MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 8/5  4:00 PM  Donna Andrews by Dr. John and Melissa Della Croce and Friends
Sun. 8/6  7:30 AM  Frank & Dorothy Lutz and Linda & Michael Roth by Brian Lutz & Family
        10:30 AM  For the People
Mon. 8/7  9:00 AM  Televised Mass  Dorothy Croshaw by Cheryl Turri
        7:00 PM  John Amentler by M/M Joseph Chuckra
Tue. 8/8  7:00 AM  Eleanor, Francis, Elizabeth, & Michael Pingar by M/M Richard Dudinyak
Wed. 8/9  NO MASS
Thur. 8/10  7:00 AM  Mary Ann Reczkowski by Seth and Rose Wheeland and Geraldine Gordan
Fri. 8/11  7:00 AM  Deceased Members of the Lottie (Bartosevich) & Peter Fatula Families by
                    Their Families
Sat. 8/12  4:00 PM  Margie Serock by Her Sisters Anna and Helen
Sun. 8/13  7:30 AM  Deceased Members of the Kopczynskie Families by Anna Marie and Family
                    10:30 AM  For the People

Last Weekend:

Sunday $3,957.91; Dues $637; Care and Education of Priests $25.00;
Missions $1,729.75; Catholic Relief $629.00; Poor Box $194.50

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend is for the Catholic Relief Services.

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Lucille Tarilla by Her Sister Mary Ann

LEGION OF MARY meets every Thursday at 1:00 PM in the church basement.
Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this honoring of our Blessed Mother.

BUS TRIP TO RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SHOW featuring the Rockettes on Friday,
November 10th. Cost is $90 and payment is due by Sunday, August 27th. Seating will be
assigned as payment is received. For more information, contact Mary Lloyd at 570-578-6720.

WEDDING OF THE SEA bus trip on Tuesday, August 15th, will leave at 7:30 AM from
in front of the church and will leave the casino at 6:30 PM. Any questions, please call
Mary Lloyd at 570-578-6720.

BACKPACKS FOR OUR SCHOOL KIDS IN NEED - Anyone who would like to
donate a backpack filled with school supplies for the needy children in our
Freeland community, please place it on the altar steps by the organ. We are
still very much in need of backpacks and supplies. We have 125 children
registered. Distribution will be Saturday, August 19th, from 9:00 till Noon in the
church basement.

ALTAR AND ROSARY MEETING - Wednesday, August 15th, at 6:00 PM in the church basement.
This is a VERY IMPORTANT MEETING. ALL MEMBERS SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO
ATTEND.

DISNEY TRIP UPDATE: There are still a few spots left on our parish Disney Trip. The dates are:
January 18 to January 25, 2018. The minimum cost is $1,500.00 which includes airfare, 7-day park
hopper, hotel on Disney property, and a 2-snack meal plan. Other upgrades are available. Leave your
name and phone number at the office (570-636-3035) and Fr. Mike will get back to you.
Greetings from the Pastor…

As you look around the parish, you will see some changes. Outside the church you will see new sidewalks. As you came into the church, your feet stepped on new church flooring. Sit down and you’ll be able to see a little better because of the new LED lighting (which is saving us a great deal of money). Look up to the skylight and you’ll see new fans that helped bring the church temperature down 10 degrees in the summer and make our heat more efficient in the winter. As the Word of God is proclaimed, you can hear it better because of the new sound system. The altar has new frontals. The grounds are filled with flowers and provide an inviting place to just sit. The new skylight will be replaced within a week or two - the old one was the original and was leaking. These are all external changes to help make our house of worship more inviting. As we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration, I ask you: how are you changing on the inside?

A VIEW FROM THE PEW, ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

"ChurchPop," an article I found in the National Catholic Register, had an interesting title, “6 Saints That Just Would Not Die”. I just picked out one saint’s story to share with you, St. John the Apostle. He is considered the same person as John the Evangelist, John of Patmos and the Beloved Disciple. Early Church tradition tells us that St. John was the last Apostle to die, probably around A.D. 95, he died of old age. The other 10 apostles died martyrs: St. John was also arrested and sentenced to death for his faith. He was to be plunged into boiling oil in front of a crowd at the Coliseum. When the Romans plunged him into the oil he was not burned at all, in fact he wasn’t affected at all. The story goes when the crowd saw this they all converted to Christianity. Naturally the Roman authorities were not too happy so they banished him to the island of Patmos were he wrote the last book of the New Testament, Revelation. Amazing!

FOOD PANTRY donation for August is paper products, which includes paper towels, paper plates, napkins, toilet paper. The next distribution will be on Tuesday, August 22nd. Volunteers are needed to help unload the truck at 1:00 PM. Packing bags is at 1:30 PM; distribution is 3:30 PM.

The Greater Hazleton Polonaise Society is conducting a trip to Washington, DC. Bus leaves at 6:30AM on September 12th from Genetti’s parking lot in Hazleton. You will tour St. John Paul II’s Shrine, attend Mass at the Shrine at noon, and then visit the Basilica of the Shrine of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. The price is $60.00 which includes a buffet supper at Mountain Gate Retreat upon leaving Washington. There will also be a breakfast stop at your expense at Pine Grove. For reservations call Joann at 570-636-2756 or Michalene at 570-454-3124 by August 27th.

BOLD CHOICES RETREAT (Finding Your Passion and Living It Fully) - Join us for a young adult (18 and over) retreat at Saint Gabriel’s Retreat Center, Clarks Summit, August 18th - 19th. The 24-hour retreat will include presentations and interactive sessions on prayer, making choices based in faith, finding your passion, the art of discernment, small group discussion and more. The cost is $65.00. For more information and/or to register, visit www.scrantonvocations.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Our Annual Chicken/Halupki Dinner will be on Sunday, October 1st,