

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

† MASS INTENTIONS †

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
Mon.	9/23	7:00 PM	Andrew Blasko, Jr. by His Wife Gail and Children
Tue.	9/24	7:00 AM	Our Eddie and Mary Harvilla by Sally and Les
Wed.	9/25		NO MASS
Thur.	9/26	7:00 AM	Catherine Matz by Mary Grace and Bill
Fri.	9/27	7:00 AM	George and Verna Soltis b Their Daughter Mary and Family
Sat.	9/28	4:00 PM	Mary Beth Kopczynskie by Her Husband, Daughters, and Sons-in-Law
Sun.	9/29	11:00 AM	Joseph Cukauskas, Sr. by Theresa Wilkinson and Daughters



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,770.00; Loose \$228.75; Dues \$2,353.00; Care and Education of Priests \$192.00; Poor Box \$103.64

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Andrew Blasko, Jr. by His Wife Gail and Children



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MEMORIAL DONATION of \$500.00 was made in Memory of Thomas Chuckra by His Son John.



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!



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.





This weekend's Gospel is a little strange. It seems like the crooked steward is being congratulated for being so prudent by making sure he has friends to take care of him after he is fired from his job for stealing money. The landowner is simply making an observation. If I were the landowner, I would be pretty upset with the steward (sometimes I let my emotions get the best of me). This week, I ask you to focus on people around you who might rub you the wrong way or pull your chain. Take a second look and see if there is any redeeming quality about that person. I think Jesus would do this. How about you?



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 CLASS will be held at Immaculate Conception Parish with Deacon Jim in December. To schedule your **mandatory** class, call the parish office at 570-636-3035.

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE EVENTS!!!



OUR ANNUAL TURKEY BINGO will take place on **Sunday, November 10th**, in the parish center. Early birds begin at 12:30 PM and regular games begin at 1:00 PM. Doors open after the 10:30 AM mass.



OUR ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held at the Powerhouse Restaurant on **Sunday, December 1st**.



2019 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

The Diocesan Annual Appeal is now underway. In the next few weeks you will receive a letter from Bishop Bambera inviting you to support the

Appeal. When everyone supports the Appeal, we share in the mission of the Church: helping the poor and marginalized, forming our people in the faith, and supporting the priests in their retirement. The goal for Immaculate Conception remains at \$28,000. Please prayerfully consider making a gift this year. You can make one payment or pledge an amount to be paid over five months. We ask that you consider the ways God has blessed you and your family and then respond as a true Disciple of Christ.