

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

MAY 3, 2020

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Sat.	5/2	4:00 PM	James Breznitsky by his Wife Frances and Sons	
Sun.	5/3	11:00 AM	Albert Falatko by Anna Falatko Plaksa and Family	
Mon.	5/4	7:00 PM	George and Verna Soltis by Their Daughter Mary and Family	
Tue.	5/5	7:00 AM	Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ravina and Son Albert by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sarosky	
Wed	5/6	7:00 AM	Joni Moses by Krista Bangor	
Thur.	5/7	7:00 AM	Christine Yanek by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thomas	
Fri.	5/8	7:00 AM	James Herman by Ron Feussner	
Sat.	5/9	4:00 PM	Lillian Strohl by Her Husband Oscar	
Sun.	5/10	11:00 AM	Albert Repetz by His Wife Dolores	



Last Week:

Sunday \$2,427.00; Dues \$1,167.00; Care and Education of Priests \$63.00; Holy Thursday \$67.00; Good Friday \$105.00; Easter Flowers \$50.00; Easter \$504.00; Rice Bowl \$10.00; Holy Land \$55.00; Catholic Home Missions \$86.00; Catholic Relief \$18.00; Poor Box \$121.00

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ravina and Son Albert by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sarosky



OUR SANCTUARY LAMP is burning this week in Memory of Susan (Bobby) Uhrin by Her daughter Sandra.



If you would like to receive a daily spiritual text message or email from Father Mike, please call (570-636-3035) or email the parish office (secretary@ourladyfreeland.org) and give us your cell phone number or email address.



WONDERFUL NEWS!!! Every weekend mass will be live streamed on the parish mass link. Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 PM on Saturday from Immaculate Conception Church and at 9:30 AM on Sunday from Good Shepherd Church.

Please join us in worshipping the Lord together. The link can be found on our parish website at www.ourladyfreeland.org. Just click on the MASS LINK on the home page or type in this address: http://youtube.com/channel/UCRogmn_HRMsPzAq4XSysm3w.

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION: IN THE INTEREST OF HEALTH AND SAFETY, ALL PERSONS ENTERING THE CHURCH MUST WEAR A MASK. NO EXCEPTIONS!





My dad lost most of his hearing at the age of 16 when he was diagnosed with Meningitis. Most doctors believed he would not survive. He not only survived, but lived well into his 80s. The loss of hearing for most of us would be a major debilitating event, but not for my dad. Dad learned to listen in other ways. This weekend the Church celebrates Good Shepherd Sunday. There are two things we need to take with us from this special day: **Listening and Acting.**

The majority of us can hear, but how many of us **listen**? The challenge this weekend is to not only hear the Shepherd, but **Listen** to Him. It then goes to follow, that if we really listen to the Shepherd, we will be motivated to **Act!** Try this. Go someplace quiet if you can and **LISTEN** to what the Shepherd has to say, then resolve this week to act on it. I know my dad, in his silence brought on by the loss of hearing, listened to the Shepherd on a daily basis and acted on it. Will YOU listen to the Shepherd?



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, MARY AND MOM

"If you feel distressed during your day, call upon Our Lady. Just say this little prayer, "Mary Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now." I must admit, this prayer never failed me."- St. Mother Teresa. There are probably quite a few moms (dads, care givers etc.) that could use a simple prayer like this right about now. These are trying times for all of us, especially Mothers. It probably seems like the walls are closing in, and just the uncertainty of the current situation is enough to make anyone scream. Mother's Day will be quite different this year and probably one we won't forget for a long time. So, if the stress gets to be too much, take St. Mother Teresa's advice and look to Mary the Mother of God for comfort and guidance. Remember, Mary is just a prayer away!



We are still collecting the Forget-Me-Not bags for our elderly and shut-in parishioners. We know it is hard to get out to fill the bags. We are looking to distribute most likely in June at the earliest. If you have your bag ready, the church is open **EVERYDAY from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM** for private prayer and visitation. You can leave it on the altar steps then.



FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION NEWS - We have a new page on Facebook. It is Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish Faith Formation. Also, on the parish website www.ourladyfreeland.org, under the CCD tab there are printable games, puzzles, and coloring pages for your children.

HOUR OF KINDNESS - Although we cannot meet to write out cards for our elderly, our shut-ins, and our nursing home residents, our ministry is alive and well. Special thanks to Cheryl Turri, Aileen Kazinetz, Jane Decowski, Helen Cukauskas, and Lorraine Urenovich for picking up the cards and making sure everyone is remembered. In these difficult times, it is more important than ever that we maintain contact with our elderly and let them know that they have not been forgotten.





DIOCESE OF SCRANTON ANNOUNCES ESTABLISHMENT OF CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY FUND - Bishop Joseph C. Bambera announces the establishment of the Coronavirus Emergency Fund in the Diocese of Scranton to help support public ministries, parishes and school families amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Coronavirus Emergency Fund will allow individuals to financially support any parish in the Diocese, assist public ministries that operate food pantries, kitchens and shelters, or provide emergency assistance for Diocesan Catholic Schools. People interested in supporting the fund can make a gift to a specific parish, school, pantry, kitchen, shelter or relief assistance program.

"While this is a time of great challenge, I am encouraged to see so many people wanting to reach out in support of our families, our neighbors and our parishes," Bishop Bambera said. "Due to the suspension of Masses, which was necessary to protect the health and safety of our community, our parishes and the Diocese now face the increased risk of financial shortfalls."

Interested donors are encouraged to make gifts to the Coronavirus Emergency Fund online at www.dioceseofscranton.org/emergencyfund. If donors prefer, they can mail gifts to Coronavirus Emergency Fund, Diocese of Scranton, 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503. Checks should be made to the Diocese of Scranton and list the gift designation - either the parish name, Catholic Human and Social Service program or specific Catholic School they wish to support.

Bishop Bambera's Video Message Announcing Coronavirus Emergency Fund
<https://youtu.be/1LXaLrDWgmc> or <https://youtu.be/DHPCEMddbZg> (with Spanish subtitles).