



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



APRIL 28, 2019

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	4/27	4:00 PM	Joseph Cukauskas, Sr. by Janet Richie
Sun.	4/28	7:30 AM	For the People
		10:30 AM	James and Anna Gaffney by Jerry and Barbara Gaffney and Family
Mon.	4/29	7:00 PM	Skippy Rish by His Mom and Dad
Tue.	4/30	7:00 AM	Communion Service
Wed.	5/1		NO MASS
Thur.	5/2	7:00 AM	Communion Service
Fri.	5/3	7:00 AM	George and Verna Soltis by Their Daughter Mary and Family
Sat.	5/4	4:00 PM	For the People
Sun.	5/5	7:30 AM	Joseph and Anna Falatko by Anna and Family
		10:30 AM	M/M Thomas Spetz by Barbara and Jerry Gaffney and Family

Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,812.00; Dues \$1,210.00; Care and Education of Priests \$35.00; Rice Bowl \$15.00; Holy Thursday \$723.00; Good Friday \$1,023.00; Holy Land Sanctuary \$484.25; Easter Flowers \$108.00; Easter \$6,479.00; Catholic Home Missions \$25.25; Poor Box \$245.28



CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of George and Verna Soltis by Their Daughter Mary and Family



PRIESTS' CONVOCATION for all priests in the Diocese will be held from April 29th to May 2nd. During this time Father Kloton will be away. There will be a mass as scheduled on Monday, April 29th, at 7:00 PM, but there will be Communion Services with Deacon Jim on Tuesday, April 30th, and Thursday, May 2nd. 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.



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.

FORGET-ME-NOT BAGS have been delivered. So many cards and phone calls have been coming into the parish office thanking our **wonderful parishioners** for their **generous and thoughtful gift bags** (I'm quoting). The Messengers of Hope would also like to thank everyone who took a tag and participated in this wonderful annual remembering of the elderly in our parish and our Freeland community. Special thanks to Jennifer Denion for giving us the terrific idea!



CHOIR PRACTICE will be held on Tuesday, April 30th, at 6:00 PM in the church.



I have serious doubts sometimes. Some are about the world, some about the parishes, some about myself, and some about God. I worry about where the world is going - there is so much evil. I worry about the parishes - are we all doing enough to build up the Kingdom of God. I worry about myself - am I doing enough for the parishes. I worry about God - I know He's listening, but I don't always get the answer I want. It is just this weekend's Gospel that helps my doubts - if Thomas (one of Jesus' hand-picked Apostles) can have doubt, then maybe I can too. How about you? Do you have doubts? Welcome to the world of normal!



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, "HE HAS RISEN INDEED!"

"And entering the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He has risen..." Mark 16:5-6



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 is this Sunday, April 28th.**



OUR ANNUAL OLD-FASHIONED SUNDAY AFTERNOON CHURCH PICNIC will be held **Sunday, June 23rd**, in the public park. Mass begins at **NOON** and the picnic begins immediately after. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, two roasted pigs, plus all the wonderful foods you are bringing. **It's never too late to start planning all the mouth-watering signature dishes you will be preparing.**



FOOD PANTRY DONATION for May is cake and brownie mixes. The next distribution date is Tuesday, May 28th.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS: The following children will be receiving their First Holy Communion next Sunday: Melissa Apanco, Eli Branz, Lyanie DeLorenzo, Lila Franconeri, Karina Galicia, Maria Heffelfinger, Emma Kocher, Mikaela Mauna, Erick Marroquin, Averie Peruchetti, Emma Stutzman, and Jacob Troell. We ask that you keep these children and their families in your prayers.



Next Sunday, May 5th, is the last Faith Formation class. The 10:30 AM mass will be the closing liturgy and May Procession and May Crowning. **All children are expected to attend this liturgy.**

PARISH CEMETARIES - Volunteers for the parish cemeteries ask parishioners to please remove all Christmas and Easter decorations as soon as possible from family plots in order to prepare for the upcoming Memorial Day and summer season.



PARISH HAPPENINGS

CARRYING UP THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE are an important part of the Mass each week. If you have scheduled a mass on the weekend for your loved ones, you are asked to carry up the gifts or make arrangements for someone to carry them. Please notify one of the ushers in the back of the church, so he knows who will be coming back. When the lector begins reading the petitions after the Creed, you should get up and come to the table behind the last pew. One person takes the host and one takes the wine. When the priest walks down the steps, you walk up the aisle carrying the gifts. There is always someone in the back to help you if you are uncertain.



PARISH CLEAN UP AND SPRUCE UP will take place on **SATURDAY, MAY 18th**, from 10:00 AM till Noon. Please bring your rakes, shovels, gloves, bulldozers, backhoes, and front-end loaders! Thanks in advance for your help!!!



EVERYONE IS INVITED TO A SPECIAL PRO-LIFE TOWN HALL MEETING.

Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation Executive Director Michael Ciccocioppo and Education Director Bonnie Finnerty will be in our area on their state-wide Pro-Life Town Hall Tour to share the most up-to-date information on a variety of pro-life topics and to answer questions about current efforts to bring about a culture of life in our state and the nation. Here's your opportunity to learn and to share with those at the epicenter of LIFE in PA. The meeting, sponsored by the Hazleton Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life and the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation will be held on Thursday, May 2nd from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at The Lookout House, 1373 State Route 93, Drums, PA. Everyone is welcome. Admission is free and advance registration is not required. For more information, Maryann Lawhon at 570-764-5428 or maryannlawhon@yahoo.com.



2019 CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - "Come to the Well" will be held on Saturday, June 22nd, at the University of Scranton. Included in the program will be speakers Teresa Tomeo, Jill Metz, Sr. Mercy Marie and host Meghan Murphy. The Nashville music group, His Own, will be providing music ministry. Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop Joseph Bambera, DD, JCL. Marketplace vendors will also be available throughout the day. Light breakfast and lunch are included in ticket price. Early bird ticket price is \$40 until 6/9/19, when the price increases to \$50. Information / registration is available at CWCNEPA.com

TOUCHED BY ADDICTION - Join us in prayer for anyone who has been affected by a struggle with addiction on Saturday, May 4th, at 11:00 AM at St. Andrew's Church, 316 Parrish Street, Wilkes-Barre. Mass with reception will follow. Contact Katy Windels at (570) 207-2213 ext. 1101 for more information or if you would like to participate in the liturgy.



Freeland Community Choir Easter Concert Sunday April 28th, 3:00 PM at St. John's Reformed UCC, 829 Washington St. Freeland and 7 PM at Conyngham United Methodist Church, 411 Main St. Conyngham. Encore Presentation on Sunday, May 5th, at the Faith UCC, 21 Faith Drive, Hazle Twp. 55 Member regional choir will feature an Easter Cantata entitled "The Body of Christ". Admission is Free and light refreshments will be served after each performance.