

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 1, 2020

		†	MASS INTENTIONS	†
Sat.	2/29	4:00 PM	Rocco and Elizabeth Bellezza by Their Daughters and Family, Geraldine Gordon and Rose and Seth Wheeland	
Sun.	3/1	11:00 AM	Mary Dinofrio by Anna Marie Kopczynskie	
Mon.	3/2	7:00 PM	Larry Budda by Lisa, Mary Ann, and Shawn	
Tue.	3/3	7:00 AM	Christine Yanek by Bernie and Frances Bobis	
Wed.	3/4	7:00 AM	LeAnne Brogan by Stan and Fran Wysocki	
Thur.	3/5	7:00 AM	John Yencho by Mary	
Fri.	3/6	7:00 AM	Andrew, Raymond, and Joseph Ambrose by Maureen	
Sat.	3/7	4:00 PM	Deceased Members of the John Barna and John Brezina Families by Their Family	
Sun.	3/8	11:00 AM	Leonard Solarek by His Wife Carol and Daughter Bernadette	



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,156.00; Loose \$193.00; Dues \$3,091.00; Care and Education of Priests \$10.00; Solemnity of Mary \$5.00; Church in Europe \$25.00; Initial Offering \$10.00; Ash Wednesday \$101.00; Easter Flowers \$36.00; Easter \$25.00; Poor Box \$138.00

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Mary Dinofrio by Anna Marie Kopczynskie



SANCTUARY CANDLE is burning in Memory of Thomas Chuckra by His Son John

MEMORIAL DONATION of \$100.000 was made in Memory of Leona Dei Tos by Citterio USA.

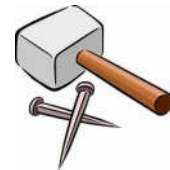


Meeting
Reminder

LITURGY COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, March 2nd, in the rectory after the 7:00 PM mass.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be offered at Immaculate Conception Parish every Friday during Lent at noon and again at 7:00 PM beginning this Friday, February 28th. The evening Stations will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction from 6:00 to 6:55 PM. Stations of the Cross will be offered at Good Shepherd Parish every Friday at 4:00 PM with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 3:00 - 3:45 PM and Benediction at 3:45 PM.

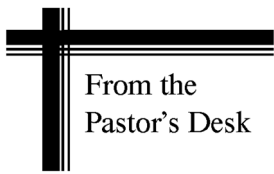


FATHER MATTHEY'S POOR BOX now has a beautiful plaque bearing his name and also his favorite prayer, "Be merciful to me, O Lord, a sinner." The plaques were requested by Lillian Urenovich and were created by John Uhrin.



Fish Fry

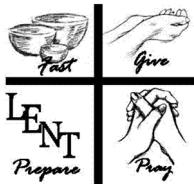
TICKETS FOR GOOD SHEPHERD'S FISH FRY DINNER on Friday, March 20th, are available in our parish office. The dinner is take-out only from 4:00 - 7:00 PM, and the cost is \$15.00.



From the
Pastor's Desk

Not By Bread Alone! If you were part of the services on Ash Wednesday or at Mass this weekend, you saw the banner, you got the daily devotional booklet, and received a wooden coin with that phrase on it. I believe you are getting the message. This season of Lent is an opportunity for all of us to go beyond the daily "bread" of existence and find the real Bread of Life. You

heard in the Gospel how Jesus was tempted by the devil and He resisted. No earthly bread, no promise of earthly kingdom nor promise to save a falling man can tempt Jesus! It's the first weekend of Lent. You made a promise on Ash Wednesday to resist temptation and to do the right thing - hang tough, you can do it. No earthly bread for me this Lent! How about you?



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, WHERE'S THE BEEF?

Back in the early 80's Wendy's, a fast food restaurant, featured a commercial starring a little old lady ordering a hamburger at a rival restaurant. After receiving a puny burger on a rather large roll, she exclaimed to the clerk, "Where's the beef?" We can relate to this commercial spiritually and it ties in

nicely with our Lenten theme, "NOT BY BREAD ALONE..." We all try to fill the bun with material wants and desires and are still left unsatisfied. What's the "meat" of our Lenten journey? The word of God! That's what lent is all about. Preparation and sacrifice for Easter is necessary to have a closer and more perfect relationship with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.



