

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 20, 2017

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	8/19	4:00 PM	50 th Anniversary of Joseph and Jean Rudawski
Sun.	8/20	7:30 AM	Jean & Robert Iorio by Their Daughters Susan, Janet, & Ruth
		10:30 AM	Rocco Lutz by His Family
Mon.	8/21	6:00 PM	Stephen Kloton by His Family
		7:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Evanochick Family by Their Family
Tue.	8/22	7:00 AM	John Lutinsky, Jr. by John Nonnemacher
Wed.	8/23		NO MASS
Thur.	8/24	7:00 AM	Catherine LaPorte by Mary Ann McGeehan
Fri.	8/25	7:00 AM	Alexander Mason by Toni and Family
Sat.	8/26	4:00 PM	Lillian Strohl by Cheryl Turri
Sun.	8/27	7:30 AM	Mary Kopczynskie and the Intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Henry and Dan Kopczynskie
		10:30 AM	For the People



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,850.15; Dues \$3,381.00; Care and Education of Priests \$31.00; Catholic Relief \$357.00; Assumption \$148.00; Church in Europe \$10.00; Catholic Home Mission \$15.00; Poor Box \$187.91

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend is for the Church in Eastern Europe Including Collection for the Church in Lithuania, Poland, and Slovakia.

50th
Anniversary

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR THIS WEEK
are in Celebration of the 50th Anniversary
of Jean and Joe Rudawski
by Janet and Stephen Croshaw



The mass on Monday, August 21st, at 6:00 PM is a mass of remembrance for Father Kloton's deceased father, Stephen Kloton. This mass is in honor of what would have been his 100th birthday. Please remember Stephen Kloton in your prayers.

SINCERE THANKS to everyone who purchased a backpack or made a donation. We distributed about 125 backpacks to the needy children in our community. The looks on the children's faces were priceless. They were so excited to have the same supplies their classmates will have. Their parents thanked us again and again for your kindness and generosity. The Messengers of Hope want to thank all of you for helping us to fulfill Pope Francis' challenge to help the needy. Special thanks to those who helped organize and distribute the backpacks.

SAVE THE DATE: Our Annual Chicken/Halupki Dinner will be on Sunday, October 1st.

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...

I know we all get this weekend's Gospel about the power of FAITH. This non-Jewish woman asked that her possessed daughter be healed, and Jesus granted her request. What I want to focus on is the reaction of Jesus' disciples. They failed to hear the fright in her voice and had no compassion for her. She was a woman and a non-Jew. Remember, women in Jesus' day had no equal rights. The disciples judged her and were not about to allow her to "bother the teacher anymore." I know a miracle occurred when Jesus cured the woman's daughter. I wonder if a miracle took place with the disciples. Jesus worked for years with his followers and challenged them to see things differently. Jesus saw a woman in need; the disciples only saw a woman who was a pest. The same challenge is there for all of us today to not judge, but to show compassion.



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 where 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, Aug 22nd. Volunteers needed to 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.



The Oblate of St. Joseph Fathers will hold the annual Triduum and Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. **The Triduum** (three days of prayers) will be held on September 1-2-3 at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin, with a Mass at 7:00PM, followed by special prayers to St. Joseph for workers and the unemployed. Confessions and the Holy Rosary will precede the Mass.

CCD TEACHER ASSISTANT MEETING will be held on August 26th at 11AM in the rectory.

ALTAR FRONTALS - You may noticed new Frontals on the altar, tabernacle and the lectern. We were able to procure three sets: green, white and purple - one for each liturgical season. If you are interested in donating one set or a portion of each set in memory of a loved one, please contact the parish office at 570-636-3035.