

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

		†	MASS INTENTIONS	†
Sat.	9/19	4:00 PM	Lillian Strohl by Her Husband Oscar	
Sun.	9/20	11:00 AM	Stanley Potosky by the Turris	
Mon.	9/21	9:00 AM	Televised Mass Jonathan Breznitsky by M/M Joseph Demelfi and Son Joel	
		7:00 PM	Edward and Corinne Dwyer by Their Daughter Angie	
Tue.	9/22	7:00 AM	Michael Rock by Lex and Denise Ruczkwodki	
Wed	9/23	7:00 AM	John Yencho by M/M Jerome Tulanowski	
Thur.	9/24	7:00 AM	Edward and Mary Harvilla by Sally and Les	
Fri.	9/25	7:00 AM	Geraldine Babbish by Mary Supon	
Sat.	9/26	4:00 PM	Mary Beth Kopczynskie by Her Husband Raymond, Daughters Pam and Jen, and Sons-in-law Tommy and Glen	
Sun.	9/27	11:00 AM	Anna and Michael Barna by Their Daughter Elsie Pshar	



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,460.00; Dues \$639.00; Care and Education of Priests \$102.00; Holy Land \$203.00; Easter \$10.00; Assumption \$68.00; Poor Box \$264.00

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Kaylin Rodriguez by Ruth and John Rodriguez



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. **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.

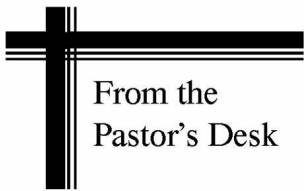


FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION letters have gone out in the mail. This letter contains very important information as to how classes will be conducted and also the schedule of classes. If you haven't received your letter and registration form, please contact the church office at

570-636-3035 or stop in during regular hours (Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM) as soon as possible.

CEMETERY NEWS: Please do not dump your trash in the cemetery along the fence. This has become a problem in one of our cemeteries where people are dumping trash and it blows onto the graves of others. No one likes to see the graves of their loved ones with trash strewn on top of them. **PLEASE TAKE YOU TRASH WITH YOU. IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.**





From the
Pastor's Desk

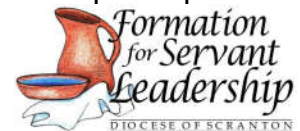
A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MIKE:

"Father, it's not fair!" I was in the presence of a woman recently who said this phrase to me. She was upset because she was unable to see her dad confined to a nursing home. Since the pandemic began, she has not been able to see him (as many do through a window) or talk to him because of his medical condition. Many of us feel the same way. Life is different, our choices have been limited, and we've had no choice in any of this. I think we all know life is not about being fair. Life is about being faithful, especially during this pandemic. The woman who was exasperated about not seeing her dad was also a person of faith. She also said to me: "Father, I know my dad is in God's hands." Fair or Faith? You decide.



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, MOVING FORWARD

It was just a few months ago when it seemed we as a Parish would not be able to accomplish anything this year because of Covid-19, but that turned out not to be the case. With the effort of great people, we were able to slowly bring parishioners physically back to church safely as well as coordinate a combined Parish drive-in mass. It was an opportunity for many that are still uncomfortable or unable to attend church, to receive the Eucharist for the first time in months. The Parish Pastoral Council also completed one of its goals and established a Parish Coordinating Team. This team will work on projects, pieces of the Parish Pastoral Plan, to promote spiritual development and encourage a deeper appreciation of the liturgy. The Coordinating Team will also work with the Pastoral Council to invite new and inactive members back to the Parish by promoting more social events and improving communications, so service opportunities are well known and available for all to participate. These are the four pillars of Parish Life put into action, WORD, WORSHIP, COMMUNITY and SERVICE. Come to think of it, I know I've seen those words in the church somewhere before! Stay tuned!



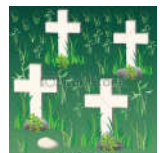
THE MESSENGERS OF HOPE will be conducting their annual coat distribution. Anyone who has a child in need or knows of a child in need can register. **Deadline to register is Wednesday, September 30th.** Anyone who would like to donate a coat, you can drop them off in the rectory during regular business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

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



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.

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Mass Schedule

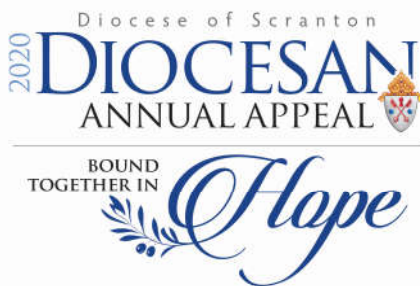
IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT THE MASS SCHEDULE! Bishop Bambera has instructed all parishes to resume the full schedule of weekend Masses that were in place pre-pandemic. For Immaculate Conception and Good Shepherd parishes, this means that we will be resuming the **8:00 AM mass at Good Shepherd Parish beginning next Sunday, September 27th.** Weekend masses will now be Saturday at 4:00 PM at Immaculate Conception and 6:00 PM at Good Shepherd. Sunday masses will be 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM at Good Shepherd and 11:00 AM at Immaculate Conception. All safety measures (wearing of masks, hand sanitizers, and social distancing) will remain in effect.

PARISH BULLETINS will be available beginning Saturday, September 26th, and Sunday September 27th, on tables after mass on the way out. Parishioners will take their own bulletins; no one will be distributing them.



Bulletins

Pro-Life Town Hall Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 23rd**, from **5:30 PM 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.



As we respond to the challenges of the pandemic in our families, our parishes, and our Diocese, let us continue to turn our hearts to our one true hope - Jesus Christ. His love is unending, unfolding, unshakable. We are bound together in the Eucharist...bound together in hope. Thank you for all that you are doing to keep our parishes strong. And thank you for considering a gift to this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. With your support, we will continue to bring hope and love to one another. Please know that I am praying for you and your family.

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

SIDEWALK SALE PROFIT was \$1556.80. Thanks to everyone who donated items and to everyone who purchased items.

