

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 25, 2019

† MASS INTENTIONS †

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| 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 |
| Mon. | 8/26 | 7:00 PM | Michael Delese by His Sister and Brothers |
| Tue. | 8/27 | 7:00 AM | Katie Starruick by Pauline Stefanick |
| Wed. | 8/28 | | NO MASS |
| Thur. | 8/29 | 7:00 AM | Thomas Kolenda by Frances Breznitsky |
| Fri. | 8/30 | 7:00 AM | Elenita Kloton by the Money Counters |
| Sat. | 8/31 | 4:00 PM | Jack and Elaine Brogan by Jay, Sarah, and Stella |
| Sun. | 9/1 | 11:00 AM | Rose and John Iacurci by Their Daughter Joan |



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,303.00; Loose \$181.00; Dues \$2,551.00; Care and Education of Priests \$46.50; Feast of the Assumption \$750.00; Poor Box \$75.00

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



SINCERE THANKS to everyone who participated in our "Backpacks for Kids in Need." So many of you were so very generous with your donations of backpacks, supplies, and monetary donations. We Messengers of Hope have become a fixture in Walmart buying back-to-school supplies. When people see our loaded carts, they will often ask is if we are teachers or if we just have a lot of children. It is always our pleasure to tell them that we are purchasing them from the generous parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish in Freeland for the needy children in our community. More often than not, we leave them hearing "God bless those people!" And when the parents and their children pick up the backpacks, so many ask God to bless you for making their struggles a little lighter. So, God bless you all for your wonderful kindness and generosity to those in need! You are truly answering Jesus' call to care for the least of His brothers and sisters. And sincere thanks to the Messengers of Hope for buying, donating, organizing, carrying, and distributing the backpacks: Jane Decowski, Gene Dellacroce, Angie Dwyer, John Sabo, Cheryl Turri, Sally and Les Shupp, and Steve Croshaw. We could NEVER do it without you!!



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 10:15 AM** in the church. Please note that this is a change in time. **Meeting for the parents of the Confirmation students is at 10:30 AM in the rectory.** Little Lamb Society will begin on **Sunday, September 8th at 10:45 AM** and **Sunday, September 15th, from 9:30 to 10:45 AM** for all other grades. ***** Please note this change of time for classes.*****



DEVOTIONAL EVENING TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA will take place on Friday, September 13th, at 6:00 PM. Come join us for a Marian evening with the Rosary, prayers and songs.



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.





The image of the narrow gate in this weekend's reading would be familiar to the folks in Jesus' time. Large buildings were erected, but the doors to them were small, designed to keep out marauders. Only a select few, the righteous, could come in. The last few weeks, the Gospels have challenged us to be prepared and ready for the end time (Jesus is making His way to Jerusalem where the Passion will take place). As we wind-down our summer, ask yourself these questions: Have I been faithful to Mass all summer long? Have I celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)? Have I been faithful to daily prayer, or have I "taken the summer off"? The school year will begin this month for most of our young people and most are excited about a new beginning (and I suspect a few parents are ready for the kids to go back). I challenge all of you to get a fresh start to the "new school" year by getting your souls prepared. Come to Confession! You know you need to!



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!



GREETERS AND WELCOMERS -Are you a friendly person? Please consider that being a greeter 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.



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

