

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BULLETIN TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 23, 2020

## † MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	8/22	4:00 PM	Elaine and Jackie Brogan by Sarah, Jay, and Stella
Sun.	8/23	11:00 AM	Joe Baran by His Mother, Brothers, and Family
Mon.	8/24	7:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Evanochick Family by the Capozzelli Family
Tue.	8/25	7:00 AM	Hannah Solarek by Her Sister Anna Marie and Family
Wed.	8/26	7:00 AM	Father Richard Zavacki by the Money Counters
Thur.	8/27	7:00 AM	Mary Kopczynskie by Henry and Dan Kopczynskie
Fri.	8/28	7:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Charnigo and Lapchak Families by John and Kathy Feschuk
Sat.	8/29	4:00 PM	Dave and Helen Mahon by Their Family
Sun.	8/30	11:00 AM	Stephanie Delese by Her Family



### Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,118.00; Loose \$292.00; Dues \$1,747.00; Care and Education of Priests \$78.00; Assumption \$303.00; Holy Father \$100.00; Holy Land Sanctuary \$100.00; Catholic Communications \$100.00; Rice Bowl \$100.00; Catholic Relief \$100.00; Catholic Home Mission \$100.00; Easter \$80.00; Poor Box \$428.08

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of Hannah Solarek by Her Sister Anna Marie and Family.



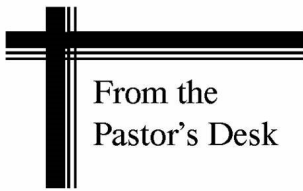
**SANCTUARY LAMP** is burning this week in Memory of James Cosgrove, Sr. and Sean Cosgrove by Their Family.

**IN-PERSON BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES** will be resuming following protocols established by Diocesan, State of Pennsylvania, and CDC guidelines. Our next Baptismal Preparation Class with Deacon Jim will be held on **Tuesday, September 22nd**, at Immaculate Conception in the parish hall in the basement of the church and on **Thursday, September 24th**, at Good Shepherd in the Saint Joseph room. This class is **MANDATORY** for **ALL** parents wishing to baptize their children. Please register by calling the parish office of Immaculate Conception at 570-636-3035 or Good Shepherd at 570-788-3141. All persons attending the classes must wear face masks. Baptisms will have a limit of 25 persons. Social distancing must be observed.



**FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION** letters have gone out in the mail. This letter contains very important information as to how classes will be conducted and also the schedule of classes. If you haven't received your letter and registration form, please contact the church office at 570-636-3035 or stop in during regular hours (Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM) as soon as possible. You can also access this information on the parish website [www.ourladyfreeland.org](http://www.ourladyfreeland.org)

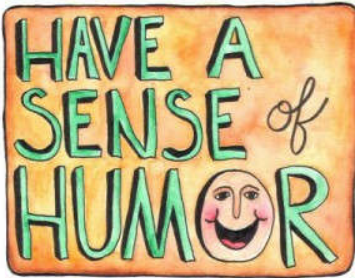




### A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MIKE:

This weekend we see Jesus asking a very special question to the Apostles: "Who do YOU say I am?" Jesus wanted to know if the Apostles "got it." He has been with them almost 3 years. The Apostles saw Him minister on a daily basis by curing the sick and raising folks from the dead (Lazarus and the widow's only son). He prayed with them and traveled with them. After all this time, He just wanted to make sure. Fortunately, the right answer came from Peter: "You are the Christ, the son of the Living God!" So, are you sitting? Jesus wants to know if YOU really understand who HE is. We've been through nearly 6 months of a pandemic. Things have changed and some things will never be the same again. It is so important that you know the right answer as Peter did. It will help you get through this most difficult time.

### A VIEW FROM THE PEW, PRAY FOR GOOD HUMOR.



"From there to here, and here to there, funny things are everywhere!" Dr. Seuss. Ok, I know what you're thinking, the guy writing this piece has gone mad! But I think one of the problems in our country is that we have stopped looking for things to laugh about. All we do now is look for things to complain about and stomp our feet if they are not corrected. We are truly afraid to laugh at ourselves. Pope Francis said, "A bit of good humor is very good for us! It will do us much good to pray St. Thomas Moore's prayer frequently: I pray it every day, and it helps me." I think we should take the Pope's advice.

Prayer for Good Humor by St Thomas Moore:

Grant me, O Lord, Good digestion, and also something to digest. Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humor to maintain it. Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place. Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called "I". Grant me, O Lord, a sense of humor. Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others." A little less "I", and a little more laughter will make it easier "to put things back in their place."

**PARKING LOT MASS** - On **Saturday September 5th**, we will hold a parking lot mass in the parking lot at **Good Shepherd Church at 9:30 AM**. Folks may remain in their cars during the mass. You will tune into a specific frequency on your car radio to listen to the Mass. You may also bring your own chair and sit up by the altar, which will be under the canopy in the front of the church. Communion will be distributed. We are encouraging all to consider coming to this Mass. We especially encourage the elderly who feel uncomfortable coming into the church to be a part of this Grand Celebration. If you have any questions, you may call the parish office at Immaculate Conception at 570-636-3035 or the Good Shepherd Parish office at 570-788-3141 during regular hours. Looking forward to seeing you at Mass on Saturday, September 5th at 9:30 AM in the parking lot of Good Shepherd.

