

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 30, 2019

## † MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	6/29	4:00 PM	Thomas Zoshak by His Family
Sun.	6/30	7:30 AM	Shirley Kurtz by Gloria
Mon.	7/1	7:00 PM	Joseph Cukauskas, Sr. by Irene DelRegno
Tue.	7/2	7:00 AM	Kenny Demko by His Family
Wed.	7/3		<b>NO MASS</b>
Thur.	7/4	7:00 AM	Karenlynn Moyer Witchin by Jean and Ken Wenner
Fri.	7/5	7:00 AM	Eugene Zynel, Sr. by His Wife JoAnn and Children
Sat.	7/6	4:00 PM	Margie Serock by Her Sisters Anna and Helen
Sun.	7/7	7:30 AM	Stanley Potosky by the Turris

### Last Weekend:



Sunday \$3,293.00; Dues \$1,150.00; Care and Education of Priests \$3.00; Ascension \$10.00; Catholic Communications \$110.00; Peter's Pence \$115.00; Home Mission \$100.00; Easter \$50.00; Poor Box \$160.08

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of Barbara Banyas Patton by Her Sister Cathy and Brother Jackie



**NEW MASS SCHEDULE:** Effective August 1, 2019, the weekend mass schedule at our 3 local parishes will be as follows:

**Immaculate Conception:** Saturday at 4:00 PM and Sunday at 11:00 AM.

**St. Patrick's:** Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 10:15 AM.

**Good Shepherd:** Saturday at 6:00 PM and Sunday at 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM.



**WELCOME BABY BAGS** have begun. We are in need of size 1 diapers, wipes, clothing, blankets, and toiletries. We still have bags to fill and babies to welcome.. As always, we thank you for answering Jesus' call to care for these, the least of His brothers and sisters.

### Welcome Committee



**WELCOMING MINISTRY** - We are looking for individuals and/or families who would like to welcome those attending mass to our parish. This would mean arriving at church about 20 minutes before the start of mass and standing at one of the doors and greeting people as they come into the church. If you or your family would like to participate in our Welcoming Ministry, please join us at our Initial Meeting on Wednesday, July 17th, at 6:00 PM in the rectory.



**SINCERE THANKS** to everyone who helped to make our Old-Fashioned Sunday Afternoon Church Picnic such a wonderful success. The food, company, and fellowship made for a beautiful day! We are an amazing parish family!

**PROFIT** from the rummage sale was \$1,549.55 and from the tricky trays was \$450.00. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped make our fund raisers a success!





"No one who set a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the Kingdom of God." This is the last line of the Gospel that you heard this past weekend. Both the parishes of St. Patrick's and Immaculate conception are facing new challenges and changes. One will receive a whole new form of leadership and the other will be adapting to a brand new mass schedule. We know that change is difficult (you cannot imagine the hours upon hours of discussion that went into both sets of changes). What Jesus was asking in this weekend's Gospel is that you **TRUST** and **follow HIM**. As your pastor, I am asking the same thing of YOU: **TRUST** and **follow HIM**! You may not know what a PLC is or you may have to worship in a different church to maintain the Mass time you are so accustomed to each weekend. This church is guided by the Holy Spirit (and the Spirit has done a great job for the past 2,000 years). **TRUST and FOLLOW!**



**A VIEW FROM THE PEW: CORPUS CHRISTI.**

June 23<sup>rd</sup> the church celebrated the fest of Corpus Christi, Latin for something you hear every time you receive Holy Communion, Body of Christ. The church marks this day as a celebration of Christ's gift of the Eucharist. It is a reminder that this gift we



receive in communion and what is reserved in the tabernacle is the **REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST - BODY, BLOOD, SOUL & DIVINITY!** That's why we genuflect when we enter or leave the pews, bow before approaching the altar and show respect through silence while in church. This same respect should also be shown when we receive Communion. Catechism reminds us to be in the state of grace, fast on all but water one hour before receiving. We should approach the altar with reverence and receive the Eucharist responding, "Amen" confirming yes, I do believe this is the Body and Blood of Christ! The Second Vatican Council reminds us that the Eucharist is "the source and summit of our faith". The true presence in the Eucharist is what makes our churches different. Take advantage of this gift, make the tabernacle your "spiritual magnet" and stop by and spend some time in prayer with Jesus!



