

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 14, 2019

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	7/13	4:00 PM	Barbara Banyas Patton by Her Sister Cathy and Brother Jackie
Sun.	7/14	7:30 AM	Andrew, Raymond, and Joseph Ambrose by Maureen
		10:30 AM	For the People
Mon.	7/15	9:00 AM	Televised Mass: Ann Gallagher
		7:00 PM	Mike and Helen Michalesko by Jack and Lynn Jastremsky
Tue.	7/16	7:00 AM	Norman, Elsie, and Cheryl Kleckner by Marla and Family
Wed.	7/17		NO MASS
Thur.	7/18	7:00 AM	Martin "Chip" Makowiec by James Bresky
Fri.	7/19	7:00 AM	Lucille Tarilla by Her Sister Mary Ann and by Her Faithful Pets Andy and Amos
Sat.	7/20	4:00 PM	Lillian Strohl by Her Husband Oscar
Sun.	7/21	7:30 AM	Bruce Kopczynskie by Henry and Dan Kopczynskie
		10:30 AM	For the People

Last Weekend:



Sunday \$3,758.00; Dues \$844.00; Care and Education of Priests \$610.00; Easter \$5.00; Easter flowers \$5.00; Holy Father \$20.00; Assumption \$10.00; Poor Box \$182.70

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Andrew, Raymond, and Joseph Ambrose by Maureen



Meeting
Reminder

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

will take place on Monday, July 15th, at 7:30 PM in the rectory after the Monday Night Mass.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE MEETING

will take place on Wednesday, July 17th, at 6:00 Pm in the rectory. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.



BACKPACKS FOR OUR SCHOOL KIDS IN NEED - We are collecting clear plastic backpacks filled with school supplies for the needy children in our Freeland community. If you would like to donate a backpack and fill it with school supplies, please bring it to the altar or to the church office no later than Sunday, August 11th, so we can organize them for distribution on Saturday, Aug 17th. If you have trouble getting out and would like to participate, you can make a donation and we will do your shopping for you.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS - Father Mike will be blessing the backpacks for the needy children in our Freeland community on Monday, August 12th. If you want your backpack blessed, you must have it here by Sunday, August 11th.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION is taking place now. Forms are available in the parish office. 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 for all other students will begin on **Sunday, Sep 15th**, from 9:45 to 10:45 AM.



Don't you just love the *Good Samaritan* story in the *Gospel*? When I was a child, I used to remember thinking to myself that I would never leave someone by the road (I also remember thinking the "priest" had to be a Protestant priest because a Roman Catholic priest would never do something like that). I wanted to be the champion who would do the right thing like the Samaritan (although I knew not what a Samaritan was). Later in life, I found out what a Samaritan was: an outcast reject! Jews and Gentiles both despised Samaritans. Can you imagine being from and being rejected just because you were born a Samaritan? Prejudice reigned in Jesus' day. The last person in the world you would expect to help a Jew was a Samaritan. Fortunately, compassion trumps prejudice. Now that I am an adult, I want to be a Samaritan. How 'bout you?

A VIEW FROM THE PEW: CORPUS CHRISTI.



June 23rd the church celebrated the feast 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!



Baptism Preparation

OUR NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS will be held with Deacon Jim on **Tuesday, September 17th**, at 6:00 PM in the rectory. To schedule your **mandatory** class, call the parish office at 570-636-3035.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE: Effective August 1, 2019, the mass schedule for the 3 local parishes will be as follows:

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

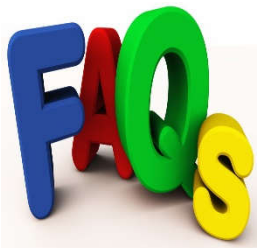
St. Patrick's: Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 10:15 AM.

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



CHARISMATIC MASS AND HEALING SERVICE at St. John Bosco Church, Conyngham is Thursday, July 18 at 7 PM. Fr. Gus Ricciardi will preside, and Sue Shaw will begin her music ministry at 6:45 PM. Light refreshments will be available afterward in Room 3.

MIRACULOUS MISSION VACATION BIBLE CAMP - St. John Bosco Church is hosting an exciting Miraculous Mission Vacation Bible Camp this summer from Monday, July 29th to Friday, August 2nd from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. To register your child, please stop by the Faith Formation office and complete a Registration Form. The cost per child is \$10. Please contact the Faith Formation office, 570-788-1997, ext. 6 or cabednar@outlook.com with any questions!



Here Are Some Even More Frequently Asked Questions about the Upcoming Linking of Good Shepherd and Immaculate Conception Parishes and Their Answers. If You Have Even More Questions or If You Need More Information, Please Don't Hesitate to Ask.

What is the difference between linked parishes and merged parishes?

Linked parishes, like Immaculate Conception and Good Shepherd, happen when two or more parishes share a pastor. In a linkage, the parishes remain distinct canonical entities that are served by one pastor.

When parishes merge they become a single parish – in many cases adopting a completely new parish name. In this case, the church buildings retain their original names.

Will the Faith Formation schedules be changing?



FAITH FORMATION

Each parish will be retaining its individual religious education classes. Good Shepherd will continue to have its Faith Formation classes on Monday evenings from . Immaculate Conception will continue to have its Faith Formation classes on Sunday morning, but the time will be changed to 9:45 – 10:45 AM so that the children can leave class and go directly to mass at 11:00 AM. 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.

Now that both parishes are sharing one priest, when will Father Kloton be available at each parish?

Father Mike would like to take several weeks following the linkage to become familiar with his new parish and to appreciate the pastoral needs of Good Shepherd parish. He will then determine his schedule to serve as pastor for both parishes in the new linkage. He will be available in his office at each parish two days per week. Father Mike's day off is Wednesday. However, whether Father is at Good Shepherd or Immaculate Conception, he is always only a phone call away. Both Erin and Janet are able to contact Father Mike should the need arise.

Will the persons serving on committees or in ministries at Good Shepherd parish be able to meet with Father Kloton?

As soon as the new linkage is effective on August 1, 2019, Father Kloton will be setting up information-sharing meetings with the finance council and liturgical ministers (Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion).

Additionally, Father Kloton would like to form a 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.” **It is very important that everyone realize that ANYONE can be a member of the Liturgy Committee.**

Will there be a change in the current staff at either parish in the new linkage?

As we begin the new linkage, there are no plans to change any of the current staff in either parish.

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.

To help everyone better understand the parking availability at Immaculate Conception Parish, a map has been attached which illustrates how to arrive at each of the two available parking lots.



If you are parking in the parish lot, when you come up the “Freeland Mountain”, turn left at the traffic light. When you pass Immaculate Conception Church, turn left again and the parking lot will be on the left. If you are parking in the Senior Citizens parking lot, go through the traffic light and turn left on the first street, which is Washington Street. Continue past four streets (Main, Front, Walnut, and Chestnut). The parking lot is on the left. You enter from Washington Street.