

# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

		†	MASS INTENTIONS	†
Sat.	9/5	4:00 PM	Joseph and Cecelia Jastremsky by Jack and Lynn Jastremsky	
Sun.	9/6	11:00 AM	Andrew and Stella Kopczynskie by Anna Marie and Family	
Mon.	9/7	7:00 PM	Kaylin Rodriguez by Ruth and John Rodriguez	
Tue.	9/8	7:00 AM	Elenita Kloton by Her Family	
Wed.	9/9	7:00 AM	Joseph Troell, Sr. by Gloria	
Thur.	9/10	7:00 AM	George Howanitz by His Daughter Carol	
Fri.	9/11	7:00 AM	Edward and David Marmello by Janet Amentler and Gene Resuta	
Sat.	9/12	4:00 PM	Andrew Blasko, Jr. by Paula	
Sun.	9/13	11:00 AM	Barbara Mohay by Mary Ellen Tait and Family	



### Last Weekend:

Sunday \$2,991.00; Loose \$221.25; Dues \$669.00; Care and Education of Priests \$80.00; Easter \$20.00; Ascension \$10.00; Assumption \$90.00; Catholic Home Mission \$5.00; Poor Box \$395.00

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of Andrew and Stella Kopczynskie by Anna Marie and Family



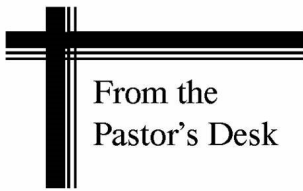
**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** is burning this week in Memory of Thomas Chuckra by His Son John.

**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.





**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MIKE:**

Jesus said in this weekend's Gospel: "Where two or three are gathered, I am there." During this pandemic we have been limited to the "two or three" who gather in the church. Recently, we have experienced a big rise in those attending church. People are feeling more comfortable coming to the building. I also believe folks are missing being part of the community and most importantly a longing for the Eucharist. This is a good problem for any church to experience. Because of the rising numbers, we may have to turn folks away at the door (and believe me, that's the LAST thing I, as a pastor, want to do). We are working on ways to be more efficient in how we seat folks and offering other alternatives to weekend Masses (parking lot Masses and week day Masses). See you in church!



**A VIEW FROM THE PEW, TIMLEY QUOTE.**

"No one heals himself by wounding another." St. Ambrose of Milan. Lawyer, Bishop and one of the four original Doctors of the Church.



**THE MESSENGERS OF HOPE** will be conducting their annual coat distribution. Anyone who has a child in need or knows of a child in need can register. **Deadline to register is Wednesday, September 30th.** Anyone who would like to donate a coat, you can drop them off in the rectory during

regular business hours. Coat Distribution will be on **Saturday, October 31st** from 9:00 - 12:00. Let's not let any child be cold this winter.

We are collecting items for our Sidewalk Sale that will be held on **Friday, September 11th, and Saturday, September 12th**, on the sidewalk in front of the church. No clothing, electronics, or appliances will be accepted.



**PLEASE UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS** with the parish office. In the future, letters concerning Parish News will be sent via email to everyone on our email list. This will help defray the cost of postage. Those without email will continue to receive letters in the mail. Thank you for your help! It is greatly appreciated.



At the request of His Holiness, Pope Francis, the 2020 Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land will be taken up the weekend of September 12-13, 2020.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera has set Monday, September 14, 2020, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, as a Day of Prayer and Gratitude for Priests in the Diocese of Scranton. The bishop invites all priests and the faithful to join together for Evening Prayer with the Renewal of Priestly Promises live at 4:00 p.m. via CTV: Catholic Television, the Diocese of Scranton website or any of the Diocese of Scranton social media platforms (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or YouTube). During the COVID-19 pandemic, our priests have continued to do Christ's work by offering the sacraments to the sick and dying, finding creative ways to serve parishioners and serve the poor through food pantries and personal outreach. We thank them for their priestly commitment and service.



**Pro-Life Town Hall Meeting:** Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation Executive Director Michael Ciccocioppo and Education Director Bonnie Finnerty will be in our area on their statewide Pro-Life Town Hall Tour to share the most up-to-date information on a variety of pro-life topics and to answer questions about current efforts to bring about a culture of life in our state and the nation. The event, sponsored by Pennsylvanians for Human Life Hazleton, the Voice of John, and the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation, will be held on **Wednesday, September 23, from 5:30PM to 7:00 PM** at the Beech Mountain Lakes pavilion, This will be an outdoor event in a covered pavilion, with parking, handicap accessibility, and social distancing. **A plaque honoring Katherine Lutz will be presented posthumously to her family in gratitude for her years of dedicated service to Pennsylvanians for Human Life.** Everyone is welcome to this free event. Advance reservations are encouraged by contacting Maryann Lawhon at 570-764-5428 or [maryannlawhon@yahoo.com](mailto:maryannlawhon@yahoo.com).