

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	9/7	4:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Evanochick Family by the Capozzelli Family
Sun.	9/8	11:00 AM	Joseph Mattavi and the Deceased Members of the Mattavi Family By His Wife Rose and Family
Mon.	9/9	9:00 AM	Larry Budda by Sharon's Monday Night Dinner Family
		7:00 PM	Betty and John Kostick by Their Daughters
Tue.	9/10	7:00 AM	George Howanitz by His Daughter Carol
Wed.	9/11		NO MASS
Thur.	9/12	7:00 AM	Edward and David Murmello by Janet Amentler and Gene Resuta
Fri.	9/13	7:00 AM	Norman Ceriani by John Anzelmi
Sat.	9/14	4:00 PM	Lillian Strohl by Her Husband Oscar
Sun.	9/15	11:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Feissner and Staruch Families by Gerald and Mary Feissner

Last Weekend:



Sunday \$3,029.00; Loose \$110.00; Dues \$739.00; Care and Education of Priests \$25.00; Feast of the Assumption \$12.00; Poor Box \$108.97

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Joseph Mattavi and the Deceased Members of the Mattavi Family by His Wife Rose and Family



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION is taking place now. Forms are available in the parish office and also online at www.ourladyfreeland.org under the heading **CCD**.

Classes for Grades 1 through 8 (Confirmation) will begin on **Sunday, September 15th, from 9:30 to 10:45 AM.**

***** Please note this change of time for classes from last year's class time.*****



FOOD PANTRY DONATION for September is paper products such as toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, and napkins. The next distribution will be Tuesday, September 24th.



DEVOTIONAL EVENING TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA will be celebrated on **Friday, September 13th, at 6:00 PM.** Come join us for an evening that will include the Rosary, Fatima prayers and Marian hymns.

A HEALING MASS will be celebrated on **Monday, October 7th,** at our regular Monday 7:00 PM mass.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT will be back again by popular request. It will take place on **Sunday, December 8th,** in the parish center. More details will be forthcoming in future bulletins.



CHOIR PRACTICE will be held on **Tuesday, September 17th, at 6:00 PM.**



There are two types of "Crosses" in our lives. The first Cross is those burdens that are laid upon us that we are challenged to accept. These Crosses might include a diagnosis of cancer, the death of a loved one, or addiction. These Crosses, if accepted and dealt with, often make us better persons.

The other kind of Crosses we must carry are those we place on our shoulders ourselves. These are the times when we have to make difficult decisions that may alienate others. The spouse who walks away from an abusive relationship, the parent who has to use tough love with a child who refuses to get help with addiction, or the child who has to make the difficult decision to place a parent in a nursing home.

Whether the Cross is placed on our shoulders by circumstance or we place the Cross on our shoulders, we need to remember that Jesus will get us through.



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, HUMILITY

"The only way we can get into heaven is by being humble. The door of life is a mystery. It becomes slightly shorter than the one who wishes to enter it. And thus only he who bows in humility can cross its threshold." Fr. James Farfaglia. Great quote, but hard to swallow in today's world. It's easy to exalt oneself every day on Facebook and twitter just to name a few. After all, it's all about me, right? Obviously not. You can judge a man by how he treats someone who can't do anything for him. It's hard to battle pride and selfishness. Humility is accepting the fact that there is someone greater than me, GOD, and to truly love God we must make our neighbor more important than ourselves.



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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! WE'RE THINKING OF YOU! Do you have a loved one, friend, or neighbor who is homebound and would enjoy receiving a "thinking of you" greeting card and be remembered with a birthday card on their special day? Perhaps you yourself would like to receive a greeting card from your parish family. Please call the parish office at 570-636-3035.

COMBINED PASTORAL COUNCILS MEETING - The Parish Pastoral Councils of Good Shepherd and Immaculate Conception met for a combined meeting on August 25, 2019. The councils shared a wonderful "POT LUCK" meal and had a chance to get acquainted. In listening to each member share what they hoped for in their new linkage ... Council members said



- To become more active parishes
- To stand together to do more work
- To become more vibrant parishes
- To create new opportunities for youth involvement
- To work together on outreach programs
- To share talents and gifts of all members
- To work jointly to benefit the community
- To create more devotions and new joint ideas

As with the transition team, the common hope expressed for the future was to have an increased sense of shared experiences, events and projects. The next meeting was planned for and took place on Saturday, September 7th.



ARE YOU A MEMBER OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH??? So many times we receive requests for a sponsorship letter for being a Godparent or a sponsor for Confirmation, but we have no record of membership in the parish. Usually the request begins with, "I received all my sacraments at St. Ann's, St. Anthony's, St. Casimir's, or St. John's, so I just assumed I was a member." **THIS IS NOT THE CASE.** A member of our parish, eighteen years and older, must be registered under his/her own name not their parents' names. A member of our parish attends mass regularly and receives envelopes in his/her own name and contributes to our parish. If you have moved away from Freeland, you need to have joined a parish in your new location and be able to obtain a letter from your pastor that you are a member of your new parish if you want to be a sponsor for Baptism and/or Confirmation. On the reverse side of this paper is a registration form to join Immaculate Conception Parish. If you haven't officially joined the parish, now is a good time to do so while the paperwork is in your hands. Just fill out the form, bring it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket at mass. A sponsor's primary responsibility is to ensure that the child they are sponsoring is brought up in the Catholic faith. How can you sponsor a child if you yourself do not practice your faith?

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish Membership Form

Please Complete and Return to: Immaculate Conception Parish, 898 Centre Street, Freeland, PA 18224

Today's Date _____

(Please Print)	Member #1	Member #2
Title: (Circle one)	Mr. Mrs. Miss. Ms. Dr. Rev.	Mr. Mrs. Miss. Ms. Dr. Rev.
Name: (Last, First and Maiden)		
Gender: (Circle one)	Male Female	Male Female
Date of Birth:	Date: ___/___/___	Date: ___/___/___
Address With City, State, Zip		
Yrs at present address:		
E-Mail Address:		
Marital Status: (Circle one)	M / S / D / W / Sep	M / S / D / W / Sep
Date Married:	Date: ___/___/___	Date: ___/___/___
Home Phone:	()	()
Cell Phone:	()	()
Occupation:		
Religion:		
Baptized: (Circle One)	Yes No	Yes No
First Communion: (Circle One)	Yes No	Yes No
Confirmation: (Circle One)	Yes No	Yes No

Children Under the Age of 18 Who Live with You

(Those 18 or over, please complete a separate registration)

Full Name	Sex	Birthdate	School	Baptized	1 st Communion	Confirmation
1.				Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
2.				Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
3.				Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
4.				Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
5.				Yes No	Yes No	Yes No