



† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	4/28	4:00 PM	Mike and Helen Michalesko by Jack and Lynn Jastremsky
Sun.	4/29	7:30 AM	Rose and John Iacurci by Their Daughter Joan
		10:30 AM	For the People
Mon.	4/30	7:00 PM	Lena Kislan by the Leo Decowski Family
Tue.	5/1	7:00 AM	Jennie Bereznak by Her Family
Wed.	5/2	7:00 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
Thur.	5/3	7:00 AM	Edward Harvilla by Sally and Les Shupp
Fri.	5/4	7:00 AM	The Poppalardo Family by Annette
Sat.	5/5	4:00 PM	Beatrice Steward by Gloria
Sun.	5/6	7:30 AM	For the People
		10:30 AM	Albert Repetz by His Wife Dolores and Family



**Last Weekend:**

Sunday \$3,270.90; Dues \$2,941; Care and Education of Priests \$5.00; Ascension \$10.00; Catholic Home Mission \$8.00; Easter \$45.00; Holy Land Sanctuary \$5.00; Poor Box \$182.23

**SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend is for the Care and Education of Priests.

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of My Eddie Harvilla by Katie Lovebug.



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



**PARISH PICNIC PLANNING MEETING** will take place on **Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**, at **6:00 PM** in the rectory. Anyone who would like to help plan our annual picnic is welcome to attend. We need **YOUR** input!!! Please come!

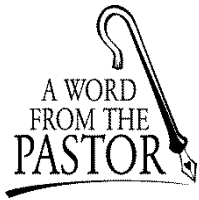
**FAITH FORMATION NEWS: CONGRATULATIONS** to the following children who are receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend: Aleeyah Blanyar, Andrew Boone, Dylan Boyle, Keyanna Brotzman, Zuri Cosgrove, Jacob DeLorenzo, Ryan Drake, Kevin Galicia; Samantha Generose; Jason Goetsch; Evan Heffelfinger; Deymisela Hernandez; Ivone Hernandez; Breanne Hopeck; Olivia Jadush; Drew Lapchak; Jake Lapchak; Christopher Nocchi; Ceanna Stower; Liam Tranguch; Brielle Uricheck; Rylee Warner-Senape; and Clark Young. We ask that you keep these children and their families in your prayers.



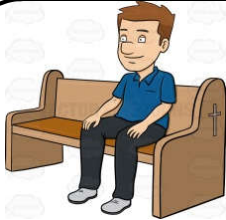
**Next Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**, is the last Faith Formation class. The 10:30 AM will be the closing liturgy and May Procession and May Crowning. **All children are expected to attend this liturgy.**



**MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION SALE** at all the masses on Mother's Day is being sponsored by the Pennsylvanians for Human Life. The cost per carnation is \$1.00.



Over the last 4 years, we've done a great deal of work to the church and grounds (new flooring in the church, new sidewalks, a new sound system, and a beautiful new skylight just to name a few). Almost 8 months ago, we polled the parish asking if you wanted a program to increase weekly offerings or a one-time Capital Campaign to help recoup some of the money spent and for future projects. In an overwhelming majority (4 to 1), you chose the Capital Campaign. The committee was selected over 3 months ago and is hard at work developing a plan for the kick-off of the campaign. This is just a small reminder that we are working on the project, and you will soon be hearing more about it. Please keep the committee in your prayers.



**A VIEW FROM THE PEW, MORE THOUGHTS ON EASTER.**

"If man had his way, the plan of redemption would be an endless and bloody conflict. In reality, salvation was brought not by Jesus' fist, but by His nail-pierced hands; not by muscle but by love; not by vengeance but by forgiveness; not by force but by sacrifice.

Jesus Christ our Lord surrendered in order that He might win; He destroyed His enemies by dying for them and conquered death by allowing death to conquer Him."

A.W Tozer



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



**A CHARISMATIC MASS AND HEALING SERVICE** will be held, Thursday, May 17th at 7:00 PM. Fr. John Campoli will preside, and Sue Shaw will begin her music ministry at 6:45 PM. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in Room 3. Any questions, please call Arlene at 570-788-3643.



**HAZLETON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA CONCERT TO BENEFIT MEALS ON WHEELS OF THE GREATER HAZLETON**

**AREA:** This Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 PM in the Butler Community Center. Free will offerings will be donated to Meals on Wheels. Meals on Wheels is looking to expand their services in the Freeland Area. 2018 mark: Meals on Wheels' 45th anniversary of service.



**ST. JOHN BOSCO CHURCH, CONYNGHAM** will be having a Spring Fling, Saturday, May 19 from 7:00am - 3:00pm. It will include flea market, tricky trays, & food.



**MOTHERS' DAY ROSARY** will be prayed at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, May 2nd, followed by Mass and May Crowning with Father Zavacki and then dinner at the Valley Country Club at 5:30.

# PARISH HAPPENINGS!

**SINCERE THANKS** to all who bought Forget-Me-Not gift bags for our elderly in the Freeland community. Thank you cards have been coming from so many who received a gift bag. Everyone was surprised to receive such a lovely gift, and so grateful for the generosity of our parish family. We still have more bags to deliver! The Forget-Me-Not gift bags are the first of our four outreach programs to help the needy in our community. Your response was just amazing!! Please know that you have made the lives of 106 senior citizens so much brighter by your caring and kindness!!!



**PARISH CLEAN UP AND SPRUCE UP** will take place on **SATURDAY, MAY 20th** from 10:00 AM till Noon. Please bring your rakes, shovels, gloves, bulldozers, backhoes, and front-end loaders (I'm thinking of some very big projects)! Thanks in advance for your help!!!



**THE HAZLETON LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS** proudly present in concert The Irish Lads 40<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary celebration benefitting **Catholic Social Services Maternal Health and Pregnancy Program** on Sunday, May 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 4 PM (doors open at 3:30 PM) at the Cinema Draft House at 31 W. Broad St., West Hazleton. Great food & beverages, raffle & prize drawings. \$5.00 donation at door. Reservations strongly suggested. For more information & reservations call Gwen at 570-454-6062 Or Draft House at 570-455-2455 or email [GWENNIEBOYLE17@AOL.COM](mailto:GWENNIEBOYLE17@AOL.COM).



**OUR ANNUAL OLD-FASHIONED SUNDAY AFTERNOON CHURCH PICNIC** will be held **Sunday, June 10th**, in the public park. Mass begins at **11:30 AM** and the picnic begins immediately after. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, two roasted pigs, plus all the wonderful foods you are bringing. If you have not let us know what you are bringing and how many are coming, please call the parish office at 570-636-3035.

**PARISH RUMMAGE SALE** will take place beginning Friday and Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 - noon in the parish center. Items can be dropped off May 1<sup>st</sup> from 9-12; May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9-12; May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4-7; May 5<sup>th</sup> from 9-12; May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9-12; May 8<sup>th</sup> from 9-12; and May 10<sup>th</sup> from 4-7. **WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING CLOTHING, ELECTRONICS, AND APPLIANCES.** This includes TVs, toaster ovens, microwaves, etc.



**Let's Cruise!** There will be an informational meeting with representatives from Boscov's Travel on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the parish hall at Immaculate Conception. This is a great opportunity to get all your questions answered. **ALL ABOARD!** See you at the meeting!