

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 21, 2021

## † MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	3/20	4:00 PM	Helen Howanitz by the Golab Family
Sun.	3/21	11:00 AM	Angie Puzetti by Michalene and Jim Eisenhart
Mon.	3/22	7:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Evanochick Family by the Capozzelli Family
Tue.	3/23	7:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Feschuk and Banyas Families by John and Kathy Feschuk
Wed.	3/24	7:00 AM	Stephanie Iben Delese by Her Father, Sister, and Husband
Thur.	3/25	7:00 AM	Thomas Yancus by Catherine and Ben Hrino
Fri.	3/26	7:00 AM	Andrew Bereznak by His Wife Carol
Sat.	3/27	4:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Batcha and Ceriani Families and Steve Korol by JoAnne and Barbara
Sun.	3/28	7:30 AM	Agnes, Clarence, and Lawrence Budda by the Monday Night Dinner Family
		11:00 AM	Alexander, Ann, and Thomas Zmiejko by John & Cheryl Zmiejko



### Last Weekend:

Sunday \$2,744.00; Loose \$324.00; Dues \$718.00; Care and Education of Priests \$76.00; Solemnity of Mary \$5.00; Initial Offering \$12.00; Ash Wednesday \$5.00; Churches in Europe \$2.00; Rice Bowl \$38.00; Catholic Relief \$269.00; Easter Flowers \$128.00; Holy Land Sanctuary \$3.00; Holy Thursday \$15.00; Good Friday \$15.00; Poor Box \$252.08

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of Kenneth Kopczynskie by His Mother Anna Marie Kopczynskie



**OUR SANCTUARY CANDLE** is burning this week in Memory of Thomas Kislak and Family by Jane and Leo Decowski and Family.

**BLESSING OF THE BASKETS** will be held on Saturday, April 3rd, at noon outside in the area between the garden and the parking lot. Masks must be worn by all participants. In the event of rain, the blessing will take place in the church with only one person per basket.



**PALM SUNDAY** will have a 7:30 AM mass in addition to the 11:00 AM mass. Palms will be distributed at the end of mass.



**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!




**CALVARY CEMETERY** in Drums is erecting a new **Niche Building** for final interment of cremated remains. Pre-construction sales are now open. If you are interested, call the cemetery office Monday-Friday between 8:30 -12 noon and 1:00-3:30 PM. Payment plans are available at 0% interest for 2 years with required 25% down.

**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MIKE:**



This is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. From the First Sunday of Lent, we have focused on the words on the purple banners hanging in the altar area. These words have helped us on a journey through the Lenten Season to today's final phrase: Eternal Life! In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus travels to visit His ill friend, Lazarus, but Lazarus had passed away before He arrived. Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead with a promise of Eternal Life. This is a story about us! Because of sin, we are all spiritually dead. Jesus wants to give us Eternal Life. With just two weeks available to us before Easter, I challenge you to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. By celebrating this Sacrament, we, too, can be raised to new life. Don't be afraid: **GO TO CONFESSION!**



**A VIEW FROM THE PEW, ETERNAL SALVATION**

"...He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him." Hebrews 5:7-9. Ash Wednesday we began Lent with a sprinkle of ashes, repentance, and renewed commitment to obey the commandments. This renewal has opened our hearts to the light of Christ's resurrection and illuminated a path to eternal salvation.



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.



<b>HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH</b>	<b>GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH</b>
Holy Thursday, April 1st, at 7:00 PM.	Holy Thursday, April 1st at 7:00 PM.
Good Friday, April 2nd at 1:00 PM.	Good Friday, April 2nd at 1:00 PM.
Blessing of Baskets, Saturday, April 3rd at 12:00 PM	Blessing of Baskets, Saturday, April 3rd at 11:00 AM
Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3rd 8:00 PM.	Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3rd 8:00 PM.
Easter Sunday, April 4th at 7:30 AM and 11:00 AM.	Easter Sunday, April 4th at 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM.

**LOOKING FOR SOME EXTRA CASH?** Calvary cemetery is looking for part time summer help with cemetery maintenance cutting grass and weed whacking. This is the perfect job for anyone who wants to work outside and make some extra money. The position pays \$8.00 per hour for 29 hours per week with no weekends. It starts around April 26th and ends the end of September. Interested applicants should stop in the cemetery office between 8:30 AM and noon and 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM Monday - Friday or on Saturday between 8:00 AM and noon for an application.



## AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE FOR MARRIED PERSONS

### MY RESPONSIBILITIES TO GOD:

Have I gone to Mass every Sunday? Have I participated at Mass or have I day dreamed or been present with a blank mind?

Have I prayed every day (15-20 minutes)?

Have I read the Bible? Have I studied the truths of our faith and allowed them to become more part of the way I think and act? Have I read any spiritual books or religious literature?

Have I told God that I want to love Him with my whole heart, mind, and strength? Do I hold any resentments toward God?

