

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 27, 2022

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	3/26	4:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Batcha and Ceriani Families and Steve Korol by JoAnne and Barbara
Sun.	3/27	11:00 AM	Skippy Rish by His Mom and Dad
Mon.	3/28	7:00 PM	Cathleen Campomizzi by Lorenzo Capozzelli
Tue.	3/29	7:00 AM	Frances Spock by Patricia and Jose Reyes
Wed.	3/30	7:00 AM	Virginia Chocolas by Patrick, Donna, Holly, Lacey, and Bryon Gallagher
Thur.	3/31	7:00 AM	Richard Karpowich by the Matulevich and Tihansky Families
Fri.	4/1	7:00 AM	Philomena and Edward Nitka by Their Granddaughter Linda
Sat.	4/2	4:00 PM	Mr. & Mrs. John Banyas by Their Son Jack
Sun.	4/3	11:00 AM	Shirley Nitka by Her Daughter Linda Nitka-Moyer

Last Weekend:



Sunday \$4,233.00; Loose \$457.00; Dues \$2,395.00; Care and Education of Priests \$119.00; Rice Bowl \$190.00; Other \$74.00; Poor Box \$133.000000

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Deceased Members of the Batcha and Ceriani Families and Steve Korol by JoAnne and Barbara



OUR SANCTUARY LAMP is burning this week in Memory of Mr. & Mrs. John Banyas by Their Children Cathy and Jack



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 weekend we continue our journey through the Lenten theme: *Were You There?* The sub theme is: *As a Sympathizer*. If you stood at the foot of the Cross would you be part of the group, like the Women of Jerusalem, who felt the pain of what was happening to Jesus?

This weekend's Gospel tells the story of the Prodigal Son. The father of that boy - who took his inheritance and squandered it away - sympathized with his son when he returned. He knew his son was sorry for what he had done and welcomed him back.



God wants YOU to come back - back to Confession. There are only 3 weeks left until the celebration of Easter. **GO TO CONFESSION!**



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, GLUE.

"Man is broken. He lives by mending. The grace of God is glue." Eugene O'Neill, playwright. Sums up Lent, doesn't it. It's the process of spiritually gluing ourselves back together.



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



FAITH FORMATION NEWS: Mandatory Retreat for Confirmation Students: April 2nd is the Mandatory Retreat at Good Shepherd Parish for the Confirmation students. Please keep out students in your prayers as we prepare them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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.



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.



EVENTS



If you have recently disconnected your landline and have a new phone number, please let us know so we can update our records. Also, if your email address has changed or if you have added an email address, please let us know. You can call the parish office at 570-636-3035 or email us at ourladyfreeland@gmail.com.



Thank you so much!



LENTEN RETREAT: You are welcome to participate in any or all of the Retreat that will be held at St. John Bosco Parish in Conyngham on April 2-6. The Lenten spiritual exercises are being conducted by Fr. Pio Mandato, a noted Franciscan Retreat Director. He will be assisted by the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth. The principal services will be conducted on Sunday at 6 PM and on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7 PM. **The theme is: "A contemporary look at the Four last Things - Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell."** Check St. John Bosco's parish web page for the full schedule: www.stjohnboscochurchconyngham/home

MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: Come experience a day in the life of a Marian student. Students in grades 7 & 8 are invited to spend the day with us on Friday, May 6th, as part of our Parish Days! Please reach out to Mary Milosh for more information or to sign up: 570-467-3335 ext. 116 or mmilosh@mariancatholicshs.org.



PARISH BUS TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND IN LANCASTER TO SEE DAVID - May 25th for the 11:00 AM show. Cost is \$95.00 which includes the ticket and the bus. Lunch will be on your own at Oregon Dairy. **Deadline for tickets is April 9th. Payment is due when you make your reservation in order to reserve your seat for the production.** For more details, contact Mary Lloyd at 570- 578-6720.



THE PARISH BUS TRIP TO HUNTERDON PLAYHOUSE TO SEE SHERLOCK HOLMES RETURNS IS SOLD OUT!

Dear Deacon Jim,

Why do some people make the Sign of the Cross when praying "May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life"?

❖ **Response**

The Sign Of The Cross is an incredibly special, meaningful, and useful prayer. It is one of the most common prayers and often used. There is no wrong time to pray The Sign Of The Cross and crossing yourself is more of an issue of personal piety.

There is much symbolism and meaning packed into this short prayer. When praying the sign of the cross, you are reaching out to each of the Three (3) persons in the Holy Trinity.

One of the many times that you may see individuals making the Sign of the Cross is at the beginning and/or end of communal prayers during the Liturgy such as the concluding prayer of the Penitential Rite you mentioned.

As mentioned above, when a person makes the Sign Of The Cross at that time, it all comes down to personal choice. I would say that this is the Holy Spirit moving that person to express their piety by making that prayer.

Deacon Jim