

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mother's Day May 10, 2020



MASS INTENTIONS



Sat.	5/9	4:00 PM	Lillian Strohl by Her Husband Oscar
Sun.	5/10	11:00 AM	Albert Repetz by His Wife Dolores
Mon.	5/11	7:00 PM	Gene Hartzel by the Turri Family
Tue.	5/12	7:00 AM	Terry M. Schiavone, Sr. by His Wife Joyce and Children
Wed.	5/13	7:00 AM	Martin Makowiec by Tammy Limongelli
Thur.	5/14	7:00 AM	Mary Kopczynskie by Anna Marie and Family
Fri.	5/15	7:00 AM	Thomas Chuckra by Mrs. Frances Breznitsky
Sat.	5/16	4:00 PM	Robert Hludzik by Mary Ann
Sun.	5/17	11:00 AM	Leonard Solarek by His wife Carol and Her Daughter Bernadette



Church Offerings:

Sunday \$4,296.00; Dues \$1,216.00; Care and Education of Priests \$110.00; Ash Wednesday \$5.00; Holy Thursday \$38.00; Good Friday \$48.00; Easter Flowers \$25.00; Easter \$650.00; Rice Bowl \$5.00; Church in Europe \$5.00; Holy Land \$40.00; Catholic Home Missions \$92.00; Catholic Relief \$5.00; Catholic Communications \$5.00; Ascension \$32.00; Poor Box \$175.00

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Mary Kopczynskie by Anna Marie and Family



OUR SANCTUARY LAMP is burning this week in Memory of Florence Stefanick Edwards by Her Daughter Maryann DeLese



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!





Jesus said to His disciples in this weekend's Gospel that He is "going to prepare a place for them." This phrase takes on a whole new meaning with the stay-at-home recommendation from the CDC. The "place" Jesus has prepared for us is our own homes. We know that we are safe there, especially for those with family. But for many of us, it has become a prison.

It's all in how we look at it. Many years ago when I began ministering in the prison system I questioned the inmates about being in prison and the confines of their cells. One came to me later and told me that God had prepared a place for him - it was prison! He said he needed this "place" and time-to reflect on his life. He turned prison into "a place prepared for him." Your choice: is your home a prison during this pandemic or is it a special place prepared for you by Jesus?

Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms!



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.



Offering Envelopes



WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR CHURCH ENVELOPES - Many people have asked how they can turn in their church envelopes. There are several ways to do this. You can drop them off in the parish office Monday - Thursday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. There is a box right inside the door. You can also drop them in the mailbox right outside the office door. Or you can mail them to our address at 898 Centre Street. We sincerely thank you all for continuing to support your parish during these difficult days.

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 Lillian 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.