Have I recognized my need for Jesus and his salvation? Have I asked the Holy Spirit to empower me to live the Christian life, to be a proper husband/wife and parent?

Have I been financially generous to the Church? Have I participated in parish or religious activities?

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Have I held resentments toward the Church or Church authorities? Have I forgiven them?

### MY RESPONSIBILITIES TO MY SPOUSE:

Have I cared for my spouse? Have I been generous with my time? Have I been affectionate and loving? Have I told my spouse that I love him or her?

Have I been concerned about the spiritual well-being of my spouse?

Have I listened to my spouse? Have I paid attention to his other concerns, worries, and problems? Have I sought these out?

Have I allowed resentments and bitterness toward my spouse to take root in my mind? Have I nurtured these?

Have I forgiven my spouse for the wrongs he or she has committed against me?

Have I allowed misunderstanding, miscommunication or accidents to cause anger and mistrust? Have I nurtured critical and negative thoughts about my spouse?

Have I manipulated my spouse in order to get my own way?

Have I tried to bully or overpower my spouse?

Have I spoken sharply or sarcastically to my spouse? Have I spoken in a demeaning or negative way? Have I injured my spouse through taunting and negative teasing? Have I called my spouse harsh names or used language that is not respectful?

Have I physically abused my spouse?

Have I gossiped about my spouse?

Have I undermined the authority and dignity of my spouse through disrespect and rebelliousness?

Have I been moody and sullen?

Have I bickered with my spouse out of stubbornness and selfishness?

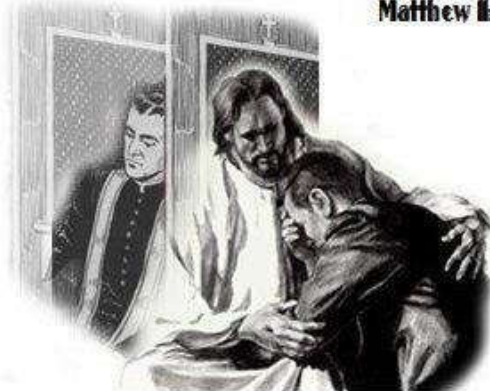
Have I lied or been deceitful to my spouse?

Have I misused sexuality? Have I used sexual relations solely for my own selfish pleasure?

Have I been too demanding in my desire for sexual fulfillment?

***Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.***

**Matthew 11:28**



**+ DON'T BE AFRAID +**

Have I been loving and physically affectionate in my sexual relations or have I used sexual relations in a way that would be demeaning or disrespectful to my spouse? Have I refused sexual relations out of laziness, revenge or manipulation?

Have I refused to conceive children out of selfishness or material greed? Have I used artificial means of contraception?

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

Have I masturbated?

Have I flirted or fostered improper relationships with someone else, either in my mind or through words and actions?

Have I used pornography: books, magazines or movies?

Have I committed adultery?

Have I misused alcohol or drugs?

Have I been financially responsible?

#### **MY RESPONSIBILITIES TO MY CHILDREN:**

Have I cared for the spiritual needs of my children? Have I been a shepherd and guardian as God has appointed me? Have I tried to foster a Christian family where Jesus is Lord? Have I taught my children the Gospel and the commandments of God?

Have I prayed with them?

Have I been persistent and courageous in my training and teaching? Have I disciplined them when necessary? Have I been lazy and apathetic?

Have I talked with them to find out their problems, concerns and fears? Have I been affectionate toward them?

Have I hugged them and told them that I love them? Have I played or recreated with them?

Have I been impatient and frustrated with them? Have I corrected them out of love in order to teach them what is right and good?

Have I treated them with respect? Have I spoken to them in a sarcastic or demeaning way?

Have I held resentments against them? Have I forgiven them?

Have I been of one heart and mind with my spouse in the upbringing of the children? Or have I allowed disagreements and dissension to disrupt the training, educating and disciplining of our children?

Have I undermined the role of authority in the eyes of my children by speaking negatively against God, the Church, my spouse or others who hold legitimate authority over them?

Have I been a good Christian witness to my children in what I say and do? Or do I demand one standard for them and another for myself?

Have I been properly generous with my children regarding money and physical and material well-being? Have I been miserly? Have I been extravagant, thus spoiling them?

#### **MY RESPONSIBILITIES TO SOCIETY:**

Have I been a Christian witness to those with whom I work or associate? Have I spoken to anyone about the Gospel and how important it is to believe in Jesus?

Have I held resentments and anger against those with whom I work, relatives or friends? Have I forgiven them?

Have I been unethical in my business dealings? Have I stolen or lied?

Have I allowed the Gospel to influence my political and social opinions?

Have I had a proper Christian concern for the poor and needy?

Have I paid my taxes?

Have I fostered or nurtured hatred toward my "political" enemies, either local, national or international?

Have I been prejudiced toward others because of race, color, religion or social status?