

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 7, 2021

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	3/6	4:00 PM	Margaret Elizabeth Patrick and James Carey by Nieces Geraldine Gordon & Family & Seth and Rose Wheeland & Family
Sun.	3/7	11:00 AM	Michael Plaksa and Joseph and Anna Fedorshak by Anna Falatko and Families
Mon.	3/8	7:00 PM	John Yencho by Mary
Tue.	3/9	7:00 AM	David Kopczynskie by John R. Kopczynskie
Wed.	3/10	7:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Dudinyak Family by Elizabeth and Richard Dudinyak
Thur.	3/11	7:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Yackenovitch Family by Annette
Fri.	3/12	7:00 AM	Cathy Matz by M/M William Lockwood
Sat.	3/13	4:00 PM	John Barna and John Brezina Family Members by Their Family
Sun.	3/14	11:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Sons of Erin



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,889.00; Loose \$352.00; Dues \$1,215.00; Care and Education of Priests \$59.00; Christmas \$155.00; Initial Offering \$35.00; Ash Wednesday \$56.00; Churches in Europe \$6.00; Rice Bowl \$210.00; Catholic Relief \$10.00; Easter Flowers \$25.00; Holy Thursday \$15.00; God Friday \$35.00; Holy Land Sanctuary \$15.00; Poor Box \$189.16

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Alan Pecora by Dan Ravina



OUR SANCTUARY LAMP is burning in Memory of John Bobby His Marguerite.



MEMORIAL DONATION of \$70.00 was made in Memory of Raymond Nessler by his son Jeff Nessler.



ALL MASSES LIVESTREAMED: 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. 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!

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MIKE:

In this weekend's gospel Jesus encounters a non-Jewish woman at a well. She comes to the well for physical water, but Jesus talks to her about a water that will give her eternal life. At first she doesn't understand. Eventually she does understand. Jesus goes back to her village and all of the people in the village begin to understand. If you look in church this weekend or if you are watching it on YouTube, look at the banners that are hanging. This week's word is Commandment. If you read the 10 Commandments you, like the woman at the well, will begin to understand Jesus better.



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, RISING THROUGH LENT.

"Do you wish to rise? Begin by descending. You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds? Lay first the foundation of humility." Saint Augustine. It's a no-brainer; humility is definitely necessary as we journey through Lent. Without it we will not be that beacon of light a darkened world desperately needs right now.

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.



Food
Pantry
Needs

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.



UPCOMING EVENT: As you know, this is the Year of Saint Joseph as proclaimed by our Holy Father and Bishop Bambera. In view of this, we will be posting a Novena to Saint Joseph on our website beginning on March 10th and concluding on the Feast of Saint Joseph on March 19th. The Novena will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Novena Prayers, the Litany of Saint Joseph, blessing with the Relic of Saint Joseph, and will conclude with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. A downloadable copy of the Novena Prayers will be included on the website. Everyone is encouraged to join in this Novena during this special year dedicated to Saint Joseph. The web site is the same - www.sscmparish.com.



AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE FOR YOUNG ADULTS

RESPONSIBILITIES TO GOD:

Have I gone to Mass on Sunday or have I rebelled and been stubborn about going to Mass?

Did I participate in the Mass or did I daydream?

Have I prayed every day? Have I read the Bible?

Have I been rebellious toward God and His commandments?

Have I misused the name of God by swearing and cursing?

Have I told the Father that I love Him for creating me and making me his son/daughter?

Have I thanked Jesus for becoming man, dying for my sin, and rising to give me eternal life?

Have I asked the Holy Spirit to help me conquer sin and temptation and to be obedient to God's commands?

RESPONSIBILITIES TO OTHERS AND MYSELF:

Have I been rebellious, disobedient, or disrespectful to my parents, teachers, and those in authority over me?

Have I lied to or deceived my parents or others?

Have I been arrogant and stubborn?

Have I talked back to my parents or those in authority?

Have I gotten angry or nurtured and held grudges and resentments? Have I refused to forgive others? Have I cultivated hatred?

Have I engaged in sexual fantasies? Have I looked at others lustfully?

Have I read pornographic literature or looked at pornographic pictures, shows, or movies?

Have I masturbated?

Have I lustfully kissed or sexually touched someone? Have I had sexual intercourse?

Have I had an abortion or encouraged another to have one?

Have I gossiped about others? Have I slandered anyone? Have I told lies about others?

Have I mocked or made fun of others?

Have I lied or cheated? Have I stolen anything? Have I paid it back?

Have I been selfish or spiteful toward others?

Have I been jealous?

Have I gotten drunk or taken drugs?

Have I participated in anything that is of the occult: Ouija boards, fortune tellers, séances, channeling, or astrology?

Have I been patient, kind, gentle, and self-controlled?

When my conscience told me to do something good, did I do it or did I ignore it?

Renew Your Commitment to Jesus

Celebrate the Sacrament of
Reconciliation.