**OUR NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS** will be held with Deacon Jim on **Tuesday, September 17th**, at 6:00 PM in the rectory. 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.**

**MASS INTENTION REQUESTS FOR 2020** -Mass intention request forms are included in the this week's bulletin. **Please note that no masses will be scheduled over the telephone to avoid errors.** All mass requests must be completed in writing on the forms that are provided.



**CHOOSE TO SERVE YOUR PARISH** - People often say that they would like to serve their parish but no one tells them how. In today's bulletin on the orange paper is a summary of our ministries and a form to fill out if you want to volunteer to serve in one or more ministries. You would be most welcome!



**RAFFLE WINNERS:** #1 \$500 Alice Klepach; #2 \$500 OLIC; #3 \$200 Ed Macko; #4 \$100 Matt Viechec; #5 \$100 Teresa Golab; #6 \$100 Ed Fellin



The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day. God bless America!





## Do You Have Questions about the Upcoming Linking of Good Shepherd and Immaculate Conception Parishes?

Here Are Some Frequently Asked Questions and Their Answers. If You Have Additional Questions or Need More Information, Please Don't Hesitate to Ask.

Now that both parishes will soon be sharing one priest, how will we be able to get in touch with Father Kloton?



Father Kloton will be in each parish office for two days each week. His day off is Wednesday. If you are ever in need of Father Mike, you can contact either Erin or Janet. They can get in touch with Father, relay your message, and Father will get back to you as soon as he is able.

Will the Faith Formation programs at the two parishes be merged into one?



FAITH FORMATION

No, each parish will retain its individual religious education classes. However, it is our hope that through social interaction, learning from each other, and then collaborating together, we will strengthen and enhance the overall quality of both Religious Education programs.

Does the Deacon earn a salary?

No, Deacons do not earn a salary.



Who is paying Father Kloton's salary and health benefits?

Each parish will pay one-half of Father Kloton's salary and health benefits.



Will our finances be merged?



According to Canon Law, linked parishes must have separate Finance Councils and each parish remains financially independent of the other.

What about our envelopes? What happens if we go to each other's parish and put our envelopes into the collection basket?



When the envelopes are counted, any Good Shepherd envelopes that are put into Immaculate Conception's basket and any Immaculate Conception envelopes that are put into Good Shepherd's basket will be returned to their respective parishes by Father Kloton.

Why can't there be a mass before 4:00 PM on Saturday?



Canon law prohibits mass to be celebrated before 4:00 PM on Saturday. In part of the year, 4:00 PM is considered the setting of the sun, which signifies the end of the day. This means that Saturday has ended and the 4:00 PM mass is the start of Sunday.

Will each parish be able to schedule activities in the other's parish hall?



Yes, depending on scheduled events already in the book. There can also be joint social activities. It is our sincere hope that our two parishes will enjoy many joint social activities in each other's parish centers.

**Triduum** — Will each parish have their own masses on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, the Triduum, and Easter Sunday?



At the current time, both parishes will have their own holiday masses. Each holiday, Immaculate Conception welcomes her native son, Father Richard Gabuzda, to celebrate mass during the Christmas and Easter seasons. Father Kloton will celebrate these masses at Good Shepherd Parish. This remains our plan for the foreseeable future.

Where will we park at Immaculate Conception Parish?



Immaculate Conception has its own parking lot in the rear of the church. Also, parking is available in the senior citizens parking lot around the corner on Washington and Chestnut Streets.





# Ministries

**CHOOSE TO SERVE YOUR PARISH !!!**

**Below are the ministries of our parish family.**

**Will YOU choose to serve?**

## **THE LITURGY COMMITTEE**

*There is a purpose behind each liturgical season and the environment should focus the parishioner to its message and meaning. Flowers and a fountain at Easter, red strategically placed at the altar for Pentecost, the crib for Christmas all require brainstorming and in some cases a lot of elbow grease. If you love to organize events, work with your hands, and enjoy the research that goes into the liturgical calendar year, consider a ministry of **The Liturgy Committee**. "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."*

## **THE LEGION OF MARY**

*Legion of Mary members are instruments of the Holy Spirit through a balanced program of prayer and service. Works include parishioner visitation, visitation of the sick or aged, religious education and prayer. They are the extension of the heart and hands of the pastor.*

## **THE MESSENGERS OF HOPE**

*Want to make a difference in our community? Why not consider a ministry of outreach and become a **MESSENGER OF HOPE** for the community of Freeland. Remember part of our Parish Mission Statement is "to serve the needs of others." There are many in our community that might need a coat, backpack, help with Christmas, or just a little gift to let them know they are not forgotten. If you have a desire to serve those in need, consider becoming a Messengers of Hope!*

