

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

† **MASS INTENTIONS** †

Sat.	9/15	4:00 PM	Lillian Strohl by Her Husband Oscar
Sun.	9/16	7:30 AM	Edward and Corinne Dwyer by Their Daughter Angie
		10:30 AM	For the People
Mon.	9/17	7:00 PM	Josephine and John Maranki by Bill and Mary Grace
Tue.	9/18	7:00 AM	Peter and Stella Amentler by Dan Ravina
Wed.	9/19		NO MASS
Thur.	9/20	7:00 AM	Helen Mary O'Hara Molino by Her Husband Renato
Fri.	9/21	7:00 AM	Elizabeth Hrabovecky by Her Daughter Joyce
Sat.	9/22	4:00 PM	Andrew Blasko, Jr. by His Sister Paula Gallagher
Sun.	9/23	7:30 AM	Tim Mahovich by Anna Plaksa and Family
		10:30 AM	For the People



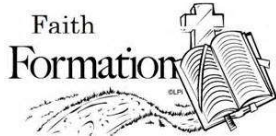
Last Weekend:

Sunday \$4,022.00; Dues \$3,243.00; Care and Education of Priests \$47.00; Feast of the Assumption \$5.00; Poor Box \$236.70

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Josephine and John Maranki by Bill and Mary Grace



FOOD PANTRY DONATION for September is cereal. The next distribution is Tuesday, September 25th.



Classes begin on this Sunday, September 16th, at 9:00 AM. All children must be registered for class. Registration forms are available in the parish office and at each entrance door to the church.

HEALING MASS - The joint Liturgy Committees from each parish are sponsoring a HEALING MASS on Thursday, September 20th at 7:00 PM at the Immaculate Conception worship site. This Mass was originally



scheduled back in May as an opportunity for those in need of the Sacrament of the Sick. In addition to the Sacrament of the Sick, this Liturgy will also be a HEALING MASS for not only the Church, but also for victims of abuse. We invite ALL to attend this special liturgy.





It appears as if Jesus is looking for a little feedback on His public image. There were many who were amazed at what Jesus had done....curing the sick, loaves & fishes, walking on water, and water-into-wine to name a few. However, there were others who were critical of Jesus because He appeared to not follow the rules.....

working on the Sabbath, forgiving sins, criticizing authority and claiming to be the Son of God. To be perfectly honest, Jesus was not asking the question, "Who do people say that I am?" to find out what His public image was, He wanted to know what His Apostles thought. These were His immediate followers and His legacy rested with them. Jesus wanted to know what they personally thought. Jesus' question is STILL valid today. After all the church has been through in not only 2000 years, but especially the last month, I ask you the question: Who do YOU say Jesus is?



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle." Saint Francis of Assisi.



SAVE THE DATE! Our annual Turkey Bingo will take place on Sunday, November 11th.



A stand is now in the vestibule of the church with a book where you will be able to write your personal petitions. These petitions will be prayed for during every mass at Immaculate Conception during our Prayer of the Faithful. It is also asked that you remember these petitions in your own daily personal prayers.

Although the book is intended for your personal petitions, we do ask that, since this book is available to the public, you use proper judgment when listing a petition in order to respect 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.

We hope that this will help to foster a greater community of prayer for each other within Immaculate Conception Parish.



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 BUS TRIP to see the play "Run for Your Wife" at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, Hampton, NJ on Tuesday, October 9th. Cost is \$75.50 and includes lunch. Call Mary Lloyd 570-578-6720 for reservations. Payment is due with reservation.



Bishop Bambera's Message Regarding This Year's Annual Appeal

Dear Friends,

After much thought and prayerful reflection and in consideration of the gravity of the findings of the Grand Jury report and the impact it is having on victims, their families and all members of the faithful, I have decided to make some changes to this year's Annual Appeal.

During the course of the past few weeks, I have had the opportunity to speak with pastors and hear from parishioners who have shared with me the pain and hurt that everyone is feeling. This is an extremely difficult time for all of us and we must be steadfast in our resolve to support one another and care for those among us who are suffering the most – the victims of sexual abuse and their families.

While we initially planned to move forward with the Diocesan Annual Appeal as we have done in past years, it has become clear to me that we must engage your support in a much different way this year.


With this in mind, some components of the Appeal will be suspended this year – the showing of the Appeal video in the parishes and our In-Pew Commitment Weekend.

We will be requesting support through an Appeal letter to be sent to past Appeal donors in September. There will also be pledge envelopes in the back of your Church for anyone wishing to make a gift to the Annual Appeal. The Appeal video is available on our website: www.AnnualAppeal.org and I encourage you to view the video which shares stories about some of the wonderful ministries that rely on your gifts each year.

I am sincerely grateful to you for your understanding and prayers and for your continued interest in supporting the Diocese. There has never been a more important time in the history of our Diocese for us to come together as one to meet the needs of our Diocese and the people we serve.

With your support, we will restore trust, care for all who seek our assistance and once again bring hope to our people.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph C. Bambera". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton