

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 26, 2018

† **MASS INTENTIONS** †

Sat.	8/25	4:00 PM	Lillian Strohl by Her Husband Oscar
Sun.	8/26	7:30 AM	Mary Kopczynskie by Henry Kopczynskie and Family
		10:30 AM	Jack and Elaine Brogan by Jay, Sarah, and Stella
Mon.	8/27	7:00 PM	Alexander Mason by Toni and Family
Tue.	8/28	7:00 AM	Helen Molino by Her Husband Renato
Wed.	8/29		NO MASS
Thur.	8/30	7:00 AM	Agnes Brogan by Mark and Maureen and Family
Fri.	8/31	7:00 AM	Robert and Jean Iorio by Their Daughters Susan, Janet, and Ruth
Sat.	9/1	4:00 PM	Thomas Ferko by Mrs. James Breznitsky
Sun.	9/2	7:30 AM	Rose and John Iacurci by Their Daughter Joan
		10:30 AM	For the People



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,878.33; Dues \$2,481.00; Care and Education of Priests \$18.00; Feast of the Assumption \$887.00; Poor Box \$301.87

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend is for the Care and Education of Priests.

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of James Breznitsky by His Wife and Sons



Food Pantry Needs

FOOD PANTRY DONATION for August is JELLO and pudding snack cups for children's lunches as they go back to school. The next distribution is Tuesday, August 28th.

TOILETRIES FOR THE HOMELESS are still being collected in the tubs in the back and side entrance of the church. We will continue our collection throughout the month of September. All toiletries will be distributed to the homeless in our area communities through the Catholic churches in Hazleton.



ST. JOHN BOSCO TRIP TO SEE "JESUS" at Sight and Sound in Lancaster is Tuesday, April 26, 2019. The cost is \$123.00 which includes the show, lunch, and dinner at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. For reservations contact Marie at 570-455-3814.



The events of the last couple of weeks within the Catholic Church are beyond imagination. There are so many that were (and are) hurt by the actions of our clergy. As your pastor, I offer my name to the long list of those who have apologized for the horrific actions and deeds of the past. Some will accept this apology and others will not - I get it. Justifiable anger, deep hurt and utter disgust are just a few of the emotions going through folks' minds. I am asking you to put aside any negative feelings and focus on the victims. Those abused need to know that you are there for them. Those abused who are still afraid to come forward need understanding. It is the abused for whom we need YOU to be there. With this being said, I offer this: The church will survive - it has for over 200 years. People of faith will weather the storm. Some will walk away from the church. I ask that we put aside our hurt and anger and pray that we learn from our mistakes and move forward. PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, SAINTLY ADVICE

"Put up willingly with the faults of others if you wish others to put up with yours." St. John Bosco

STEWARDSHIP: A MISSION OF FAITH invites you to join Fr. Michael Gaitley, Jason Evert, Christopher West, Damon Owens, Msgr. John Esseff, Marty Rotella, Devin Schadt, Mark Forrest, Megan Murphy, Bishop Alfred Schlert and many more, for an adult conference this fall. The event will be held on Wednesday, September 19th and Thursday, September 20th. One and two-day tickets are available. The conference will be held in Elizabethtown, PA, at the beautiful Stone Gables Estates which features the historic Star Barn Village and Ironstone Ranch (www.stonegablesestate.com). In between the 6 keynote talks, 24 workshops, daily Mass and evening adoration, you can enjoy 275 acres of God's creation including horseback riding, wagon rides, campfires, an outdoor stations of the cross, Marian grotto, vineyard and more! For complete information, visit us at www.stewardshipmission.org and click on the Fall Conference link. We'll see YOU in September!

LET'S CELEBRATE SR. JANE! Sr. Jane will be retiring from the parish of St. Patrick's after 20 years of ministry. Sr. Jane does not want a big celebration, but rather a simple gathering after each Mass this weekend. Her dream is to make this occasion an opportunity to bring us all together as a family. The gatherings will be on Saturday, August 25th, after the 6:00 PM mass and on Sunday, August 26th, after the 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM masses. If you would like to attend and wish Sr. Jane well on her retirement, you would be most welcome and your well-wishes would be most appreciated.

The next Charismatic Mass and Healing Service at St. John Bosco Church, Conyngham will be held Thursday, September 20th at 7 PM. Fr. Gus Riccardi will preside and Sue Shaw will begin her music ministry at 6:45 PM. Refreshments will be available afterward in Room 3.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Within the next few weeks, a stand will be placed in the vestibule of the church with a book where you will be able to write your personal petitions. These petitions will then be prayed for during every mass at Immaculate Conception during our Intercessory Prayer with the statement: "We pray for all the needs of the members of our parish community especially those listed in our Petition Book." It is also asked that you remember these petitions in your own daily personal prayer.

Although the book is intended for your personal petitions, we do ask that since this book is available to the public that you use proper judgment when listing a petition in order to keep individuals' privacy intact. For example, instead of saying: "I pray for John Smith to get a job", you could say: "I pray for my friend to find employment." This allows individuals the dignity of their privacy while giving them the opportunity to have the community pray for them.

TRIDUUM AND FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER - 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 August 31 and September 1st and 2nd at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin, (Pittston) with a Mass at **7:00PM**, followed by special prayers to St. Joseph. Confessions and the Holy Rosary will precede the Mass. **The Feast** will be celebrated on Labor Day, Monday, September 3rd with a Solemn Mass at **11:00AM**. Serving as celebrant and homilist will be Bishop John M. Dougherty, D.D. auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Scranton. The special intentions for the Triduum celebration include: *for all employed and unemployed, for students, teachers, administrators, and staff, for peace and prosperity in our families, for peace in the World, and for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life to serve Jesus' Church.* For more information, contact the OSJ seminary office at 570-654-7542.

The Diocese of Scranton offers compassionate counseling in a safe, comfortable environment where your privacy is always respected. Counseling is about self-discovery and can be used for personal growth or when distressing conditions exist and you need a bit of extra support. Help is available. Anyone who struggles with anxiety, depression, grief and loss, life transitions or a variety of emotional or psychological conditions is welcome. Catholic Social Services accepts Medicaid plans and some insurance plans. Counseling is made affordable for everyone. For more information or to make an appointment, call (570) 207-2283.

La Diócesis de Scranton ofrece consejería compasiva en un ambiente seguro y cómodo donde siempre se respeta su privacidad. La consejería se trata de autodescubrimiento y puede usarse para el crecimiento personal o cuando existen condiciones angustiantes y necesita un poco de apoyo adicional, hay ayuda disponible. Cualquiera que tenga problemas de ansiedad, depresión, dolor y pérdida, transiciones de vida o una variedad de condiciones emocionales o psicológicas es bienvenido. Catholic Social Services acepta planes de Medicaid y algunos planes de seguro. La consejería se hace asequible para todos. Para obtener más información o para programar una cita, llame al (570) 207-2283.