

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

† MASS INTENTIONS †

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
Mon.	9/16	7:00 PM	Joseph Laganosky, Jr. by His Mom and Dad
Tue.	9/17	7:00 AM	Katie Starruick by M/M Thomas Hanincik and the Thomas Family
Wed.	9/18		NO MASS
Thur.	9/19	7:00 AM	Robert and Jean Iorio and Art, Dorothy, Evelyn, and Lynn Croshaw by Janet and Stephen
Fri.	9/20	7:00 AM	Ronald, Anna, and George Dudinyak by Elizabeth & Richard Dudinyak
Sat.	9/21	4:00 PM	Thomas and Helen Spetz by Jerry and Barbara Gaffney and Family
Sun.	9/22	11:00 AM	Mark Kopczynskie by Henry and Dan Kopczynskie



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,845.00; Loose \$151.55; Dues \$543.00; Care and Education of Priests \$470.00; Poor Box \$134.15

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Feissner and Staruch Families by Gerald and Mary Feissner



MEMORIAL DONATION of \$50.00 was made in Memory of Thomas Chuckra by Bill and Mary Grace Maranki.



A HEALING MASS for physical, mental, and spiritual healing as well as healing for our nation 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.



SINCERE THANKS to everyone who contributed greeting cards to our **Hour of Kindness** ministry. At this time we are no longer in need of any more greeting cards. Should the need arise, we will post it in the bulletin. Our next meeting will be on **Saturday, October 19th**, at **9:00 AM** in the rectory to sign and address Thanksgiving cards. Hope to see you there!

The next **Charismatic Mass and Healing Service** at St. John Bosco Church, Conyngham will be **Thursday, September 19th at 7 PM**. Fr. Gus Ricciardi will preside and Sue Shaw will begin her music ministry at 6:45 PM. Light refreshments will be available afterwards in Room 3.



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.





I often wonder about the other "99 sheep" who stayed behind and were not lost. Were they saying to themselves: "Where the heck did that lost sheep go?" "Why did the Shepherd leave us behind?" "We didn't do anything wrong!" "That lost sheep is always getting the attention of the Shepherd!" "This is too much!"

On the other hand, the 99 sheep who stayed behind were the "good" sheep. They knew that the Shepherd had to go and find the lost one. Instead of criticizing the Shepherd for leaving them behind, they were cheering Him on: "You go, Good Shepherd!" "Find that lost sheep!" "We need them back in the flock!"

Your choice: Criticize the Shepherd or support the Shepherd!



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, EMPTINESS VERSUS LOVE.

"Our life is senseless, if love is not revealed to us, if we do not encounter love, if we do not experience it and make it our own, if we do not participate in it." Pope St. John Paul II (Redemptor Hominis, 10) Emptiness, isolation and lack of purpose creates a world that seems senseless to many an individual.

Isn't that what's at the core of the violence in our society? We argue and look in all the wrong places for answers, but maybe part of the cure is right under our noses, love. Sure, one sentence doesn't explain why one's life spirals into darkness. Perhaps showing a little love and compassion to everyone could change a life for the better, maybe even our own. Christ reached out to everyone especially the marginalized; we should do the same.



Baptism Preparation

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS will be held at Immaculate Conception Parish with Deacon Jim on **Tuesday, September 17th**, at 6:00 PM in the rectory and at Good Shepherd Parish on **Thursday, September 19th**. 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 or in a nursing home who would enjoy receiving a "thinking of you" greeting card and be remembered with a birthday card on their special day? Or perhaps you yourself would like to receive a greeting card from your parish family. Help us make sure that no one feels forgotten! Please call the parish office at 570-636-3035 and register yourself or your loved one, neighbor, or friend.



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.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES TRICKY TRAY AUCTION will be held on Sunday, September 22nd, with doors opening at 11:30 AM. Drawing begins at 2:00 PM. Winners do not need to be present to win and will have two days to pick up prizes. Saturday Night Preview Sale is from 6:00-7:00 PM. Lots of great baskets, lottery boards, gift certificates! Proceeds benefit the programs and services of the Hazleton Office of Catholic Social Services.



