

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 18, 2021

		†	MASS INTENTIONS	†
Sat.	7/17	4:00 PM	Gloria, Ginger, Jeanie, and George by Adam, Rosey, AJ, and Ryan	
Sun.	7/18	11:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Bzdil and Soroko Families by Helen Anne and Gerry, Jr.	
Mon.	7/19	7:00 PM	Marie Biasi by Mary	
Tue.	7/20	7:00 AM	Peter and Stella Amentler by Their Children Janet and John Amentler	
Wed	7/21	7:00 AM	Jackie Palko by M/M Leo Thomas	
Thur.	7/22	7:00 AM	Katherine Lutz by the Ravina Family	
Fri.	7/23	7:00 AM	Reverend Joseph Mattey by Michalene and Jim Eisenhart	
Sat.	7/24	4:00 PM	Lillian Strohl by Her Husband Oscar	
Sun.	7/25	11:00 AM	Stephanie Iben Delese by Her Father, Sister, and Husband	



### Last Weekend:

Sunday \$2,991.00; Loose \$76.00; Dues \$584.00; Care and Education of Priests \$141.00; Catholic Relief \$5.00; Easter Flowers \$5.00; Holy Thursday \$5.00; Good Friday \$5.00; Holy Land Sanctuary \$5.00; Easter \$5.00; Catholic Home Mission \$5.00; Ascension \$18.00; Catholic Communication \$5.00; Holy Father \$58.00; Poor Box \$122.07

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Bzdil and Soroko Families by Helen Anne and Gerry, Jr.



**OUR SANCTUARY LAMP** is burning in Memory of Joseph Baran by His Mother, Brothers, and Family



**CASH PRIZE BINGO** - Wednesday, July 28th, in the Parish Center - 5:30 PM Early Birds and 6:00 PM Regular Games. There will be 15 Regular Games for \$10.00 and 5 Specials 3 for \$1.00. Come join us for Mouth-Wateringly Delicious Food, Tricky Trays, and Good Old-Fashioned Fun! Anyone who would like to donate food items, baked goods, or Tricky Trays, please call Mary Lloyd at 570-578-6720.



**MASS INTENTION REQUESTS FOR 2022** is now open. Masses are filling up very quickly, especially weekend and Monday night masses. There are no opportunities remaining for altar candles for the entire year of 2022 and very few opportunities remaining for the sanctuary lamp.



## A Message from Father Mike...

We received news from the Diocese this week that our own Fr. Arun will be transferred at the end of the month. When we were told that we were getting an Assistant Pastor, we were told that it would only be for two years (and that 2 years is upon us). Fr. Arun has been an incredible asset to both parishes. His ability to work closely with all of you and meet your spiritual needs has been amazing. Father is a man of prayer and is blessed with a warm and welcoming personality. We (along with RJ and Larry Bird) will certainly miss Fr. Arun. On the weekend of July 31st and August 1st after each Mass at each parish, there will be an opportunity for all of you to express your gratitude to Fr. Arun for his service to our parishes. Please join me that weekend in saying good-bye to Fr. Arun. Father is being moved to St. Rose Parish in Carbondale. We have been assured by the Diocese that in mid-September (hopefully) another member of Fr. Arun's community will become our new Assistant Pastor. Please continue to pray for Fr. Arun in his ministry to the Diocese of Scranton. We will miss him!



### A VIEW FROM THE PEW, BATTERIES, BAGS & KINDNESS.

A few years ago, I remember looking at the bulky batteries from expired power tools in my garage and thought to myself I must recycle them. (To tell you the truth I was tempted just to throw them in the trash, but I didn't.) So, I packed them up in a couple of plastic shopping bags and off to Lowe's. Got there, jumped out of my truck and right in front of the store one of the bags tore and one, then two and finally all the batteries fell to the ground.

Obviously embarrassed and angry, I tried to pick them up but was unable to get all of them off the ground. While I continued to try to maintain my composure, someone jumped from their car and in broken English offered me a couple of bags and helped me pick them up. I couldn't thank him enough for the help, and as I went into Lowe's, I thought such a small act of kindness made my day. How many times do we have the opportunity during the day to be kind but fail to do so? A simple act of kindness can change a bad day or even someone's life. "A good deed is never lost, he who plants kindness gathers love." St. Basil the Great.



The Immaculate Conception Parish Community-Service Coordinating Team is conducting a food drive to benefit the food pantry in Freeland. For the month of July, we are requesting paper product items, such as napkins, paper plates, paper towels, toilet paper, etc. Items are to be placed in the food pantry container in the church entrance. Thank you for any donations you can provide to assist those individuals and families in need in our community.



**MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS** will be at 6:00 PM on Thursday, September 9th, in the Saint Joseph Room at Good Shepherd Parish. Please register by calling the Immaculate Conception Parish Office at 570-636-3035 or the Good Shepherd Parish office at 570-788-3141.