

# TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

## † MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	9/25	4:00 PM	Mary Beth Kopczynskie by Her Husband Raymond & Daughters Pamela and Jennifer, and Sons-in-Law Tommy and Glen
Sun.	9/26	11:00 AM	Helen E. Capozzelli by the Feissner Family
Mon.	9/27	7:00 PM	Edward and Corrine Dwyer by Their Daughter Angie
Tue.	9/28	7:00 AM	Joseph Carsia by John Kopczynski and Family
Wed.	9/29	7:00 AM	Catherine Hrino by Mrs. Ann Simkovich and Family
Thur.	9/30	7:00 AM	Gertrude Opert by Christopher Durso and Family
Fri.	10/1	7:00 AM	Thomas Yurish by the Charles Penning Family
Sat.	10/2	4:00 PM	Lawrence Blasko by Paula
Sun.	10/3	11:00 AM	Anna Poltrock by Her Family



### Last Weekend:

Sunday \$4,092.00; Loose \$182.00; Dues \$2,114.00; Care and Education of Priests \$107.00; Other \$25.00; Poor Box \$96.11



**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** and **OUR SANCTUARY LAMP** are burning in Memory of Calvin D. and Susan E. Herring by Cal and Debra Herring and Family

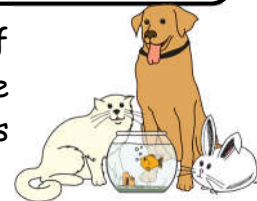


**MEMORIAL DONATION** of \$50.00 was made in Memory of Betty Skvasik by Susan Hanusek.

**TUESDAY NIGHT BINGO AT GOOD SHEPHERD IS BACK!** The kitchen opens at 5:00PM and our Early Bird game begins at 6:00PM.



**THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF PETS** in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi will take place on Sunday, October 3rd, at 11:45 AM at Immaculate Conception Church and also at 12:30 PM at Good Shepherd church. All pets are welcome, especially their owners!



**CEMETERY CLEANUP** - Cemetery volunteers are asking parishioners to please remove all logs and artificial plants and flowers from their family plots by **Sunday, October 24th**. Our parish does not have a dumpster, and your help will greatly aid volunteers with the fall cleanup. Thank you for your cooperation.



**ANNUAL CHILDREN'S WARM WINTER COAT COLLECTION** -If you would like to donate a winter coat for the needy children in our Freeland community, you can drop them off at the parish office or place them on the right side of the altar steps by the organ by **OCTOBER 24th**. If you prefer to make a donation, you can drop it off at the parish office or place it in the collection basket marked "Coats." **We are in need of all sizes for both boys and girls, especially larger sizes like 18 and 20 for both boys and girls.** All donations must be made by October 17th. Coats will be distributed on Saturday, October 31st from 9 - 11.



### A Message from Father Mike...

Later this week, an historic event will happen between the parishes of Good Shepherd and Immaculate Conception. As was announced this past summer, the two Pastoral Councils have decided to combine into one Pastoral Council. This combination is much more than just putting parish leaders together, it cuts to the core of these two wonderful parishes: Building the Kingdom of God. By combining these two councils we are making what is good, better. Looking at both Pastoral Plans, we share so many goals: reaching out to our youth, young adults and marginalized just to name a few. I throw out this statement and may it be heard by all: this is NOT the first step in combining the parishes! It is a grace-filled moment where we can come together with ideas and resources and help BOTH parishes not only strive but thrive. I thank both Pastoral Councils for bravely making the decision to combine and look forward to many more great things to come in the future.

### A VIEW FROM THE PEW, THANK YOU.



"The true measure of success is what you give, not what you have." Pope Francis. Thank you to everyone who helped make the Parish Picnic a "success" by "giving" of your time and gifts. It would not have been possible without your sacrifice!



**BINGO AT ST. PATRICK'S** on the second Wednesday of every month. Parish center doors open and food is available at 5:00 PM. Games start at 6:00 PM. Continuous jackpot capped at \$1,000.00. October jackpot is at \$700.00.



**HALLOWEEN DANCE:** Good Shepherd and Immaculate Conception parishes will host a joint Halloween Dance on **Saturday, October 30th**, in the Good Shepherd parish hall. Doors open at 6:30 PM with music by Fr. Mike and His Heavenly Delights until 9:30 PM. This is the first joint social gathering for the two parishes. Tickets are \$20 per person. The deadline for reservations is Sunday, October 17th.

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS:** There was an important Confirmation Parent/Guardian Meeting held on September 19th. Anyone who did not attend this meeting, please see Donna Goetsch for important information concerning this class.



**October 3rd** there will be an important Second Grade Parent/Guardian Meeting at 10:15 AM in the church.

**REMINDER:** There will be no class on Sunday, October 10th. Also, please review the new Mass Attendance Card Procedure. Please return the signed Student Contract in the Faith Formation handbook.

**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 YOUR TRASH WITH YOU. IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.



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# Church EVENTS

Diocese of Scranton  
2021 **DIOCESAN**  
ANNUAL APPEAL



**RISING TOGETHER  
IN CHRIST**

These are challenging days for all of us. God's love and grace lifts us up now more than ever. God also calls on us to share our gifts with others to build up the Kingdom of God. Your generosity to the Diocesan Annual Appeal reaches many of our friends and neighbors in need who depend on your charity and support to fulfill basic needs. This year's Appeal theme, "**Rising Together in Christ**" reminds us that we are all together, connected to each other, living in faith to offer each other hope, love and support.

**ROSARY EVENING:** Thursday, October 14th, at 6:00 PM hosted by Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish. Ernie Pappa will lead the people with Prayers and Scriptural Mysteries of the Rosary in Song. Please join us for an inspiring evening of prayer and worship. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.



**GOOD SHEPHERD HARVEST GATHERING** -  
October 9th and 10th - Come join us for a Craft Show • Jewelries • Clothing • Fine Art • Housewares • Food Trucks • Beer Station • Bake Sale • Tricky Trays • Kid's Corner • Kid's Games • Games of Chance • Scarecrow Decorating Contest • Music by Father Mike and His Heavenly Delights • Fireworks



**OCTOBER IS NATIONAL PRO LIFE MONTH.** On the weekend of October 16th and 17th, the Greater Hazleton Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life will be collecting donations in large baby bottles in the vestibule of the church. We are asking you to be as generous as possible.

