

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

† MASS INTENTIONS †

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 Wife and Mother Elsie Pshar
Mon.	3/1	7:00 PM	Betty Lonsetta by Jane and Leo Decowski
Tue.	3/2	7:00 AM	Marie Pingar by Tom and Kim Ragan
Wed.	3/3	7:00 AM	Robert Kisatsky by Jim and Monica Paulshock
Thur.	3/4	7:00 AM	Joseph Cukauskas by M/M William Maranki
Fri.	3/5	7:00 AM	Andrew, Raymond, and Joseph Ambrose by Maureen
Sat.	3/6	4:00 PM	Margaret Elizabeth Patrick and James Carey by Nieces Geraldine Gordon & Family & Seth & Rose Wheeland & Family
Sun.	3/7	11:00 AM	Michael Plaksa & Joseph & Anna Fedorshak by Anna Falatko & Families



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,858.00; Loose \$44.01; Dues \$1,959.00; Care and Education of Priests \$119.00; Christmas \$15.00; Initial Offering \$75.00; Churches in Europe \$115.00; Ash Wednesday \$247.00; Rice bowl \$72.00; Catholic Relief \$11.00; Holy Land Sanctuary \$16.00; Easter Flowers \$17.00; Holy Thursday \$19.00; good Friday \$14.00; Poor Box \$139.08



CANDLES ON THE ALTAR and **OUR SANCTUARY LAMP** are burning in Memory of Andrew, Raymond, and Joseph Ambrose by Maureen



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 beginning this Friday, February 19th. The evening Stations will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction from 6:00 to 6:55 PM.



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!

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



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MIKE:

We are now in our Second Sunday of Lent. Today's Gospel reading shows Jesus transforming Himself into His true presence in the sight of his three disciples, Peter, James and John. The three of them got a glimpse of the future. On this second Sunday of Lent I ask you about the transformation process you are doing for yourself during this month. On this Second Sunday of Lent, I ask you to think back to Ash Wednesday. Think about the promises you made to God and what you would do or not do. Stay on track. God wants all of us to transform ourselves into better practicing Catholic Christians.



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, COMMANDMENT.

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:36-40. Sounds simple... but why is it so challenging? Something to contemplate for Lent.

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.



The Immaculate Conception Parish Community-Service Coordinating Team is conducting a food drive to benefit the food pantry in Freeland. For the month of March, we are requesting non-perishable breakfast food items, such as cereal, pancake mix, syrup, pop tarts, etc. Items are to be placed in the food pantry container in the church entrance. Thank you for any donations you can provide to assist those individuals and families in need in our community.



THANK YOU: As your pastor, I would like to thank all of you for your generous donations to our weekly collections. Although the numbers are down (and I fully understand because of the pandemic), I am so grateful to all who have contributed to our weekly offering. Those of you who are unable to attend Mass in person have dutifully mailed in or dropped off your envelopes. I am humbled by your willingness to continue to support our wonderful parish financially. Be assured of my prayers for you.



AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE FOR CHILDREN

MY RESPONSIBILITIES TO GOD:

- Have I prayed every day?
- Have I prayed my morning prayers and night prayers?
- Have I prayed with my parents and family?
- Have I been moody and rebellious about praying and going to church on Sunday?
- Have I asked the Holy Spirit to help me whenever I have been tempted to sin?
- Have I asked the Holy Spirit to help me do what is right?

MY RESPONSIBILITIES TO OTHERS:

- Have I been obedient and respectful to my parents?
- Have I lied or been deceitful to my parents or to others?
- Have I been arrogant, stubborn, or rebellious?
- Have I talked back to my parents, teachers, or other adults?
- Have I pouted and been moody?
- Have I been selfish toward my parents, brothers and sisters, teachers, or my friends and classmates?
- Have I gotten angry at them?

- Have I hit anyone?
- Have I held grudges or not forgiven others?
- Have I treated other children with respect or have I made fun of them and called them names?
- Have I used bad language?
- Have I stolen anything? Have I returned it?
- Have I been responsible for my homework and household chores?
- Have I been helpful and kind toward my family?
- Have I been kind and generous with my friends?

"Let the Children Come to Me"

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

