

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 4, 2019

## † MASS INTENTIONS †

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
Mon.	8/5	7:00 PM	Mary Voystock Chulock by Her Children
Tue.	8/6	7:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Charnigo and Lapchak Families by John and Kathleen Feschuk
Wed.	8/7		<b>NO MASS</b>
Thur.	8/8	7:00 AM	James Breznitsky by His Wife Fran and Sons and Family
Fri.	8/9	7:00 AM	Susan Myers by Joan Sando, Robert and Cindy Myers, and Patricia Myers
Sat.	8/10	4:00 PM	Mike Bobby by His Wife Pat and Family
Sun.	8/11	11:00 AM	Corrine and Edward Dwyer by Their Daughter Angie



### Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,670.00; Loose \$163.00; Dues \$781.00; Care and Education of Priests \$25.00; Feast of the Assumption \$10.00; Poor Box \$206.49

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of David and Helen Mahon by Their children.



**MEMORIAL DONATION** of \$25.00 was made in Memory of Walter Suchosky by Kimberly and David Medash.



**BACKPACKS FOR OUR SCHOOL KIDS IN NEED** - Please bring all backpacks to the altar or to the church office no later than next Sunday, August 11th, so Father Mike can bless them on Monday, August 12th, and we can organize them for pickup on Saturday, August 17th.



**FOOD PANTRY DONATION** for August is salad dressing, ketchup, and mustard. The next distribution will be Tuesday, September 27th.



**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.



**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.



This is an historic weekend.....some 8 months after the announcement from Bishop Bambara that good Shepherd and Immaculate Conception will be linked, it is about to happen. For the last two months, the Transition Team has met and everything is in place. But like a Neophyte becoming a Catholic on Holy Saturday, it is the beginning. I look forward to a future where both parishes celebrate their past and adapt to the future. Immaculate Conception folks will go to the Good Shepherd events and vice versa. You see LINKAGE is more than just sharing a pastor; it's about sharing ourselves with others. I encourage you to be open to, not just the new Mass schedule, but to all the things coming down the pike over the next few weeks, months, and years. Linkage links people!

### A VIEW FROM THE PEW - ANGRY



**ANGER!** It seems we are surrounded by it; anger in our politics, on our streets, homes, and unfortunately even in our churches. Some of this anger can be justified, but for the most part it can't. Change is a hard thing to accept, but the anger that follows often leads to regret from what was said. I found a quote which will give us a better perspective and hopefully turn the temperature down just a notch. "My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring the righteous life that God desires." James 1:19-20. This is logical and great advice but hard to put into practice due to something Father Mattey often referred to - "our human condition."

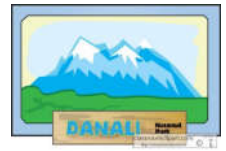


Baptism Preparation

**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.



**PARISH CRUISE TO ALASKA** meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 21st, at 6:00 PM in the parish basement. Come learn about joining Father Mike on an adventure exploring beautiful, scenic Alaska.



**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](mailto: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!

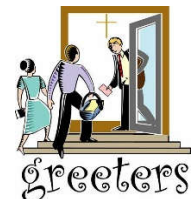
**GREETING CARD COLLECTION** - Do you have packages of greeting cards that you received from various organizations in the mail that you won't be using? Before you discard them, please consider donating them to our new **HOUR OF KINDNESS** ministry. The cards can be for any occasion. We will be sending "thinking of you", birthday, valentine's day, Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas cards throughout the year. If you do have unused cards and would like to donate them to our new ministry, you can drop them off in the parish office from 9:00 AM to noon Monday through Thursday or put them in the back sacristy with Janet's name on them. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity!



**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 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** - This week begins our new mass schedule. You will notice that at each of the three main entrances, extraordinary ministers and lectors were waiting to greet and welcome you to our parish. This is the beginning of



our new ministry of Greeters and Welcomers. As you encounter our Greeters, please 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.



**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!



**TRIP OF A LIFETIME:** You are invited to participate in a "Classic Austria and Germany Pilgrimage" being sponsored by saint John Bosco Church and the Knights of Columbus Council 8613. It will be held Sep 22 - Oct 2, 2020. A complete brochure will be sent to you by calling Tom Pandolfi at 973-943-3152 or Fr. Ric Polmounter at 570-788-1997, Ext. 4. A valid passport is required.



## **Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor**

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551).

Aviso al Respecto de Reportar el Abuso Sexual de Un Menor de Edad Es la norma de la Diócesis de Scranton reportar cualquier alegación de abuso sexual de un menor de edad a las autoridades. Si usted es una víctima de abuso sexual cometido por un sacerdote, diácono, religioso o empleado laico, o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton, usted está obligado a reportar el asunto inmediatamente a las autoridades de la ley. Si algún sacerdote, diácono, religioso, empleado laico o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton tiene sospecha de que un menor de edad ha sido sujeto a cualquier forma de abuso, incluyendo abuso sexual de menor de edad, el asunto será reportado a las autoridades de la ley. Es la norma de la Diócesis defender todas las regulaciones civiles y del estado. Al fin de que la Diócesis esté comprometida igualmente a defender las normas del Código de Derecho Canónico y defender los principios de la Carta Para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos), lo cual incluye apoyar a las víctimas de abuso sexual en pos del bienestar emocional y espiritual. Por eso, información respecto a una alegación del asunto sexual de un menor de edad, debe ser reportada a la Coordinadora Diocesana de Asistencia para Las Víctimas, Mary Beth Pacuska, a (570-862-7551).