

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 25, 2021

† MASS INTENTIONS †

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
Mon.	7/26	7:00 PM	Leo Ravina Family Members by their Family
Tue.	7/27	7:00 AM	Raymond Nesler by Steve and Ruth and Family
Wed.	7/28	7:00 AM	Joseph Carsia by the Jones Family
Thur.	7/29	7:00 AM	Angeline Herring by M/M Joseph Tomari
Fri.	7/30	7:00 AM	Michelle Branz by Joe and Jean Branz and Family
Sat.	7/31	4:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Branz Family by Audrey and Francis Branz
Sun.	8/1	11:00 AM	MSG Paul Karpowich by Judy Lutz



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$2,969.00; Loose \$184.00; Dues \$2,074.00; Care and Education of Priests \$121.00; Other \$111.00; Poor Box \$104.10

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Michelle Branz by Joe and Jean Branz and Family



A MEMORIAL DONATION of \$50.00 was made in Memory of Robert Basista by Leo Wydock and Family



CASH PRIZE BINGO - This Wednesday, July 28th, in the Parish Center - Kitchen Opens at 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Early Birds and 6:00 PM Regular Games. There will be 15 Regular Games for \$10.00 and 5 Specials \$1.00 each. 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 REQUEST BOOK 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. Mass stipend remains at \$10.00; Sanctuary Lamp remains at \$25.00.



BACKPACKS FOR OUR SCHOOL KIDS IN NEED - We are once again collecting school supplies for the needy children in our Freeland community. If you would like to donate, please bring them to the altar or to the church office no later than Sunday, August 15th, so we can organize



them for distribution on Saturday, August 21st. You do not have to purchase the backpack itself. We have them in the parish office. If you have trouble getting out and would like to participate, you can make a donation and we will do your shopping for you. A list of suggested supplies was included in last week's bulletin and is also available on the parish website www.ourladyfreeland.org

A Message from Father Mike...



In last week's Gospel, Jesus and His disciples tried to get to a deserted place. The crowds followed. In this week's Gospel, the same group of people stay there and listen to the word of God through Jesus. They were hungry! What they didn't realize was that what they hungered for was the word of God. Jesus satisfied that hunger. He also satisfied their physical hunger by changing a few loaves of bread and a few fish into enough to feed over 5,000. I'm going to encourage all of you to do two things this week. First, allow the word of God to feed your soul. Secondly, take the opportunity to feed others this week. You may do it physically, spiritually, or emotionally. The miracle of loaves and fishes is so profound in our Catholic tradition that we need ourselves to carry on that tradition. By the way I'm hungry. You got anything to eat? LOL



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.



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.



CONCERT IN THE PARK - FRIDAY, AUGUST 6TH, AT 6:30 PM RAIN OR SHINE. Vocalist Jack James will be performing some of the best pop hits of the 50s and 60s at the Pavilion in the Public Park. **ADMISSION IS FREE.**



REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION CLASSES for the 2021-2022 school year is now taking place. Registration and Invoice forms are available at both entrances to the church and in the church office. All children must be registered prior to the start of classes. For more information, please stop in or call the parish office.

Farewell,

Father Arun

*A brief reception will be held
after each of the masses next
weekend to allow everyone an
opportunity to say Farewell
to Father Arun.*

Refreshments will be served.