



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 2019



† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	5/4	4:00 PM	Anna Mae Gornal by Pat and Bill Anthony
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
Mon.	5/6	7:00 PM	Beatrice Stewart by Gloria
Tue.	5/7	7:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Shovlin Family by Marie & Francis Shovlin
Wed.	5/8		NO MASS
Thur.	5/9	7:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Yacknovich Family by Annette
Fri.	5/10	7:00 AM	Terry M. Schiavone, Sr. by His Wife Joyce
Sat.	5/11	4:00 PM	Edward and Rose Flanagan by Chris and Theresa Flanagan and Family
Sun.	5/12	7:30 AM	Stella and Andrew Kopczynskie by Anna Marie and Children
		10:30 AM	For the People

Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,240.00; Dues \$299.00; Care and Education of Priests \$3.00; Holy Thursday \$12.00; Good Friday \$7.00; Holy Land Sanctuary \$10.00; Easter \$263.00; Catholic Home Missions \$546.95; Ascension \$5.00; Christmas \$40.00; Poor Box \$150.78



CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Norman, Elsie, and Cheryl Kleckner by Marla and Family



CAPTIAL CAMPAIGN MEMORIAL DONATIONS of \$100.00 in Memory of John A. Dias and \$100.00 in Memory of Rose M. Quinn by Virginia M. Dias



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 will be \$1.00.

OUR ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY DINNER will be held this Wednesday, May 8th, at 6 PM in Edgewood in the Pines. The Mother's Day Liturgy will be held at 4:30 PM for all of our Living and Deceased Mothers.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS: Congratulations to the following children who are receiving their First Holy Communion this 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.



This 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 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!!!





This weekend's Gospel was the third time Jesus revealed himself to His disciples after His Resurrection. In this case they did not recognize Him at first. I often ask myself: why didn't they recognize Him? Maybe they were afraid. Maybe they subconsciously didn't want to recognize Him. Or it could be that He was different? The answer may be: a little of each. The disciples were afraid - they had turned their back on Jesus. They didn't recognize Him because the WAS different! Jesus was resurrected! In my almost 32 years of being a priest, I have often challenged folks to RECOGNIZE Jesus in the person next to you, in the person we don't always get along with, in the sick and the dying and, of course, in those we love. This week, look for Jesus in those around you. HE is waiting to be recognized!



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

MORE FAITH FORMATION NEWS! Registration forms and invoices have been sent home for your convenience. Forms can be returned to the Parish Office of placed in the collection basket at any Mass. Please check your child's folder for end of year inquiries. We wish everyone a blessed, safe summer.

Orientation for families is Sunday, September 8th. Little Lamb Society will begin on Sunday, September 8th. All new members are welcome. This program is for preschool-aged children. The 2019/2020 session will begin of Sunday, September 15th.



THE MISSION OF THE MESSENGERS OF HOPE is outreach to the needy in our Freeland community. In addition to the information provided in our flyer at the ministry fair, we have also added two new projects.

HOUR OF KINDNESS! As part of our parish outreach, the Messengers of Hope are seeking volunteers to meet several times throughout the year for an hour to sign and address cards to those of our parish family who are homebound or who are in need of prayers. If you are interested in this ministry, please watch the bulletin for the date of our first meeting.



"WELCOME, BABY! BAG" is an additional outreach project of the Messengers of Hope. This consists of creating gift bags filled with everything a new baby would need. There are many babies in our Freeland community who come into the world and do not have the basic necessities most mothers receive at baby showers.

These are small items such as baby shampoo, bath wash, diapers (newborn & size 1), diaper rash cream, onesies, a baby sleeper, infant Tylenol, an infant thermometer...you get the idea. A more complete list and more details on how you can help will follow in future bulletins. There will be tubs placed in the back of the church where you can drop in items or you can create a bag of your own and drop it off in the parish office. Mothers-to-be can register in advance and can come to the rectory when their babies are born to pick up their "welcome bags." The bags would be kept at the rectory until needed.

PARISH HAPPENINGS!

2019 CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - "Come to the Well" will be held on Saturday, June 22nd, at the University of Scranton. 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

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 unsure what to do.



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



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE: As you can see, our Capital Campaign is in full swing. We are almost at the halfway point of our goal of \$400,000.00.

We are most grateful for your dedicated commitment to the future of our parish. To see your pledges in action you need only look to the skylight, the new sidewalks, the chair glide for handicapped access to the parish center, the much-needed painting and pew refinishing, listen to the new bell and sound system, and feel the new heating and air conditioning.

But there is still much that needs to be done. If you haven't done so, please consider making your pledge today!



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH'S
 OLD-FASHIONED, SUNDAY
 AFTERNOON PARISH PICNIC
 SUNDAY, JUNE 23rd
 MASS AT NOON
 PICNIC 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM
 IN THE PUBLIC PARK
 IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START
 PLANNING & MARKING DATES ON OUR
 CALENDARS!!!**

OUR ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC will be held on Sunday, June 23rd, in the public park from 12:00-3:00 PM. We need to know about how many people are coming. Please clip this form and drop it in the collection basket so we can be sure we have more than enough food and goodies.

Family: _____ **Number of Persons:** _____

CALLING ALL COOKS AND BAKERS!!!

Please be specific as to what you are making. Categories are casseroles, side dishes, veggies, and desserts. Please don't just list "casserole" or "dessert." Tell us exactly what you're making and how much, so we know what foods we have and what foods we still need. Thanks so much!!!

If you have any questions, please call the office at 570-636-3035.

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

I will be bringing _____

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. 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. 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).