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. Tags are now hanging on the tree. Please have all bags on the altar or in the parish office by March 28th so that we can get them organized and ready for delivery. If anyone would like to volunteer to help deliver bags to our nursing home residents and local residents, please contact Janet in the parish office at 570-636-3035.



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.

"One in Christ Prayer Group" meets each Monday at Annunciation Parish (St. Gabriel's) at 6:30 PM on Monday evenings. We begin with the Rosary or Divine Mercy chaplet on alternating weeks. We follow with song, praise, and prayer, ending at 8 PM. You are welcome to join us. Try it once, you might like it.



FREELAND LITTLE LEAGUE SPAGHETTI DINNER - March 7, 2020 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM at St. Michael's Recreation Center. Includes: Choice of pasta with choice of Mariana (red) or Alfredo (white) Sauces, Meatballs, Salad & Bread. Drinks will include Soda, Coffee, and Hot Tea. You have the option of Dining in or Take-Out. Adults \$9.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door. Kids (12 and under) are \$6.00; Age 4 and under are free (dine in only).



FAITH FORMATION NEWS - SINCERE THANKS to everyone who participated in our Kid's Bingo last Sunday. We had a great turnout and \$2,527.00 was raised to help with the Confirmation Retreat and Sacramental Ceremony. Special thanks to the Confirmation parents and students for their time and effort to make this bingo such a fun time for all. Also, thanks to everyone who contributed a tricky tray. Everyone always looks forward to taking a chance on winning their favorite prizes.



On March 15th the 11:00 AM mass will be the Third Grade children's Mass.

Reminder: On March 29th there is no class.

On Sunday, April 5th, we are asking all students and their families to take part in the Palm Sunday Procession to begin in the parish Center.

DEANERY LENTEN RETREAT ON THE ROAD TO RESURRECTION with the Rev. Thomas O'Hara, C.S.C. as Guest Celebrant and Homilist. The Schedule is as follows: March 2nd at 6:30 PM Church of Saint Gabriel, Hazleton; March 3rd at 6:30 PM Church of the Holy Rosary, Hazleton; March 4th at 6:30 PM St. Joseph Church, Hazleton; March 5th at 6:30 PM Most Precious Blood Church, Hazleton. Please plan on joining us in this special regional Lenten celebration. Several priests will be available each evening following the service for confession in preparation for Easter.



**COMBINED ST. PATRICK'S, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,
AND GOOD SHEPHERD'S
SPRING FLING OLDIES DANCE
SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST,**

from 6-10 in Good Shepherd Parish Center.

Tickets cost \$20.00 per person

Catered by Jackie Malloy

BYOB. ADULTS ONLY.

Music by Mighty Mike and His Heavenly Delights.
Come out and enjoy the good music, food, and prizes!

Tickets are available in each parish office.



Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551).

Aviso al Respecto de Reportar el Abuso Sexual de Un Menor de Edad Es la norma de la Diócesis de Scranton reportar cualquier alegación de abuso sexual de un menor de edad a las autoridades. Si usted es una víctima de abuso sexual cometido por un sacerdote, diácono, religioso o empleado laico, o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton, usted está obligado a reportar el asunto inmediatamente a las autoridades de la ley. Si algún sacerdote, diácono, religioso, empleado laico o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton tiene sospecha de que un menor de edad ha sido sujeto a cualquier forma de abuso, incluyendo abuso sexual de menor de edad, el asunto será reportado a las autoridades de la ley. Es la norma de la Diócesis defender todas las regulaciones civiles y del estado. Al fin de que la Diócesis esté comprometida igualmente a defender las normas del Código de Derecho Canónico y defender los principios de la Carta Para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos), lo cual incluye apoyar a las víctimas de abuso sexual en pos del bienestar emocional y espiritual. Por eso, información respecto a una alegación del asunto sexual de un menor de edad, debe ser reportada a la Coordinadora Diocesana de Asistencia para Las Víctimas, Mary Beth Pacuska, a (570-862-7551).