## **CHOIR**

*Have you been told you have a good voice? Can you read music, love to respond in song during Mass or do you just love to sing? Why not put that special talent to work and consider a Ministry of Music! Jesus sang psalms with His apostles at the Last Supper, so why not join Him at Mass and raise your voice in praise with the choir!*

### **THE MINISTRY OF LECTOR**

*Have you been told you speak well and love to listen to sacred scripture? Maybe a Ministry of Lector is for you! During Mass the primary role of the lector is to proclaim the readings from sacred scripture, recite the responsorial psalm and general intercessions. The Lector is a ministry traditionally reserved for the laity. Sound challenging? If you have a desire to share your love for scripture with the faithful, why not consider this ministry!*

### **ALTAR SERVER**

*“To serve at the altar, as to sing in the choir, is next to the priesthood the highest privilege which a human can enjoy.” Responsibilities: carry the cross, processional candles and the incense and censor, present the bread, wine and water to the priest during the preparation of gifts and assist the priest as necessary. The role of the server is an important part of the celebration of the Mass.. This important ministry is also open to adults as well. Remember, as a server, you stand near the altar on which bread and wine become Jesus Christ! Why not make a commitment and consider the ministry of an Altar Server!*

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHER / AIDE**

*Catechist: One who teaches the essentials of Christian faith and morals. As a Catechist you will grow in your faith, learn the teachings of the church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus’ ministry; Children, teens, and adults in today’s world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus and to encounter good role models of faith. You have much to share with those you’ll teach, and you’ll have opportunities to share faith with other catechists. Today’s catechetical textbook/resources offer outstanding support. You’ll be helping people deepen their relationship with Jesus. It’s our job: Jesus sent us to “go and teach all nations.”*

I am interested in becoming part of the following ministries. Please have someone contact me about serving my parish.

\_\_\_\_\_ Liturgy Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Legion of Mary

\_\_\_\_\_ Messengers of Hope

\_\_\_\_\_ Choir

\_\_\_\_\_ Lector

\_\_\_\_\_ Altar Server

\_\_\_\_\_ Religious Education

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
2020 MASS INTENTION REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS**

**PLEASE READ THESE DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW THEM ACORDINGLY. IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY, YOUR REQUEST WILL NOT BE HONORED.**

1. You can only submit requests for **TWO (2) WEEKEND AND TWO (2) WEEKDAY MASSES PER DECEASED PERSON**. It would be greatly appreciated if you could combine your mass requests to include several family members to give more people an opportunity to schedule masses for their loved ones.
2. You **MUST** list your first date choice and **ALSO** an alternate date in the event your first choice is already taken. If you only list one choice and that date is already taken, your mass will be scheduled for the next available date. This must be done for **EVERY** mass request. **MAKE SURE YOU CIRCLE THE TIME REQUESTED.**
3. **PLEASE NOTE THE MASS TIME CHANGES. THERE ARE ONLY TWO WEEKEND MASSES: SATURDAY 4:00 PM AND SUNDAY 11:00 AM.**
4. No masses are said on Wednesdays unless it is a Holy Day of Obligation.
5. Masses are scheduled on a first-come, first served basis. **NO MASSES WILL BE SCHEDULED OVER THE TELEPHONE TO AVOID ERRORS.** You must complete the attached form and include it with your stipend. The stipend for masses is \$10.00 and the stipend for candles on the altar is \$15.00. If you want candles on the altar to coincide with your scheduled mass, please indicate this on your request form.

**\*\*\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE WELL:** The mass schedule fills up **VERY QUICKLY.** It is not uncommon for there to be no masses available for the entire 2020 year by Christmas of 2019. Many people wait until a week or so before their loved one's birthday/anniversary and then try to schedule a mass only to find that there are no masses available. **DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU!!!** Schedule your masses as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please call Janet at 570-636-3035 Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon.

OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

2020 MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

(ALL REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THIS FORM. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.)

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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I am requesting a mass for \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by (Please print clearly exactly how you want it to read in the bulletin):

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My first choice (List date, then circle time): \_\_\_\_\_

4:00 PM Saturday      11:00 AM Sunday      7:00 PM Monday      7:00 AM Weekday

My second choice (List date, then circle time): \_\_\_\_\_

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I want to request candles on the altar for this week      YES      NO

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