

† **MASS INTENTIONS** †

Sat.	4/7	4:00 PM	For the People
Sun.	4/8	7:30 AM	Esther Yancus by Nancy Sisock and Family
		10:30 AM	Anna and Michael Barna by Their Daughter Elsie Pshar and Family
Mon.	4/9	7:00 PM	Andrew Blasko by His Wife Gail and Children
Tue.	4/10	7:00 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed.	4/11	7:00 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
Thur.	4/12	7:00 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
Fri.	4/13	7:00 AM	Christopher and Kenny Demko by the Buchman Family
Sat.	4/14	4:00 PM	For the People
Sun.	4/15	7:30 AM	John Iorio by His Sisters Susan, Janet, and Ruth
		10:30 AM	John J. Wilson and Mary Ann (Wilson) Moran by Jane and Rick Pshar



**Last Weekend:**

Sunday \$4,877.01; Dues \$1,534.00; Care and Education of Priests \$32.00; Holy Thursday \$711.00; Good Friday \$923.96; Holy Land \$459.00; Easter Flowers \$103.00; Easter \$6,131.00; Ascension \$5.00; Ash Wednesday \$5.00; Catholic Relief \$88.00; Church In Europe \$5.00; Initial Offering \$5.00; Poor Box \$651.00

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are for Health and Blessings for Susan Bell and Ruth Gonzalez and in Memory of John Iorio by Their Sister Janet



**MEMORIAL DONATION** of \$25.00 was made in Memory of Gene Miller by John and Sandy Sabo.

There will be no daily masses on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday of this week. Father Mike and all of the priests of the Diocese of Scranton will be at their annual convocation from Monday through Thursday. In the event that you need a priest, contact the office. The office staff will have information on a retired priest who will be able to help with the sacrament of the sick.

**LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, April 12th, at 6:00 PM  
 in the rectory.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, April 12th, at 7:15 PM  
 in the rectory.



There will be a youth teen meeting **this** Sunday from 12:00 to 1:30 PM in Immaculate Conception Parish.

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS:** Next Sunday, April 15th, will be the 1st Grade/Kindergarten Mass.



**FOOD PANTRY DONATION** for April is Bisquick and pancake syrup. The next distribution will be Tuesday, April 24th. Volunteers are needed to help unload the truck at 1:00 PM. Packing bags is at 1:30 PM. Distribution is 3:30 PM.



**SINCERE THANKS** to everyone who helped prepare the church environment and cleaned the church for Easter. So many compliments were made about the beauty of the church. A lot of hard work and planning went into this preparation, and we are grateful for your dedication to our parish.





I met Thomas. Ok, his name was not Thomas. His actual name was Roberto. He was doing 10 to 20 years for a crime he "didn't commit." Because he violated the rules of general population, he was doing some of his time in the RHU - the Restricted Housing Unit. Roberto did not believe in God. He said to me that he would never believe in God because he was given a raw deal in life. You know the story: absent father, drug-hyped mom, poverty, and everyone putting him down. No wonder he ended up in prison. I listened and he talked. For over 2 years, he talked and I listened. I wanted to bring up the subject of God to him, but I was afraid he would stop talking. Roberto left the RHU and the DOC - Department of Corrections. I thought it was the end. One day Roberto showed up at Mass. He sat in the next to the last pew and this time he listened to me. A year later, Roberto was received into the church in another parish. He now believes. Do you?



### A VIEW FROM THE VIEW, "HE TOOK BREAD..."

"And it happened that, while He was with them at table, He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but He vanished from their sight." (LK 24:31-32) With softer hearts and our eyes opened, let us go forward and spread the good news! He has truly risen! On behalf of the Liturgy Committee have a Blessed Easter Season!



**FREELAND COMMUNITY CHOIR EASTER CANTATA** - The Freeland Community Choir will be presenting the Easter Cantata, "Hallelujah, What a Savior" on April 15th at 3:00 PM at St. John's Reformed United Church of Christ, 829 Washington St. Freeland, and 7:00 PM at Conyngham United Methodist Church, 401 Main St. Conyngham. Encore performance will be April 22nd at 3:00 PM at the Faith United Church of Christ, 21 Faith Drive, Hazleton. All performances are free. Refreshments will be served afterward.

**PARISH BUS TRIP** to see the play "Steel Magnolias" at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, Hampton, NJ on Thursday, April 19th. Cost is \$76 and includes lunch. Call Mary Lloyd 570-578-6720 for reservations. Money is due with reservation. Only a limited number of tickets remain.



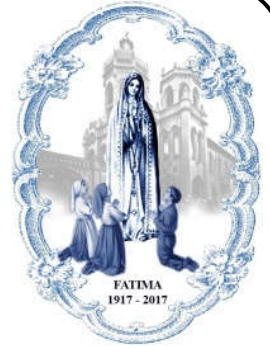
**MOTHER'S DAY DINNER** will be on Wednesday, May 2nd, at 5:30 PM at the Valley Country Club. Tickets will go on sale beginning Saturday, April 7th. Cost is \$28.00. Details will follow in future bulletins.



**SINCERE THANKS** to the Hopeck family who volunteered to sponsor our May lottery.

# PARISH HAPPENINGS

**EVENING OF MARIAN DEVOTIONAL SERVICE** - Friday, April 13th at 6:00 PM in Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception parish hosted by the Diocesan Legion of Mary in response to the Blessed Mother's request at Fatima asking for deep meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary. The prayer service will include the Rosary, Fatima prayers and hymns, and newly composed musical scripture mysteries led by Ernie Pappa. All are invited and encouraged to come to deepen devotion to Mary and to pray for world peace.



**THE NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE** - Good Shepherd Church, Drums, PA has been given the honor of hosting a visit of The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 from 12 (noon) until 6 PM. The parish invites all area residents to come and visit with Our Lady of Fatima, and hear her important message for stopping the moral decline of our American culture and securing God's blessings on our country and the whole world. Also, any Prayer Groups who would like to lead the recitation of the Rosary are invited to contact # 570-708-1660 to sign up, with the Rosary to be recited each hour, after a short talk on the Message of Fatima, by Mr. E. William Sockey III of the National Pilgrim Virgin of the USA, World Apostolate of Fatima.

**PARISH CRUISE:** Come Aboard! We will be having a parish Cruise to the Bahamas and Florida from January 26th to February 3, 2019. The cost varies depending on the type of room you choose. The cost includes transportation from the parish to and from Bayonne, NJ and a \$50.00 ship credit. We will have an informational meeting on **Wednesday, April 4th**, in the Immaculate Conception parish center at 6:00 PM. If you can't make the meeting, contact the office at 570-636-3035, and we will send you information. Looking forward to a nice winter get-away.



## **PRACTICE SCHEDULE FOR FIRST EUCHARIST :**

Saturday, April 21st at 12:00 Noon;

Sunday, April 22nd, at 8:30 AM;

Saturday, April 28th, at 12:00 Noon.



### ***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](http://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 Respeto 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](http://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).