as turning back to God and to obey Him - a good word to describe our Lenten journey which begins on Ash Wednesday. To turn back we must first stop and realize we are going in the wrong direction. Often, this is not easy; just ask any guy who is lost on some highway but ignores his wife urging him to stop and ask for directions! Pride and arrogance always seem to get in the way, even when it comes to our faith. Now would be a good time to

to assess the direction we are headed and maybe stop and take these few words to heart. "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

IN-PERSON BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES have resumed. This class is **MANDATORY** for **ALL** those parents wishing to have their children baptized. Classes for both parishes have been consolidated. The next class is at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, March 10th, at Good Shepherd Church in the St. Joseph Room. Please register by calling the Immaculate Conception office at 570-636-3035 or the Good Shepherd office at 570-788-3141. All persons attending the classes must wear face masks. Baptisms have a limit of 25 persons. Social distancing must be observed.



ANNUAL RETREAT ON THE ROAD TO THE RESURRECTION: Over the past eleven years, our Deanery Annual Retreat on the Road to the Resurrection has become an important part of our area's preparation during Lent. Although the current pandemic will prevent us from coming together physically, our Deanery will provide a VIRTUAL presentation of the Road to Resurrection. The Reverend Paul McDonnell, O.S.J., local Superior of the Oblates of Saint Joseph, will present the four-day

Retreat on our Parish Website (www.sscmparish.com). Father McDonnell was our presenter three years ago and was very well received by those who attended. The Retreat will begin on Monday of the First Week of Lent (February 22nd) and conclude on Thursday of the First Week of Lent (February 25th). Father McDonnell will be celebrant and homilist for each service. During the First Week of Lent, a new service will be posted each day. All services will remain posted throughout the entire season of Lent for those who wish to review them over again or for those who would like to make the Retreat later in Lent. Please plan on taking part in this special spiritual program.