

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

		†	MASS INTENTIONS	†
Sat.	9/16	4:00 PM	Joseph and Cecelia Jastremsky by Jack and Lynn Jastremsky	
Sun.	9/17	7:30 AM	For the People	
		10:30 AM	Michael and Anna Barna by Their Daughter Elsie Pshar	
Mon.	9/18	7:00 PM	Nicky Matz by Mary Grace and Bill	
Tue.	9/19	7:00 AM	Grace Boyce by Dorothy Herkalo	
Wed.	9/20		NO MASS	
Thur.	9/21	7:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Balas Family	
Fri.	9/22	7:00 AM	Kathleen Bell by Catherine McLaughlin	
Sat.	9/23	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sun.	9/24	7:30 AM	Mark Kopczynskie by Henry and Dan Kopczynskie	
		10:30 AM	Francis Falatko by Tom and Tess Muccio	

Last Weekend:



Sunday \$3,830.00; Dues \$3,288.00; Care and Education of Priests \$84.00; Assumption \$5.00; Church in Europe \$5.00; Hurricane Relief \$3,863.00; Poor Box \$167.92

CCD HIGHLIGHTS: CCD orientation was held on Sunday, September 10th. Anyone who missed orientation can receive the necessary information Sunday before class begins, after the 7:30 mass, or in the parish office. All children must be registered in order to attend. This includes all classes from Little Lamb through seventh grade. There is no charge for the Little Lamb Society. Invoices were not sent home at the close of the last session. We do have invoices available for those who need them.



FAITH FORMATION

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Our Annual Chicken/Halupki Dinner will be on Sunday, October 1st. Tickets are available after each of the weekend masses and at the parish office. Absolutely no tickets will be sold at the door.



TRICKY TRAYS are needed for our dinner. We are asking all of you wonderfully creative people to create your tricky tray and bring it to the Freeland Event Center on Friday, September 29th, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The tricky trays are always a favorite part of the Chicken /Halupki Dinner.



FOOD PANTRY donation for September is packaged meals such as Hamburger Helper, potato or rice meals. Next distribution will be on Tuesday, September 26th. Volunteers are needed to help unload the truck at 1:00 PM. Packing bags is 1:30 PM; distribution is 3:30 PM.



Greetings from the Pastor...

In my days before becoming a priest, I was a high school math teacher. Whenever I see numbers like this in scripture my mind immediately goes to a calculation. In today's Gospel the number 490 pops out. The rational mind says that I have to forgive my "friend" that many times. We know Jesus enough to be able to say that He would never put a limit on the number of times we have to forgive someone. The number 7 in scripture refers to the number of days of creation and the number of days in a week. It was considered the perfect number, because creation is God's perfect gift. Sooooo, Jesus is not saying that we have to forgive someone 490 times, but rather we must be perfect TIMES perfect in forgiving our friend. Jesus' message is that we must forgive from the heart and not the head. Anyone up for discussing the Pythagorean theorem?



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, THE PATRON SAINT OF ALTAR SERVERS: SAINT TARCISIUS.

The Roman Emperor Valerian brutally persecuted Christians during the 3rd century forcing them underground to the catacombs for Mass. Even back in this time communion was taken to the sick and homebound. This dangerous duty was usually done by mature and strong men because any public expression of Christianity was a death sentence. It was during one Mass when a priest asked who would take communion to the sick, a young altar server stepped forward saying "Send me!" His name was Tarcisus. The priest was reluctant to send such a young man, but Tarcisus was persistent: "My youth will be the best shield for the Eucharist!" After being assured that the young altar server truly understood who he was carrying, the priest relented and carefully wrapped the Blessed Sacrament and placed it in a small linen bag and gave it to the young boy. This was the last time Tarcisus was seen alive. On his journey, he was approached by a group of young men. They saw he was protecting something close to his heart. Upon refusing to let them see what he was clutching, they realized he was a Christian. The pagan crowd began to beat and eventually stoned him to death. He never let go of the linen bag. A Praetorian guard, who also was a secret Christian, picked up the body, brought it back to the priest, set it down and pulled back his arms and observed something astonishing. Oral tradition records that the Blessed Sacrament was not found on St. Tarcisus' body or clothing. "The Blessed Sacrament which the young Martyr had defended with his life had become flesh of his flesh thereby forming, together with his body, a single Immaculate Host offered to God." Pope Benedict*. Excerpts from Pope Benedict XVI General Audience 8/4/10.

CHARISMATIC MASS AND HEALING SERVICE will be held Thurs., Sept. 21st at 7 PM at St. John Bosco Church, Conyngham. Fr. Gus Riccardi will preside. Sue Shaw will begin her music ministry at 6:45 PM. There will be light refreshments afterward in Room 3. "Come and See."

BUS TRIP - Good Shepherd Parish, 87 South Hunter Highway, Drums, PA 18222 is running a bus trip to the Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady Of Fatima, on Columbus Day, October 9th, 2017, departing the Church parking lot @ 9:00 AM, and returning to the same site around 5:00 PM. There will be confessions and the recitation of the Rosary at 11:30 AM, with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at Noon. A light lunch is included in the trip cost of \$15 per person, and the trip is open to the public. Anyone interested in attending, please send your name, phone number and \$15 payment to the parish office at the address listed above, as soon as possible, so that your seat is reserved. Once the bus is filled, there will be no further reservations accepted. Any questions, please call Bill Kringe at 570-708-1660, or send an email to: huskiebk@live.com.