



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 17, 2019



† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	3/16	4:00 PM	Lillian Strohl by Her Husband Oscar
Sun.	3/17	7:30 AM	Richard Mladek, Jr. by Henry and Dan Kopczynskie
		10:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Sons of Erin
Mon.	3/18	7:00 PM	Scott Branz by Jack and Carol Timony
Tue.	3/19	7:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Banyas and Feschuk Families by John and Kathleen Feschuk
Wed.	3/20		NO MASS
Thur.	3/21	7:00 AM	Anna Mae Gornal by Cheryl, Sally, and Janet
Fri.	3/22	7:00 AM	Patrick Thomas by M/M Leo Thomas
Sat.	3/23	4:00 PM	Joseph and Antoinette Batcha and the Deceased Members of the Batcha and Ceriani Families by JoAnne and Barbara
Sun.	3/24	7:30 AM	For the People
		10:30 AM	Joseph Cukauskas, Sr. by Ann Marie Kondash

Last Weekend:



Sunday \$3,225.50; Dues \$420.00; Care and Education of Priests \$42.00; Church in Europe \$246.00; Ash Wednesday \$734.00; Poor Box \$193.88

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Scott Branz by Jack and Carol Timony



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONATION of \$1,000.00 was made in Memory of Stephen E. and Michael J. Hanusek by Susan Hanusek; the following donations were made in Memory of Father Matthey: \$100.00 by M/M William Kuklis and \$500.00 by Jim and Michalene Eisenhart; the following donations were made in Memory of Anna Mae Gornal: \$500.00 by Her Son Richard; \$50.00 by Alice Piazzzi; \$50.00 by Robert and Joan Brubaker; \$50.00 by the Bereavement Committee; \$25.00 by Daniel Ravina; and \$100.00 by Her Nephew Nicholas Polachak and His Wife Valerie and Her Grand Nephew Stephen and Grand Niece Nicole



Meeting
Reminder

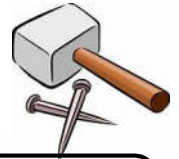
PASTORAL COUNCIL
will meet Wednesday
March 20th, at 6:15 PM
in the rectory.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
will meet Wednesday
March 20th, at 7:15 PM
in the rectory.

LITURGY COMMITTEE
will meet Thursday
March 21st, at 6:15 PM
in the rectory.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS are offered every Friday during Lent at noon and again at 7:00 PM. The evening Stations include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction from 6:00 to 6:55 PM.



FOOD PANTRY DONATION for March is peanut butter and jelly. The next distribution date is Tuesday, March 26th.



FORGET-ME-NOT GIFT BAGS are due by Sunday, April 7th. If you wanted to take a ticket, but weren't able, you can still prepare a bag and bring it to the altar. We always have last minute additions and your bag will be greatly appreciated!





The Gospel you heard this weekend was about the Beatitudes. These Beatitudes are a reactionary view of the 10 Commandments. In the Old Testament, God gave the Israelites the 10 Commandments. These are a list of 10 things, most of which you should NOT do. (As a side note...the reason for 10 Commandments is your 10 fingers - there is one commandment for each finger). Jesus, in the New Testament, gave us the Beatitudes as a list of things we SHOULD do. Here's a challenge for those of you reading this little excerpt. Most of us will NOT do something for Lent - eat, smoke, drink, etc. This week DO something extra and good - Confession, Adoration, Stations, Bible Study. Challenge accepted?



A VIEW FROM THE PEW: ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

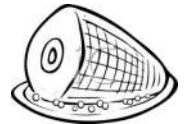
It's that time again, Lent. I know, it's time to sacrifice something but I'll probably go through the motions and give up something simple and call it Lent, right? Why not try a different approach and just listen? Is God calling you to do more? Is there something that picks at your brain at Mass and nudges you to be involved? Listen to that voice and consider one of our parish ministries that include; Altar Server, Choir, Lector, Legion of Mary, Liturgy Committee, Messengers of Hope, and Religious Education. The six weeks of Lent will each highlight a ministry, so you will have an idea as to what each one is all about. Make Lent different this year, **CHOOSE TO SERVE!**



PARISH BUS TRIP to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Wed, Apr 24th, to see "Take Me Away." Cost is \$83.00. Call Mary Lloyd at 570-578-6720. Deadline is April 3rd.



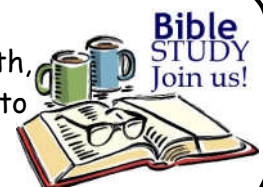
OUR HAM BINGO is Sunday, April 7th in the Parish Center. Kitchen opens at 11:30 AM, early Birds at 12:30 PM, Regular Bingo starts at 1:00 PM. Come out and play! Enjoy good food, fun, and a chance to win your Easter ham!



THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU! During Lent, you are encouraged to take the opportunity to experience the joy and peace that comes from receiving the the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The really awesome thing about confession is not the sinner nor the sin. The power of confession is the mercy of God.

Father Mike is leaving the light on just for **YOU!** Confessions are heard in our parish Monday evening from 6:00-6:50 PM; Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 6:15-6:50 AM; Saturday from 3:00-3:30 PM. In St. Patrick's the schedule is Monday from 7:00 - 7:50 AM; Wednesday evening from 5:00 - 5:45 PM; Saturday afternoons from 5:00 - 5:30 PM

BIBLE STUDY - A WALK WITH GOD THROUGH LENT - with Deacon Jim will be held at Immaculate Conception Parish Center on Wednesday, March 20th, at 6:00 PM. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. You did not have to attend earlier sessions. You can begin at any time!



JUST A REMINDER: Every Friday during Lent is a day of abstinence from meat.



CHOOSE TO SERVE,
PREPARATION OF PEOPLE’S HEARTS,
MINDS AND PLACE

*During Lent the church is somewhat barren; no plants or flowers are displayed. This is to set the atmosphere for a time of sacrifice, atonement, and returning to God. There is a purpose behind each liturgical season and the environment should focus the parishioner to its message and meaning. Flowers and a fountain at Easter, red strategically placed at the altar for Pentecost, the crib for Christmas all require brainstorming and in some cases a lot of elbow grease. If you love to organize events, work with your hands, and enjoy the research that goes into the liturgical calendar year, consider a ministry of **The Liturgy Committee**. “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1 Peter 4:10*

Called to *Serve*
Liturgy Committee