

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 27, 2017

		†	MASS INTENTIONS	†
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	
Mon.	8/28	7:00 PM	Mary Karlick by the Family of Susan Myers	
Tue.	8/29	7:00 AM	Kathleen Leichtman by Bob and Wanda Schmitt	
Wed.	8/30		NO MASS	
Thur.	8/31	7:00 AM	Irene Lapchak by John and Kathy Feschuk	
Fri.	9/1	7:00 AM	Jennie Faella by her Daughter Alice	
Sat.	9/2	4:00 PM	Jack and Elaine Brogan by Jay and Sarah Brogan	
Sun.	9/3	7:30 AM	Joseph and Anna Falatko by Their Daughter Anna and Family	
		10:30 AM	For the People	



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,829.00; Dues \$720.00; Care and Education of Priests \$18.00; Catholic Relief \$11.00; Feast of the Assumption \$859.00; Church in Europe \$40.00; Poor Box \$243.86

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Our Annual Chicken/Halupki Dinner will be on Sunday, October 1st,

LEGION OF MARY meets every Thursday at 1:00 PM in the church basement. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this honoring of our Blessed Mother.

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.



FOOD PANTRY donation for August is paper products, which includes paper towels, paper plates, napkins, toilet paper. Next distribution will be on Tuesday, August 22nd. Volunteers are needed to help unload the truck at 1:00 PM. Packing bags is 1:30 PM; distribution is 3:30 PM.

We are preparing for an exciting Religious Education Session. All children from the Little Lamb Society through 7th Grade must be registered. Registration forms are pink and can be found at all 4 entrances of the church or at the parish office. Forms can be returned in the collection basket or at the office.

Orientation Meeting for children and parents will be **Sun, Sep 10th, at 9:15 AM** in the church.

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.



Greetings from the Pastor...

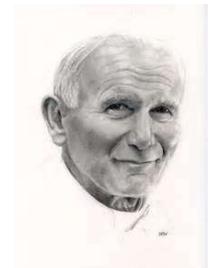
I have a lot of non-Catholic friends, and many of them don't "get" confession. Or rather, I should say the "priest forgiving sins part." They believe that only GOD can forgive sins. This weekend's Gospel clearly gives Peter and his successors the authority and power to forgive sins when Jesus gives Peter the "loose" and "bound" speech. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is a vital part of who we are as Roman Catholics. Protestant traditions don't celebrate "confession" as we do. They do tell their sins to GOD, but they don't experience the humble yet powerful words of absolution. To hear the words: "Your sins are forgiven," has got to be freeing. At least that's how I feel when I celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (yes, priests DO go to confession). As our summer draws to a close, think about this special sacrament and ask yourself if you go at all or on a regular basis. If you don't go at all, don't call yourself Catholic. If you do go on a regular basis, rejoice in being called Catholic.



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!

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. **The Feast** will be celebrated on Labor Day, Monday, September 4th 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: workers' thanksgiving, the unemployed and special blessings for students, teachers and administrators and staff as they are entering a new school year. **The Feast of St. Joseph the Worker** will be celebrated on Labor Day, Monday, September 4th at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin, 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. Concelebrants will be the local Oblate Fathers. St. Joseph's Bread will be blessed and distributed following the Mass as a "symbol of the fruit of our labor". The special intentions include: workers' thanksgiving, the unemployed and special blessings for students, teachers and administrators and staff as they are entering a new school year.