

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 28, 2019

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	7/27	4:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Leo Ravina Family by Family
Sun.	7/28	7:30 AM	For the People
		10:30 AM	MSG. Paul Karpowich by Judy Lutz
Mon.	7/29	7:00 PM	Gene Hartzel by Janet and Stephen
Tue.	7/30	7:00 AM	Michelle Branz by M/M Joseph Branz and Family
Wed.	7/31		NO MASS
Thur.	8/1	7:00 AM	Deceased Members of Donato and Maranki Families by Mary Grace and Bill
Fri.	8/2	7:00 AM	David and Edward Murmello by Janet Amentler and Gene Resuta
Sat.	8/3	4:00 PM	Jim Eisenhart, Sr. by Michalene and Jim Eisenhart
Sun.	8/4	11:00 AM	Hannah Solarek by Her Sister Anna Marie Kopczynskie

Last Weekend:



Sunday \$3,438.00; Loose \$194.10; Dues \$; Care and Education of Priests \$45.00; Assumption \$31.00; Peter's Pence \$5.00; Poor Box \$215.57

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Michelle Branz by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Branz and Family



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.



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. A list of suggested supplies is included in the bulletin.



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.





"Lord, teach us to pray," is the phrase used by Jesus's disciples in an effort to pray BETTER! Any good Jewish person would already know how to pray, but they wanted to pray BETTER. Jesus gives them the Our Father. This simple prayer outlines for us what WE should do, not what God should do for us. I don't have to tell you how often our prayers center on us and what we want (sometimes demand) of God. Here is this week's challenge: quietly read through the Our Father and pick ONE thing you can do to pray BETTER.

I have a second request. Next weekend we begin the new Mass Schedule. I want to thank the overwhelming number of you who have understood how difficult the decision was to make these changes. Next weekend at all the Masses (especially the Saturday 4pm that will remain at Immaculate Conception), I ask to you to be as welcoming as you can to the members of Good Shepherd who will be joining us for Liturgy. You may have to park a little differently, and you may not be in exactly the seat you've had for years. In spite of these growing pains, be welcoming to that new person sitting next to you. Hey, maybe this is a BETTER way to pray!



A VIEW FROM THE PEW - YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL

Your Guardian Angel has been with you since you were conceived in your mother's womb. We should always revere these angelic beings and even ask their prayers. Here are Some Interesting Facts about Guardian Angels:

Jesus explicitly teaches the existence of guardian angels in Matthew 18:10: "See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven."

The early Church Fathers also spoke of our guardian angels. St. Jerome, for example, taught that each person (whether they are Christian or not) has a guardian angel appointed to him or her from the beginning of their existence. Saint Thomas Aquinas taught that all humans have a guardian angel and that these were chosen from the hierarchy of angels.

Saint John Paul II emphasized the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the ministry of guardian angels: "Let us invoke the Queen of angels and saints, that she may grant us, supported by our guardian angels, to be authentic witnesses to the Lord's paschal mystery".

So let us remember our Guardian Angels each morning with the prayer that many of us learned as children: "Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen."



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.

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, September 15th**, from 9:45 to 10:45 AM.



Announcements

THE WOMEN OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD will meet on Monday, August 12th, at 6:00 PM in the St. Joseph Room. During this reorganizational meeting, we will have an ice cream social. We will also discuss new ideas and welcome new members. Membership is open to all women of the parish. We are also excited to welcome new members from Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church. Please join us and find out who our new coordinator will be! Hope to see lots of new members. (To access the St. Joseph room, go to the handicap ramp and enter that door. The St. Joseph room will be right there.)



GREETERS AND WELCOMERS - Next week begins our new mass schedule. You will notice that at each of the three main entrances, extraordinary ministers and lectors will be waiting to greet and welcome you to our

parish. This is the beginning of our new ministry of Greeters and Welcomers to our parish. As you encounter our Greeters, consider that this might a way for you to serve your parish. It involves coming to mass 20 minutes early and welcoming everyone who is coming to celebrate mass. It can be done individually or as a family. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 570-636-3035.



TOILETRIES FOR THE HOMELESS - We are once again collecting travel-size toiletries for the homeless being cared for by the Catholic churches. There are tubs in the back of the church. As you travel this summer, please consider donating the complimentary toiletries offered by hotels. Please donate **only travel-size** toiletries. The churches make up bags and only the travel-size toiletries fit.



FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF OUR ELDERLY, NURSING HOME RESIDENTS, AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS - we are beginning a new ministry called "An Hour of Kindness." We will be sending greeting cards to our elderly, our nursing home residents, and our homebound parishioners several times throughout the year. Please call the parish office at 570-636-3035 or send an email to

secretary@ourladyfreeland.org to make sure that we have your friend, neighbor, or loved one's correct address and also his/her birthday so that a card can be sent on their special day. Let's make sure no one is forgotten!



AN HOUR OF KINDNESS is the name of our newest ministry. This ministry is dedicated to remembering our elderly, nursing home residents, and homebound parishioners several times throughout the year, such as Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, and also on their birthdays. We will be signing and addressing "thinking of you" and



also birthday cards at our first meeting. If you would like to become part of this new ministry, please come to the rectory on Saturday, August 24th, at 9:00 AM. Spend an "Hour of Kindness" with us!