

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

APRIL 7, 2019

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	4/6	4:00 PM	Alex, Ann, and Thomas Zmiejko by John and Cheryl Zmiejko
Sun.	4/7	7:30 AM	Kenneth Kopczynskie by His Mother Anna Marie and Children
		10:30 AM	For the People
Mon.	4/8	7:00 PM	Lena Kislak by Leo and Jane Decowski and Family
Tue.	4/9	7:00 AM	Anna Mae Gornal by Gloria
Wed.	4/10		NO MASS
Thur.	4/11	7:00 AM	John Gabuzda by Gerald and Mary Feissner
Fri.	4/12	7:00 AM	Mary Ann Reczkowski by M/M Henry Marchetti
Sat.	4/13	4:00 PM	Lillian Strohl by Her Husband Oscar
Sun.	4/14	7:30 AM	Peter and Mamie Sefing by the Turris
		10:30 AM	For the People

Last Weekend:



Sunday \$4,332.00; Dues \$931.00; Care and Education of Priests \$23.00; Church in Europe \$105.00; Catholic Relief \$825.00; Rice Bowl \$187.00; Ash Wednesday \$20.00; Easter Flowers \$73.00; Poor Box \$228.28

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



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MEMORIAL DONATION of \$25.00 in Memory of Gloria Matisak by Dave and Mary Lee Stutzman; \$25.00 in Memory of Mary Jane Mischissin by Bill and Mary Grace Maranki



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be offered every Friday during Lent at Noon and again at 7:00 PM beginning this Friday, February 16th. The evening Stations will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction, and Personal Prayer from 6:00 to 6:55 PM.



FORGET-ME-NOT GIFT BAGS are due by this weekend. If you have a gift bag and have forgotten to bring it in, please call the parish office.



BENEFIT FOR THE FIRE VICTIMS (Ron and Beverly Meneeley) will be held this Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7, at the Freeland Marketplace on Route 940 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Tricky trays and a bake sale. Donations will be most welcome.



FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION NEWS: Classes will not be held next Sunday, April 7th, due to the Ham Bingo. Classes will resume on Sunday, April 14th. April 14th is Mass Attendance Card Check and is also our Palm Sunday Procession. All students are asked to participate. There will be no class on Sunday, April 21st, Easter Sunday. Classes resume Sunday, April 28th.



PRACTICE SCHEDULE FOR FIRST EUCHARIST:

Saturday, April 27th at 12:00 Noon
Sunday, April 28th, at 8:30 AM



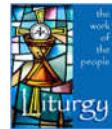


For the third week in a row, we are being challenged by Jesus in the Gospel to think about JUDGEMENT. Last week the Pharisees and Scribes (those Jewish folks who were supposed to be "in the know") judged Jesus because HE had the audacity to not only mingle with sinners, but to eat with them. This week the same group of people bring one of "His sinners" to Him and ask how she should be treated - the woman caught in adultery. They wanted to "get" Him. However, our hero Jesus, in a simple phrase, disarms them all by saying: "Who am I to judge?" Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, at the beginning of his papacy was questioned by a group of reporters about how the church would deal with a particular group of people. He too chose to follow the teacher and answer with the same phrase: "Who am I to judge?" I think Jesus is trying to give us a message: STOP JUDGING!

A VIEW FROM THE PEW: ARE YOU BEING CALLED?



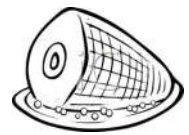
It's that time again, Lent. I know, it's time to sacrifice something, but I'll probably go through the motions and give up something simple and call it Lent, right? Why not try a different approach and just listen? Is God calling you to do more? Is there something that picks at your brain at Mass and 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!**



MOTHER'S DAY DINNER will be held on Wednesday, May 8th, at 6:00 PM in Edgewood in the Pines. Entrée choices include Chicken Marsala, Roast Beef with Mushrooms, or Flounder Stuffed with Crab. Cost is \$28 per person. Tickets are on sale after all the weekend masses. **Deadline for tickets is Sunday, April 28th.**



OUR HAM BINGO is this 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 a gift card to Carone's!



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 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.



FOOD PANTRY DONATION for April is cereal. The next distribution date is Tuesday, April 23rd.



