

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 6, 2022

† MASS INTENTIONS †

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
Mon. 3/7 7:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Capozzelli Family by the Capozzelli Family
Tue. 3/8 7:00 AM	John Yencho by His Family
Wed. 3/9 7:00 AM	Emil Wish by Veronica Wish and Debbie and John Uhrin
Thur. 3/10 7:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Charnigo and Lapchak Families by John and Kathy Feschuk
Fri. 3/11 7:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Yackenovich Family by Annette
Sat. 3/12 4:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Leo Ravina Family by Their Family
Sun. 3/13 11:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Sons of Erin



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,238.00; Loose \$178.00; Dues \$1,167.00; Care and Education of Priests \$45.00; Other 100.00; Poor Box \$88.00



CANDLES ON THE ALTAR AND OUR SANCTUARY LAMP Are Burning This Week in Memory of Shirley Nitka by Her Daughter Linda Nitka-Moyer



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

JUST A REMINDER: Every Friday during Lent is a day of abstinence from meat. Everyone ages 14 and older must abstain 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.



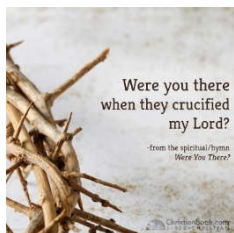
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is offered Monday evenings before the 7:00 PM mass (6:00 - 6:50 PM); every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday morning from 6:15 - 6:50 AM; and Saturday afternoon from 3:00 - 3:30 PM. Father Mike is leaving the light on for you!

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MIKE:



This is the first weekend of Lent. Just days ago the Sign of the Cross was placed on your forehead, and you made promises of things you would NOT DO and would DO during the Lenten Season. The Gospel tells the story of how Jesus is tempted by Satan. It is just what we need to hear! Even Jesus was tempted. The key to understanding this situation is not the temptation, but how He resisted Satan. All of us are tempted on a daily basis. During Lent Satan will come after us and try to lead us where he wants us to go. One of the best ways to combat Satan is to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The door is open. You can resist. You got this!

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.

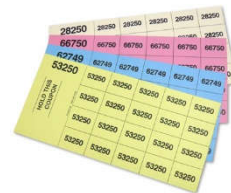


FAITH FORMATION NEWS: Sunday, March 20th, the 11:00 AM mass will be the 3rd Grade Children's Mass. The students will have a gift prepared for you in a basket so you may help yourself to one.

Any Confirmation parent who could not attend the Bingo meeting, please see Patty or Marianne for information.



PARISH EASTER BINGO will take place on Thursday, March 31st, in the Parish Center. Admission \$10.00. Early Birds and Specials \$1.00 Each. Kitchen opens at 4:30 PM. Early Birds start at 5:30 PM. Regular Bingo starts at 6:00 PM. \$35.00 cash prize per game will be awarded. Last Special will be for \$100.00! Tricky Trays will be available. Anyone who would like to donate food items or tricky trays is asked to contact Mary Lloyd at 570-578-6720.



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,**

Why does a priest or a deacon wear a white collar and when did this become part of their attire?

❖ **Response**

The white-collar, known as the "Roman collar," is a sign of the person's religious calling and helps others outside of the church in the community to identify them. This white-collar, outside of the vestments worn at mass, remains one of the most distinctive elements of clerical attire.

Spiritually it has become representative of a priest's consecration to God and his role as someone set apart for priestly service. Clerics (Priests and Deacons) see it as a symbol of their "slavery" to God, showing the world who is their true Master. Additionally, the collar remains a distinctive sign of the priest's and deacon's availability and the permanent nature of Holy Orders. Canon law of the Catholic Church states that "clerics are to wear a suitable ecclesiastical dress, in accordance with the norms established by the Episcopal Conference and legitimate local custom" (n. 284). In the United States, bishops at the 1884 Council of Baltimore decided that priests should wear black, preferably cassocks along with the white Roman collar.

Regarding the "when" portion of the question, it is believed that the collar evolved from men's attire in Europe and included linen collars and scarves folded over jacket collars protecting them from daily wear and soil. The clergy wore similar collars. In 1215, the Fourth Lateran Council decided that clergy should not dress extravagantly as most people of any stature did at that time. As the average gentleman's collar became more elaborate and decorated with silk embroidery, some priests followed the styles. Pope Urban VIII, in 1624, issued an edict that lace, embroidery, and ribbons were forbidden on clerical collars. Then again around 1725, Pope Benedict XIII ordered priests not to wear any form of lay attire.

After the reforms of Vatican II, suits became more common. In 1999, the U.S. bishops issued a directive that, outside of liturgical functions, a black suit and Roman collar should be the clerical apparel for ordained clerics. (Priests/Ordained Clerics are allowed leisure clothes as well when appropriate)

Deacon Jim