

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 11, 2019

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	8/10	4:00 PM	Karenlynn Moyer Witchen by Ken and Jean Wenner
Sun.	8/11	11:00 AM	Mike Bobby by His Wife Pat and Family
Mon.	8/12	9:00 AM	Televised Mass: Father Matthey by Jim and Michalene Eisenhart
		7:00 PM	Albert Petrusky, Jr. by Gloria
Tue.	8/13	7:00 AM	David and Helen Mahon by Their Children
Wed.	8/14	7:00 PM	Vigil of the Assumption Andrew Blasko, Jr. by His Sister Paula
Thur.	8/15	7:00 AM	Feast of the Assumption Peter and Stella Amentler by Their Children Janet and John Amentler
Fri.	8/16	7:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Evanochick Family by the Capozzelli Family
Sat.	8/17	4:00 PM	Lillian Strohl by Her Husband Oscar
Sun.	8/18	11:00 AM	Mary Kopczynskie by Henry and Dan Kopczynskie



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$2,821.00; Loose \$121.00; Dues \$502.00; Care and Education of Priests \$474.00; Feast of the Assumption \$52.00; Poor Box \$135.34

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Norman, Elsie, and Cheryl Kleckner by Marla and Family



Meeting
Reminder

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING is on Monday, August 12th, in the rectory after the 7:00 PM mass. Please make sure you have the Advent readings for this meeting. Advent readings are available in the parish office and also in the sacristy by the ramp entrance.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION is taking place now. Forms are available in the parish office. Orientation for families of all grades is **Sunday, September 8th at 9:30 AM** in the church.



BACKPACKS FOR OUR SCHOOL KIDS IN NEED are due this weekend. If you forgot your backpack, please call the parish office and let us know when you are bringing it. Father Mike will bless the backpacks on Monday, August 12th, and they will be picked up on Saturday, August 17th.



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE at our 3 local parishes is 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Bulletins for our parish are available at Good Shepherd for those who attend mass there. Ours are white with blue print; Good Shepherd's are white with green print. They are available at the front and side entrances after each of the weekend masses. Bulletins are also available online at www.ourladyfreeland.org





I am still a Boy Scout and proud of it. I learned over 50 years ago when I became a Boy Scout to **be prepared**. It was a life lesson learned young and it has served me well over the years. This weekend's Gospel encourages us to be prepared "...for an hour we do not know, when the Lord will come." Maybe as you read this, you're asking yourself the question: How prepared am I for the end? And you know I'm not talking about life insurance, but ETERNAL life insurance. If the Lord called you home today, would you be ready? This Gospel challenges us to be prepared for His call. When was the last time you celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)? In this mid-summer time, we may forget to make time for this "preparation" sacrament. Will you join me in the confessional?



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 sometimes 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 Matthey often referred to - "our human condition."

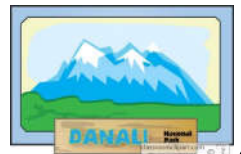


Baptism Preparation

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.



GREETING CARD COLLECTION - If you have packages of greeting cards that you received from various organizations that you won't be using, please consider donating them to our new **HOUR OF KINDNESS** ministry. The cards can be for any occasion. 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!



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 through-out 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!





THE WOMEN OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD will meet this, 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 is right there.)



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.



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





OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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August, 2019

Dear Friends,

This month marks one year since the Pennsylvania Grand Jury report was released, exposing inappropriate past actions of Church leaders here in the Diocese of Scranton and beyond. I understand that many of you are still shocked, angered and disappointed over the uncomfortable and unsettling issues that were raised. My heart continues to break for those who have suffered abuse and I once again apologize for the sorrow and pain that they and their families have suffered. I apologize as well to all of you for the breach of trust that you have had to endure as a result of the actions and cover up by some members of the clergy in our Church. There is simply no place in a civilized society for the abuse of children – and certainly not within our Church.

Words, however, are never enough. Since August 2018, the Diocese of Scranton has continued to build upon past efforts and taken new steps to keep our children safe and restore your trust in the Church. From publicly releasing a list of credibly accused individuals, to holding listening sessions in many of our parishes, establishing the Independent Survivors Compensation Fund and continuing to mandate background checks and training programs for all clergy, employees and volunteers, we are doing everything in our power to prevent future cases of abuse and provide support for survivors. While you can find additional steps we've taken to keep children safe on our Diocesan website (www.dioceseofscranton.org), that doesn't change the heartbreaking events of the past.

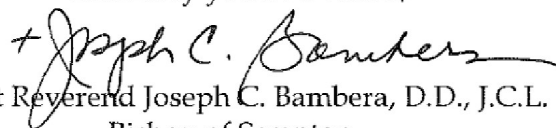
Since I became Bishop in 2010, I have made it a priority to improve how we handle allegations of abuse. The safety and security of children is our primary concern. If allegations of abuse arise, I have acted swiftly, transparently and appropriately.

Yet, we must all work together to help our Church heal and to move forward in a positive way. The mission of bringing the life and love of Jesus into the lives of God's people is a task entrusted to each one of us. The work of healing our Church is no different. As a Church, we must recognize the burden of what has happened and continue to encourage anyone who may be a survivor of abuse to come forward.

Last month, as I gathered with members of our young Church at the annual *Light the Fire Youth Rally*, I shared with them a message I saw on social media which asked young Catholics why they stay in the Church given these troubling times. The question received more than one thousand replies – and not surprisingly -- a majority of the answers were the same. As we continue to confront the difficult realities of the past, so many of you have stayed in our Church because of what we find – good people of faith, whose hearts are filled with the Spirit – the living Word of God – and the sacramental life that culminates in the Eucharist, the very presence of Jesus given to us for our life, salvation and peace. May Jesus' presence in our midst continue to guide our efforts as we move forward.

Thank you and God bless.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
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