

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 13, 2022

## † MASS INTENTIONS †

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
Mon.	3/14	7:00 PM	Joseph and Anna Falatko by Anna Plaksa and Family
Tue.	3/15	7:00 AM	John Stefanick, Jr. by His Father
Wed.	3/16	7:00 AM	Joseph Carsia by Carmene Barletta
Thur.	3/17	7:00 AM	Catherine Hrino by Greg and Jean Belletiere
Fri.	3/18	7:00 AM	Helen Penkala by Michele and Marty Kimmel
Sat.	3/19	4:00 PM	Angie Puzetti and Family by Jim and Michalene Eisenhart
Sun.	3/20	11:00 AM	Richard Mladek and Thomas Mark Kopczynskie by Debra and Matt Kopczynskie



### Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,714.00; Ukraine \$2,005.00; Dues \$971.00; Care and Education of Priests \$548.00; Initial Offering \$10.00; Ash Wednesday \$609.00; Churches in Europe \$365.00; Poor Box \$251.00

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Ravina and son Albert and Mr. and Mrs. George Sarosky and Son Robert by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sarosky



**OUR SANCTUARY LAMP** is burning this week in Memory of Thomas Chuckra by His Son John



**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



**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!

**PLEASE NOTE:** There are lime green papers at both entrances to the church. These are donor papers for all those who contributed to our Capital Campaign. The names will be inscribed on a plaque in the church. Please return your paper as soon as possible. **DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH.**

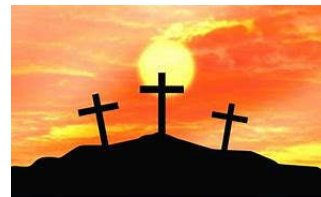


## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MIKE:

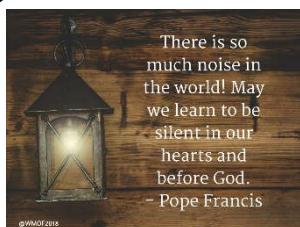


In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus took Peter, James and John and went up the mountain and was Transfigured before them into His heavenly state. They got a glimpse of Jesus' Divine Self.

This weekend you will see the second banner in the "Were You There" series. This one asks: Were you there AS A SPECTATOR? Imagine being in the crowd just watching. You see Jesus on the Cross crucified. It's a strong contrast to the vision Peter, James and John saw. We are encouraged this week to focus on just being in the crowd as that SPECTATOR. Look at the people around you. Look at the two thieves on either side of Jesus. Look at Jesus!



Will you remain just a SPECTATOR?



There is so much noise in the world! May we learn to be silent in our hearts and before God.  
- Pope Francis

### A VIEW FROM THE PEW, SILENCE.

Pope Francis, in a written homily for Ash Wednesday, had an interesting take on prayer for the Lenten season. The Pope asked, "Let us not always be in a rush, but find the time to stand in silence before Him." In today's world that can truly be quite the sacrifice. The Pope continued, "Let us rediscover the fruitfulness and simplicity of a heartfelt dialogue with the Lord. For God is not interested in appearances. Instead, He loves to be found in secret, 'the secrecy of love,' far from all ostentation and clamor." We all have an opportunity every Friday to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament and have that dialogue with God this Lent. Stop in and take a break from the "rush" of our lives and spend a few minutes before Him in silence.



**FORGET-ME-NOT GIFT BAGS ARE DUE ON THE ALTAR OR IN THE PARISH OFFICE BY SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD.**



**FAITH FORMATION NEWS: Updated Mask Guidelines for Faith Formation:** As of March 3, 2022, we have transitioned to a "Mask Recommended". There will still be times when an individual might be required to wear a mask, such as: an individual who is within 10 days of a positive diagnosis or is identified as close contact to a COVID case but does not have to quarantine due to being fully vaccinated or had a confirmed COVID case in the last 90 days.

**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.

Our Confirmation class is sponsoring a **Children's Bingo** on Sunday, **April 3rd**, at Good Shepherd Parish. Anyone who would like to make a donation to assist our students, please contact Marianne at 570-636-0879 or Donna at 570-401-0414.

**\*\*\* Please look for a notice being sent home with your children on April 10th.**



# This Week at Our Church



**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.



## REMI N DER

**WORD/WORSHIP COMMITTEE** will meet this **Monday, March 14th**, at 7:30 PM in the rectory.



**COMMUNITY/SERVICE TEAM** will meet this **Tuesday, March 15th**, at 6:00 PM in the church.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL** will meet this **Wednesday, March 16th**, at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center of Immaculate Conception Parish.



Our Parish Community-Service Coordinating Team is requesting Instant Scalloped Potatoes, Pineapple Slices, and Baked Beans for the month of March. Thank you for any donations you can provide to assist those in need in our community.



Dear Deacon Jim,

*I was baptized in the hospital and later received a conditional baptism in the church. What is conditional baptism? Why didn't I receive a baptismal certificate?*

❖ Response

I will try to answer your questions in a general sense without going into any specific details of what I assume was an emergency baptism in the hospital. First, in the Catholic faith and practice, baptism is a 'once for all time' sacrament. So, you can only **receive it once and it is effective forever**. No one can ever change that you are a Christian and a member of the Body of Christ once baptism has been validly conferred.

I don't know the circumstances of what transpired at your hospital baptism and cannot address the specific reason(s) if any. However, a **"conditional baptism"** is performed in the event the first baptism was not properly administered. It is called **"conditional"** because a person cannot be baptized twice. If the first baptism was not valid, the **"conditional baptism"** ensures that a properly valid baptism was conferred.

Although baptized in the hospital with water, a Baptismal Ceremony is later on performed in a church. This ceremony provides an opportunity for everyone involved to learn the symbolism of the Sacrament of Baptism, such as the reception of the child, readings, the symbol of water, the prayer of exorcism, the anointing with oil of catechumens and the Holy Chrism oil, the white garment, and receiving the baptismal candle. However, the pouring of water is omitted since it's already happened. If it is put in, then it would only be done conditionally, that is, on the condition that the first time it wasn't done correctly.

Generally, assuming the necessary information was provided, the hospital where the emergency baptism was performed will inform the designated parish and the baptismal date will be recorded in the Church registry when the person was baptized the first time. I am not sure of the circumstances of why you did not receive a baptismal certificate when a conditional baptism in the church was done.

I would suggest that you contact the parish to confirm they have a record of your baptism and date in their Baptismal Registry. Additionally, if you provide the names of at least two (2) witnesses who were present at your first baptism in the hospital an affidavit may be generated and can serve as your Baptismal Certificate.

*Deacon Jim*