



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER FEAST OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



MAY 12, 2019

† MASS INTENTIONS †

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
Mon.	5/13	7:00 PM	John A. and Mary D. Ravina and Son Albert by M/M Daniel Sarosky
Tue.	5/14	7:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Poppalardo Family by Annette
Wed.	5/15		NO MASS
Thur.	5/16	7:00 AM	Albert Repetz by His Wife Dolores and Family
Fri.	5/17	7:00 AM	Nancy Hartzel by Janet and Stephen Croshaw
Sat.	5/18	4:00 PM	Ann Louise Ceriani by Julius and Family
Sun.	5/19	7:30 AM	For the People
		10:30 AM	Joseph Cukauskas, Sr. by Theresa Wilkinson and Daughters



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$4,550.50; Dues \$1,001.00; Care and Education of Priests \$749.00; Holy Thursday \$18.00; Good Friday \$28.00; Holy Land Sanctuary \$11.00; Easter Flowers \$11.00; Easter \$168.00; Catholic Home Missions \$35.00; Ascension \$25.00; Rice Bowl \$15.00; Catholic Relief \$10.00; Poor Box \$150.75

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of John A. and Mary D. Ravina and Son Albert by M/M Daniel Sarosky



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.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL THE MOTHERS, STEPMOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS, GODMOTHERS, FOSTER MOTHERS, AND MOTHERS-TO-BE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY. GOD'S BLESSINGS ON YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR CHILDREN.



Meeting
Reminder

LITURGY COMMITTEE will meet
Monday, May 13th, at 7:30 PM
in the rectory.

FINANCE COMMITTEE will meet
Wednesday, May 17th, at 7:15 PM
in the rectory.

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



Orientation for families of all grades 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.

TRANSITION TEAM from Immaculate Conception and Good Shepherd Parishes will meet on Thursday from 5:30 - 6:30 PM at Good Shepherd Parish. As the Holy Spirit guided the Apostles, we pray that He guides the Transition Team as they work toward the future of our parishes.



Most of you are probably old enough to remember Simon & Garfunkel's song *The Sound of Silence*. Back in the day, we needed great songs like that to help focus on the reality of the times and "...touch the sounds of silence." The Gospel this weekend does not ask us to listen to the sound of silence, but to reach for the sound of the shepherd. To each sheep in the time of Jesus, the shepherd's voice was known and the sheep would follow that voice. We are encouraged to also listen to the voice of the Great Shepherd - Jesus! However, before you hear His voice, take a note from Simon & Garfunkel and listen to the Sound of Silence. When we block out all other sounds, it is then that we can hear the voice of the Great Shepherd.



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, "A HOME IN THE MIDST OF HOMES"

Pope Francis made some interesting points regarding the role of the parish while visiting Rakovski, Bulgaria this week. He spoke of the parish as "The center of the community, a place where God's presence is felt, and hope and love are shared with the world." The Pope's right, a building cannot be a parish, the people inside the building make it a parish. I know Lent is over, but the one point Pope Francis made seemed to wrap up our theme Choose to Serve, "Men and women of God have the courage to take the first step in finding creative ways of directly testifying that love is not dead but has triumphed over every obstacle. They get involved because they have learned that, in Jesus, God himself gets involved. He put his own flesh at stake so that no one would feel alone or abandoned." Will you be the one that "finds creative ways" to testify that our parish is not dead? Do you have the courage to "get involved" and show to our community that we are a "home in the midst of homes?"



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!!!



OUR NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS will be held with Deacon Jim on **Tuesday, June 25th**, at 6:00 PM in the rectory. Even if you have already had a child baptized in our parish, it is necessary for you to attend this class and review important preparations, such as exactly what the sacred

sacrament of Baptism entails, the requirements of the Godparents, and all pertinent information concerning the child's baptism. The class can include both parents and their prospective Godparents. This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare everyone for your child's first sacrament and his/her welcome into the family of God. Class should be scheduled well in advance of the baby's due date. **You must attend the Baptism Preparation Class in order to schedule a Baptism. To schedule your class, call the parish office at 570-636-3035.**

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.



PARISH HAPPENINGS!



OUR ANNUAL OLD-FASHIONED SUNDAY AFTERNOON CHURCH will be held **Sunday, June 23rd**, in the public park. Mass begins at and the picnic begins immediately after. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, two roasted pigs, plus all the wonderful foods you are bringing. **It's never too soon to start planning all the mouth-watering foods you will be preparing.** For some of you, it's your "signature dish" and for others it's something new that you'd like to share. Please fill out your form as soon as possible and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the church office.

***** PICNIC PLANNING MEETING** will take place on **Wednesday, May 22nd, at 6:00 PM** in the rectory. Anyone who would like to help with the planning of our Parish Picnic is welcome and encouraged to attend. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



PARISH CRUISE TO ALASKA: Come Aboard! We will be sailing on a parish cruise to Alaska in the summer of 2020. There will be an informational meeting on **Friday, May 24th, at 6:00 PM** in the church basement. We hope to see you there!



WELCOME BABY BAGS will be starting next weekend. Three blue tubs will be in the back of the church indicating what should be placed in each tub: (1) diapers/wipes, (2) clothing, blankets, and (3) toiletries/meds. Below is a list of suggestions. You can donate items or create your own bag. As always, thank you for answering Jesus' call to care for the least of His brothers and sisters.

Booties
 Socks
 Swaddling Blankets
 Receiving Blankets
 Baby Cap
 Onesies Size 3 - 6
 Month
 Baby Sleeper 3 - 6
 Month
 Burp Cloths
 Wash Cloths

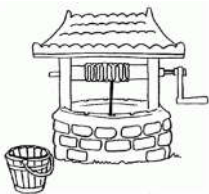
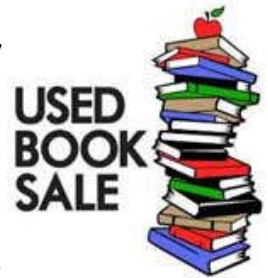
Baby Detergent
 Baby Shampoo
 Baby Lotion
 Diaper Rash Cream
 Grooming Kit (Safety
 Clippers, Brush, Comb)
 Teething Ring
 Bibs
 Soft Tip Infant Spoons
 Bottle Brush
 Books

Diapers Size 1 and
 Wipes
 Newborn Pacifiers
 Rattles/Infant Toys
 Baby First Aid Kit
 Baby Orajel, Tylenol,
 Motrin
 Gripe Water
 Mylicon Gas Drops

MORE PARISH HAPPENINGS!

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH'S USED BOOK SALE - Saturday, May 18th, from 8 AM - 3 PM and Sunday, May 19th, 11 AM - 2 PM. Hard cover \$2; soft cover \$1; children's 4 for \$1. Sunday Special: \$5 per bag and they'll even supply the bag! You can drop off books in the church basement Monday through Friday from 9 - 11:30 and 12:30 - 2:00.

THEY ARE NOT ACCEPTING Reader's Digest, magazines, encyclopedias, or textbooks. Lunch food items will be available for purchase.



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.



The next **Charismatic Mass and Healing Service** at St. John Bosco, Conyngham will be Thursday, May 23, at 7 PM. Fr. John Campoli will preside and Sue Shaw will begin her music ministry at 6:45 PM. Light refreshments follow in Room 3. Come join us.