

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 1, 2022

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	4/30	4:00 PM	James Breznitsky by His Wife Frances.
Sun.	5/1	11:00 AM	Michael and Anna Barna by Their Daughter Elsie T. Pshar
Mon.	5/2	7:00 PM	George and Verna Soltis by Their Daughter Mary and Family
Tue.	5/3	7:00 AM	Anna Saragino by Jane and Leo Decowski
Wed.	5/4	7:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Maloney and Haganey Families by Hugh and Catherine Maloney
Thur.	5/5	7:00 AM	Cheryl Ivanina by Dennis Mraz
Fri.	5/6	7:00 AM	Philomena and Edward Nitka by Their Granddaughter Linda
Sat.	5/7	4:00 PM	Lillian Strohl by Her Husband Oscar
Sun.	5/8	11:00 AM	Deceased Members of John and Anna Yurkanin by Their Children and Grandchildren

Last Weekend:



Sunday \$2,559.00; Loose \$221.00; Dues \$686.00; Care and Education of Priests \$20.00; Easter \$517.00; Easter Flowers \$30.00; Catholic Home Mission \$339.00; Holy Thursday \$62.00; Holy Land \$52.00; Good Friday \$490.00; Other \$10.00; Poor Box \$104.00



CANDLES ON THE ALTAR AND OUR SANCTUARY LAMP are burning in Memory of George and Verna Soltis by Their Daughter Mary & Family 



MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION SALE at both masses on Mother's Day Weekend, May 7th and 8th, is being sponsored by the Hazleton Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life. This Chapter has taken the lead throughout NEPA in its innovative efforts in the defense of life. The cost per carnation will be \$1.00.

"LETTING GO" PRAYER BREAKFAST - Thursday, May 26, 2022, from 9:00 AM until noon. Guest speaker is Mr. Ed Pane, LSW. Free continental breakfast. Reservations are required. Please call Marie at 570-455-8592 or Diane at 570-788-4084 no later than May 12th. We hope you can join us! Made possible through the Diocese of Scranton Social Justice grant funding and Good Shepherd Church CotJ Bereavement team.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS: Attention all 8th grade Confirmation families: The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be administered on **Saturday, June 4th, at 11:30 AM.**

Classes resume on Sunday, May 8th, at 9:30 AM.

On **Sunday, May 15th**, the **11:00 AM Mass** will be the **Second Grade Children's Mass**. Please help yourself to a gift from the students at the entrances of the church.



FIRST COMMUNION WEEKEND - Our Second Grade Faith Formation Class, **Ian Castro, Isla Denion, Jacob Heffelfinger, Luke Heffelfinger, Margaret Houser, Jackson Maloney, Ludwik Pawlica, Tanner Peruchetti, Michael Pollack, Jr., Jason Stutzman, and Jase Wenner** received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time this Saturday. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.





A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MIKE:

In this weekend's Gospel Jesus asks Peter three different times, "Do you love me?" Of course we know the reason Jesus asked Peter three times that question. It was because Peter denied Jesus three times.

There are two admonitions for us this weekend: We all need forgiveness. Jesus gave it to Peter in this touching encounter. The second admonition is for us to challenge one another to say, "I love you" to those we love. Some people need to hear it because they haven't heard it in a long time. Others need to hear it because of broken relationships. Jesus is the model. Forgive and love!



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, EASTER LEFTOVERS

While preparing the environment for Easter on Holy Saturday I saw quite a few people having their baskets blessed for Easter. The delicious aroma brought me back to my childhood. It might seem a little late, but here are some morsels of information about the tradition to chew on for next year. A largely Polish and Slavic tradition, the baskets filled with ethnic foods are a lesson about the Easter season. Bacon and ham represent the abundance of God. Kielbasa links signify the chains of death broken by Christ. Horseradish is symbolic of the Passion of Christ. Butter, shaped in the form of a lamb, represents Christ, the Lamb of God. Bread is the sign of the risen Christ. Eggs symbolize the resurrection and new life Christ brings to us. The food is tucked away under a white cloth representing the shroud that covered Christ's body. This blessing of Easter Baskets is a fantastic tradition passed down by our ancestors!



PARISH CLEAN UP AND SPRUCE UP will take place on **Saturday, May 14th**, at 10:00 AM. Please bring your rakes, shovels, gloves, bulldozers, and backhoes! Thanks in advance for your help!!!



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM: The parishes of Immaculate Conception and Good Shepherd operate a combined Parish Pastoral council to serve both parishes. This council guides and determines the direction of the parishes to fulfill the goals and mission of the Church. Would you consider sharing your gifts as a member of the Pastoral Council or do you know someone who would make a good member of the Council. The yellow insert in last week's bulletin is your invitation to nominate yourself and/or another parishioner to become a member of the Pastoral Council. Deadline for nominations is **May 16, 2022**.



EASTER CANTATA BY THE FREELAND COMMUNITY CHOIR will be performed this Sunday, May 1st, at 3:00 PM at the Faith United Church of Christ, 21 Faith Drive (by the Laurels Senior Living Community). Please join us for a beautifully moving, spiritual of the beauty of Easter and the Resurrection!

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. Please take all of your discarded items with you. Do not pile them up at the fences.



❖ **Dear Deacon Jim,**

Why do people hit their chest when they say the Lamb of God? Are we supposed to? Also, why do people bow at the creed when we say, "by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary and became man."

❖ **Response**

In answer to your first question, striking one's breast is a gesture that implies penance and admission of sinfulness. Technically, in the current rite striking of the breast is done within the context of the first form of rite of penance at the beginning of Mass when the "I confess" (*Confiteor*) "*through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault*" is prayed and the when the celebrant uses the Roman canon (Eucharistic Prayer 1) at the words "*though we are sinners.*"

It was customary, *before the reforms of the Second Vatican Council*, to strike one's breast at the "Lamb of God" (*Agnus Dei*) and the "Lord, I am not worthy," when prayed during the Mass.

However, following the reforms of the Council, this gesture of striking the breast at the Lamb Of God is **no longer prescribed** and no longer required or mentioned in the rubrics. Yet, I think it would be going a bit too far to say it is forbidden to those who have been raised in this custom. I suspect this is the reason you may see some people still practicing this gesture.

Regarding the next question, a bow signifies reverence and honor shown to the persons themselves or to the signs that represent them. Please note, that there are two kinds of bows: a bow of the head and a bow of the body (*profound*).

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) indicates that the faithful are to make a **profound bow** at the words of the *Creed* "*by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary and became man*".

A bow of the body, profound bow, is made to the altar when praying the Creed at the words *Et incarnatus est* as stated in GIRM #137 and #275.

Deacon Jim