PARISH HAPPENINGS

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS will be held with Deacon Jim four times each year, in April, June, September, and December. As soon as a woman becomes pregnant, she needs to contact the parish office to arrange to attend this one-time class. **Our next class will be on TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 30TH, AT 6:00 PM IN THE RECTORY.** Even if you have already had a child baptized in our parish, it is necessary for you to attend this class and review important preparations, such as exactly what the sacred sacrament of Baptism entails, the requirements of the Godparents, and all pertinent information concerning the child's baptism. The class can include both parents and their prospective Godparents. This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare everyone for your child's first sacrament and his/her welcome into the family of God. Class should be scheduled well in advance of the baby's due date. **To schedule your class, call Janet in the parish office at 570-636-3035.**



BIBLE STUDY - A WALK WITH GOD THROUGH LENT with Deacon Jim will be held at Immaculate Conception Parish Center on Wednesday, April 3rd, at 6:00 PM. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Holy Thursday, April 18th at 7 PM.
 Good Friday, April 19th at 1 PM.
 Blessing of Baskets, Saturday, April 20th at 11 AM.
 Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 20th at 8 PM.
 Easter Sunday, April 21st at 7:30 AM and 10:30 AM.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

Holy Thursday, April 18th at 7 PM.
 Good Friday, April 19th at 2 PM.
 Blessing of Baskets, Saturday, April 20th at 12 PM
 Easter Vigil, Saturday April 20th at 8 PM.
 Easter Sunday, April 21st at 8:30 AM and 11 AM.

LOTTERY PROFIT was \$1,175.00. Sincere thanks to everyone who played and supported our lottery program.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help clean the church for Easter on **Saturday, April 13th**, at 8:30 AM. Any help you could give will be greatly appreciated!



LIVING STATIONS will be portrayed by the Youth Group on Good Friday evening in Immaculate Conception Parish. The time will be announced in a later bulletin.



DIOCESAN APPEAL DONOR: Mr. and Mrs. James Laputka

EXPRESSING YOUR FAITH AND DEVOTION IN SONG!

“One cannot find anything more religious and more joyful in sacred celebrations than a whole congregation expressing its faith and devotion in song.” (Musicam Sacram 16) Have you been told you have a good voice? Can you read music, love to respond in song during Mass or do you just love to sing? Why not put that special talent to work and consider a Ministry of Music! Jesus sang psalms with his apostles at the Last Supper (Mt 26:30; Mk 14:26) so why not join Him at Mass and raise your voice in praise with the choir! “Where there is devotional music, God is always at hand with His gracious presence.” J.S. Bach



Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

Aviso al Respecto de Reportar el Abuso Sexual de Un Menor de Edad

Es la norma de la Diócesis de Scranton reportar cualquier alegación de abuso sexual de un menor de edad a las autoridades. Si usted es una víctima de abuso sexual cometido por un sacerdote, diácono, religioso o empleado laico, o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton, usted está obligado a reportar el asunto inmediatamente a las autoridades de la ley. Si algún sacerdote, diácono, religioso, empleado laico o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton tiene sospecha de que un menor de edad ha sido sujeto a cualquier forma de abuso, incluyendo abuso sexual de menor de edad, el asunto será reportado a las autoridades de la ley. De conformidad con la Comunidad de los Servicios de Protección Infantil de Pennsylvania Leyes, informes de sospecha de abuso de niños también debe hacerse inmediatamente por teléfono las 24 horas maltrato infantil hotline (ChildLine) al 1-800-932-0313 o electrónicamente en www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. Es la norma de la Diócesis defender todas las regulaciones civiles y del estado. Al fin de que la Diócesis esté comprometida igualmente a defender las normas del Código de Derecho Canónico y defender los principios de la Carta Para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos), lo cual incluye apoyar a las víctimas de abuso sexual en pos del bienestar emocional y espiritual. Por eso, información respecto a una alegación del asunto sexual de un menor de edad, debe ser reportada a la Coordinadora Diocesana de Asistencia para Las Víctimas Maria Beth Pacuska, a (570-862-7551) o a los oficiales diocesanos incluyendo El Vicario General, Monseñor Thomas M. Muldowney, a (570-207-2269).