

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 18, 2019

† MASS INTENTIONS †

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
Mon.	8/19	7:00 PM	Lillian Strohl by Her Husband Oscar
Tue.	8/20	7:00 AM	Joseph Delese by His Sister and Brothers
Wed.	8/21		NO MASS
Thur.	8/22	7:00 AM	Katie Starruick by M/M Paul Thomas
Fri.	8/23	7:00 AM	Joe and Agnes Falatko by Their Children and Grandchildren
Sat.	8/24	4:00 PM	Joseph Cukauskas, Sr. by Janet Richie
Sun.	8/25	11:00 AM	Robert and Jean Iorio by Their Daughters Susan, Janet, and Ruth



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,482.50; Loose \$173.00; Dues \$1,072.00; Care and Education of Priests \$211.00; Assumption \$48.00; Poor Box \$106.10

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Joseph Delese by His Sister and Brothers



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MEMORIAL DONATION of \$100.00 was made in Memory of Lawrence and Joann Corrigan by Donald and Kelly Walters.

*** IMPORTANT MEETINGS THIS WEEK!!! ***

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.



HOUR OF KINDNESS MINISTRY will hold its first meeting on Saturday, August 24th, at 9:00 AM in the rectory. We will be signing and addressing "thinking of you" and birthday cards for our elderly and our homebound parishioners. Please use the Chestnut Street entrance.

FAITH FORMATION TEACHER MEETING will be held on Saturday, August 24th, at noon in the rectory. Please use the Chestnut Street 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. Classes for the Little Lamb Society will begin on **Sunday, September 8th at 10:45 AM** and **Sunday, September 15th, from 9:45 to 10:45 AM** for all other grades.



FOOD PANTRY DONATION for August is salad dressing, ketchup, and mustard. The next distribution will be Tuesday, September 24th.





This weekends' Lukan Gospel asks us to ready for the e End Times. You see the first century church (that is those who knew Jesus first-hand) believed that Jesus' return was immanent, in their life-time. So, Luke tells us to get ready for the New Kingdom, the Kingdom of God! Here we are, almost 2000 years later and we're still waiting. I ask you to ponder this: maybe Jesus wants us to build up this kingdom on earth (and I'm not talking about money and buildings). The kingdom on earth is a place where we put aside prejudice, hate, judgment and discord and replace it with acceptance, love, joy and harmony. In light of last weekends' tragedies in Texas and Ohio, maybe we need to do a better job with the kingdom on earth before we get to the Kingdom of God! What do you think?



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, JOY.

Acronyms, what would texting be without them. How about a few with religious connotations. **BIBLE**, **B**asic **I**nstructions **B**efore **L**eaving **E**arth, cute and just one of many if you just spend some time on the internet. But there is one that could explain Christ's message for us in three letters, **JOY**, **J**esus **O**thers **Y**ourself. If we focus our lives on **J**esus, treat **O**thers with love and respect, and put less emphasis on **Y**ourself, we would be following in the footsteps of Christ. We would find that true **JOY** the world is so desperately seeking! **OMG**.... Imagine that!!



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.

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!



ADDRESSES AND BIRTHDAYS - 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. You can call for yourself as well! Let's make sure no one is forgotten!



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.





***** UPCOMING EVENTS *****

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

DEVOTIONAL EVENING TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA will take place on Friday, September 13th, at 7:00 PM in our parish. More details will be forthcoming in future bulletins.

A HEALING MASS will be celebrated on Monday, October 7th, at our regularly scheduled Monday 7:00 PM mass time.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT will be back again this year by popular demand. It will take place on Sunday, December 8th, in the Parish Center. More details will be forthcoming in future bulletins.



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.



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 Polmouter at 570-788-1997, Ext. 4. A valid passport is required.

