

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

		†	MASS INTENTIONS	†
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	
Mon.	9/28	7:00 PM	Helen E. Capozzelli by Patricia Paterick	
Tue.	9/29	7:00 AM	Mark Kopczynskie by Henry and Dan Kopczynskie	
Wed.	9/30	7:00 AM	Martin Nocchi by Walter, Eleanor, & Mary Beth Golab	
Thur.	10/1	7:00 AM	John Kopashy by Dan Ravina	
Fri.	10/2	7:00 AM	Stella and Peter Amentler by Their Children	
Sat.	10/3	4:00 PM	Michael Delese by His Sister and Brothers	
Sun.	10/4	11:00 AM	Dolores Buchman by Her Family	



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$2,699.00; Loose \$298.00; Dues \$1,569.00; Care and Education of Priests \$35.00; World Mission Sunday \$6.00; All Saints Day \$3.00; Easter \$10.00; Poor Box \$200.10

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Michael Delese by His Sister and Brothers



THE SANCTUARY LAMP is burning this week in Memory of Joseph Cukauskas, Sr. by His Wife Helen and Sons and Family

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.

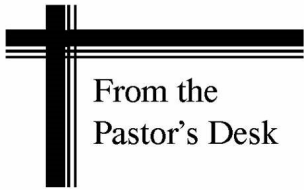


REGISTER FOR FAITH FORMATION



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 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM) as soon as possible.



From the
Pastor's Desk

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MIKE:

This weekend's Gospel portrays a father asking his two sons to work in the vineyard. One says, "No," but later goes; the other says, "Yes," but does not go. We know the vineyard is the Kingdom of God. From the moment of our Baptism we are called to work in and build up God's Kingdom. I know as you read this you agree with the words, but do you show that agreement in action? You have a choice: are you the son who does or does not go into the "vineyard!"



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. This is also how we will send information to our Faith Formation families.



BLESSING OF PETS in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi will take place on Saturday, October 3rd, at 10:00 AM at Immaculate Conception Church and also at 10:00 AM at Good Shepherd church. All pets are welcome, especially their owners!



Blessing of the Animals

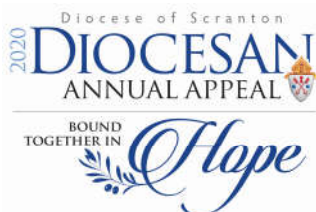


CEMETERY CLEANUP - Cemetery volunteers are asking parishioners to please remove all logs and artificial plants and flowers from their family plots by **Sunday, October 25th**. Our parish does not have a dumpster, and your help will greatly aid volunteers with the fall cleanup. Thank you for your cooperation.

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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DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL will kick off the first week in October. This year's theme is "Bound Together in Hope." Through support of the Diocesan Annual Appeal, our local faith community is turning darkness into light and despair into hope. Please be as generous as possible to help those in need during these troubling times.