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Sat.	3/3	4:00 PM	John Barna & John Brezina Family Members by Their Family
Sun.	3/4	7:30 AM	For the People
		10:30 AM	Helen Sherban Howanitz by Her Family
Mon.	3/5	7:00 PM	Mike Bobby by His Wife Pat and Family
Tue.	3/6	7:00 AM	Judith Breznitsky by the Breznitsky and Belanchik Families
Wed.	3/7	7:00 AM	NO MASS
Thur.	3/8	7:00 AM	John Yencho by His Family
Fri.	3/9	7:00 AM	Betty Gresh by Paul Thomas
Sat.	3/10	4:00 PM	Anna, George, and Ronald Dudinyak by Elizabeth and Richard
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Sun.	3/11	7:30 AM	For the People
		10:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Sons of Erin



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,872.50; Dues \$3,666.00; Care and Education of Priests \$13.00; Christmas Flowers \$5.00; Christmas \$25.00; Solemnity of Mary \$5.00; Church in Europe \$50.00; Ash Wednesday \$78.00; Holy Land Sanctuary

\$5.00; Holy Thursday \$5.00; Good Friday \$5.00; Catholic Relief \$15.00; Religious Retirement \$5.00; Initial Offering \$5.00; Easter Flowers \$25.00; Poor Box \$237.18

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend is for the Catholic Relief Services.

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of John Yencho by His Family



There will be a Youth Teen Meeting next Sunday from 12:00 to 1:30 PM in our parish.

REMINDER: 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. The evening Stations will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, and Personal Prayer from 6:00 to 6:55 PM.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following children who received their First Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, February 24th: Aleeyah Blanyar, Andrew Boone, Dylan Boyle, Keyanna Brotzman, Zuri Cosgrove, Jacob DeLorenzo, Ryan Drake, Kevin Galicia; Samantha Generose; Jason Goetsch; Evan Heffelfinger; Deymisela Hernandez; Ivone Hernandez; Breanne Hopeck; Olivia Jadush; Drew Lapchak; Jake Lapchak; Christopher Nocchi; Ceanna Stower; Liam Tranguch; Brielle Uricheck; Rylee Warner-Senape; and Clark Young. We ask that you keep these children in your prayers as they prepare to receive their First Communion.





SONS OF ERIN PARADE will begin at 1:00 PM on Saturday, March 17th. Dinner will take place at 4:00 PM at Sand Springs. Cost is \$30.00. Reservations can be made by contacting any member of the Sons of Erin. Beer, wine, and soda are included. Everyone is welcome!





Jesus knew the Temple area was a sacred place. He got rid of the sellers in the Temple area not only because of their presence, but because they were price-gouging. A turtle dove was more than twice the going rate and money changers charged exorbitant percentages on the trade. I think all of us know that our church is a sacred place. You may have noticed how during the

Lenten Season we are playing meditative music and asking for a sense of reverent silence. I am confident that if Jesus came into our parish church today, He would be so proud of all of you for the respect you show in His house. Shush! Listen for what Jesus has to say to you.



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, STONES AND BREAD

I read an article written by Father Dwight Longenecker titled "The Joy of Being Wrong." The first line was an interesting way of looking at the beginning of Lent "Ash Wednesday is the day when we wear our error on our brow. The ashes declare to the world, "I'm wrong. It was me." Ash Wednesday we begin to examine our hearts. Has it become like a stone?

Isn't it time to admit, "It was me." If it has become like stone, why not make the changes in our lives that are necessary to soften our hearts and become closer to Christ. Through selfdenial, penance and humility we should develop a spiritual hunger and longing for the ultimate food, the Bread of Life, The Eucharist. Let's make our Lenten journey memorable, let us TURN OUR HEARTS FROM STONES TO BREAD!

PARISH BUS TRIP to see the play "Steel Magnolias" at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, Hampton, NJ on Thursday, April 19th. Cost is \$76 and includes lunch. Lunch includes a choice of Yankee Pot Roast, Fried Jumbo Shrimp Platter, Lemon Pepper Cod, Stuffed Chicken Breast, Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Eggplant Rollatini, or Roasted Vegetable Kabob. Call Mary Lloyd 570-578-6720 for reservations. Money is due with reservation.





HAM BINGO - Sunday, March 11th in the Parish Center. Kitchen opens at 11:30 AM, Early Birds at 12:30 PM, Regular Bingo starts at 1:00 PM. Come out and play! Enjoy good food, fun, and a chance to win your Easter ham!

SINCERE THANKS to all who donated blankets to the blanket drive. Your generosity was amazing and greatly appreciated!





FORGET-ME-NOT GIFT TAGS are available on the Giving Tree in the front of the church. All gift bags are due on the altar or in the parish office by Sunday, April 15th. Suggestions for the bags was in last week's bulletin and also on the parish website <u>www.ourladyfreeland.org</u>

DIOCESAN APPEAL DONORS: Mrs. Mary Frances Chuckra and Mrs. Susan Pelot; M/M John Frank III; M/M John Kalena; M/M Robert Kisatsky; Mrs. Margaret Koslap; M/M Thomas Moyer; Mr. Gerald Palko.