

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 27, 2022

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat. 2/26	4:00 PM	Charles and Hilde Scott by Hugh and Catherine Maloney
Sun. 2/27	11:00 AM	Michael T. Pshar, Sr. and Deborah Pshar Bonner by Wife and Mother Elsie T. Pshar
Mon. 2/28	9:00 AM	TV Mass: John Steslow by Frank and Rita Pancerella
	7:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Capozzelli Family by the Capozzelli Family
Tue. 3/1	7:00 AM	Jean Iorio by Her Daughters Susan, Janet, and Ruth
Wed. 3/2	7:00 AM	Ash Wednesday Thomas Chuckra by His Son John
	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Theresa Zoshak by Joe and Jackie Malloy
Thur. 3/3	7:00 AM	Joseph R. Malloy & Michael Malloy by Their Daughter & Sister Joyce
Fri. 3/4	7:00 AM	Andrew, Raymond, and Joseph Ambrose by Maureen
Sat. 3/5	4:00 PM	John and Anna Herkalo by John and Pat Herkalo
Sun. 3/6	11:00 AM	Shirley Nitka by Her Daughter Linda Nitka-Moyer

Last Weekend:



Sunday \$3,361.50; Loose \$118.00; Dues \$1,952.00; Care and Education of Priests \$30.00; Other \$15.00; Poor Box \$102.00



CANDLES ON THE ALTAR AND OUR SANCTUARY LAMP Are Burning This Week

In Memory of Andrew, Raymond, and Joseph Ambrose by Maureen

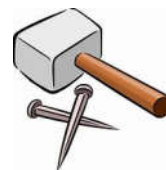


MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS will be at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, April 27th, in the Immaculate Conception Parish Center. Please register by calling the Immaculate Conception Parish Office at 570-636-3035 or the Good Shepherd office at 570-788-3141

ASH WEDNESDAY is this Wednesday, **March 2nd**. Ashes will be distributed after 7:00 AM mass, at the 4:00 PM prayer service, and after the 7:00 PM mass. **Just a 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 must 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, March 4th. The evening Stations will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction from 6:00 to 6:55 PM and Stations at 7:00 PM.



The collection on Ash Wednesday is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe including Collection for the Church in Lithuania, Poland, and Slovakia.

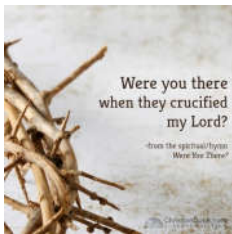


A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MIKE:



We are getting some new flooring in the sacristy. There was some molding on the floor and I tripped over it. I mentally began cursing a piece of wood. It made me think of this weekend's Gospel; The plank in my own eye first versus a speck in somebody else's eye. How foolish I was to curse a piece of wood. It was my own fault, I wasn't looking where I was going. I guess sometimes in life we're not sure where we're going or where God wants us to go. We need to pay attention to the moment. When we do that, it gives us the opportunity to focus in on ourselves and the things that we need to change about our lives. This Wednesday we begin the holy season of Lent. You will see in front of the altar three crosses. Of course one for Jesus and the others for the two thieves. We will ask all of you during the Lenten season to place yourself at the foot of the cross. The cross is a piece of wood that we could easily curse. On the other hand, a cross is a piece of wood that leads us to salvation.

A VIEW FROM THE PEW, "WERE YOU THERE."



Were you there (when they crucified My Lord.)" We all know the hymn. Written by unknown African Americans slaves in the 19th century and first published by William Barton in "Old Plantation Songs," the lyrics take the listener back to the crucifixion so one can reflect on the suffering and death of Christ on the cross. Take time this Lent, reflect on what took place so long ago on Golgotha. It should make you "tremble"!



**FORGET-ME-NOT GIFT BAGS ARE DUE
ON THE ALTAR OR IN THE PARISH OFFICE
BY SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD.**



FAITH FORMATION NEWS: This Saturday, our second grade students celebrated the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. Please keep our students in your prayers as they prepare for their First Eucharist.

Sunday, February 27th, the 11:00 mass will be the First Penance mass.

ATTENTION ALL CONFIRMATION PARENTS BINGO MEETING: There will be a meeting at Good Shepherd Parish on Monday, February 28th, at 5:45 PM. At least one parent for each student needs to attend.



ATTENTION LOT HOLDERS CALVARY CEMETERY - Notice of Spring Clean up
— Spring clean up will take place on **TUESDAY MARCH 1, 2022**. Please remove any and all desired items from graves prior to March 1st. Any remaining items left on graves. On March 1, 2022 will be removed and discarded by cemetery personnel. All questions can be directed to the Cemetery Office at (570) 788-2150.

**THERE WILL BE A TELEVISED MASS THIS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH,
AT 9:00 AM. EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.**



PARISH BUS TRIP TO HUNTERDON PLAYHOUSE - April 7th, to see Sherlock Returns. Cost is \$95.00 which includes the ticket to the show, dinner, and the bus. Deadline for tickets is March 6th. Tickets are on sale after all of the weekend masses or from Mary Lloyd 570-578-6720.



❖ **Dear Deacon Jim,**

How does the Church determine the date when Ash Wednesday takes place?

❖ **Response**

The date for Ash Wednesday is dependent on the date Easter falls on for the year desired. Since Easter is a “*movable feast*” the date changes from year to year, and it is not a fixed date such as Christmas.

While calculating this may all sound rather complicated, Ash Wednesday is determined based on two factors. The first is the date of Easter for the selected year which may occur as early as March 22 and as late as April 25.

The second factor you simply take the date of Easter and subtract 46 days. The other option is to count backward six weeks from the date of Easter to get the date of the First Sunday of Lent; Ash Wednesday is the Wednesday before the First Sunday of Lent. Six weeks is 42 days; Wednesday through Saturday are another four days, which gives you 46 days.

Note: Ash Wednesday occurs 46 days before Easter. Because of this, Ash Wednesday can occur as early as February 4, or as late as March 10.

Deacon Jim