

# TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

## † MASS INTENTIONS †

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
Mon.	9/30	7:00 PM	Helen Capozzelli by Jim Fauconnier and Family
Tue.	10/1	7:00 AM	Katie Starruick by the Kazinetz Family
Wed.	10/2		<b>NO MASS</b>
Thur.	10/3	7:00 AM	Alvin Fatula by the Immaculate Conception Parish Money Counters
Fri.	10/4	7:00 AM	Stella and Peter Amentler by Their Children Janet & John Amentler
Sat.	10/5	4:00 PM	Alice Bernosky by Pauline and Stanley
Sun.	10/6	11:00 AM	Anna and Michael Barna by Their Daughter Elsie Pshar



### Last Weekend:

Sunday \$2,296.50; Loose \$126.00; Dues \$1,501.00; Care and Education of Priests \$23.00; Assumption \$5.00; Poor Box \$113.00

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of the Deceased Members of The Bzdil and Soroko Families by Their Family



**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.



**FAITH FORMATION NEWS - WELCOME BACK!** Calling all Little Lambs to join our Little Lamb society for our preschool children of the parish. Sessions are held during the 11:00 AM Mass.

Reminder: **October 6th** there will be a **2nd grade parent meeting at 10:15 AM** in the rectory.



## 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**.



**SPONSOR NEEDED** for October Lottery Tickets. The cost of the tickets is \$96.40. Contact Mary Lloyd at 570-578-6720 if you are able to be a sponsor. You can sponsor the lottery tickets in memory of a loved one.



**choir practice**



**CHOIR PRACTICE** will take place on Tuesday, October 1st, at 6:00 PM.



In this brief message each week, I usually write something about the Gospel and how it can and should affect our lives. This week, I am writing not specifically about the Gospel, but about something that WILL affect our lives. There is good news for our parishes from the office of the bishop. Our parishes have been chosen to receive an Assistant Pastor. In a day and age when most parishes are sharing a priest, we will soon be fortunate to have another priest in service to the parishes of Immaculate Conception and Good Shepherd. So, in addition to the fine work Deacon Jim has done, we will have three ordained ministers to meet the needs of our growing parishes. Next weekend I will be at liberty to announce who the assistant pastor will be. I want to thank Bishop Bambera for choosing our parishes for this wonderful gift of an additional clergy person. I know you will join me in welcoming our new assistant when he arrives.



#### A VIEW FROM THE PEW, THOUGHTS ON ATTENDING A NEW PARISH

I read a humorous article titled **Thoughts and Emotions Every Catholic Introvert Has When Attending a New Parish** by Melissa Guerrero. It seemed timely for what our parish has gone through in recent weeks. Some of the examples were funny like sitting inconspicuously in the back of the church for an easy and quick exit, wondering if I'll have to hold hands during the Our Father, or trying to keep one's nervous hands dry for the sign of peace. Am I sitting in someone's usual pew? I don't know anyone and they're having doughnuts after mass, now what do I do! There was another point the author made regarding sitting in the last pew and leaving mass early that caught my attention. I know it's one of many a pastor's pet peeves, but I never looked at it this way. The first person to leave mass early was Judas!



**HOUR OF KINDNESS** will meet on **Saturday, October 19th, at 9:00 AM** in the rectory. At this time we will be signing and addressing Thanksgiving cards for our homebound and nursing home residents. If you have an hour to spare, you would be most welcome! If you would like to register a loved one, friend, neighbor, or even yourself to receive a remembrance from your parish family, please call the parish office at 570-636-3035.

**YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!** We are in need of volunteers to serve on the our Welcoming Committee. It involves coming to mass 20 minutes early and welcoming everyone who is coming to celebrate mass. It can be done individually or as a family. If you are interested in helping your parish, please call the parish office at 570-636-3035.

Welcome  
Committee



#### 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.



# Church Weekly

## Announcements



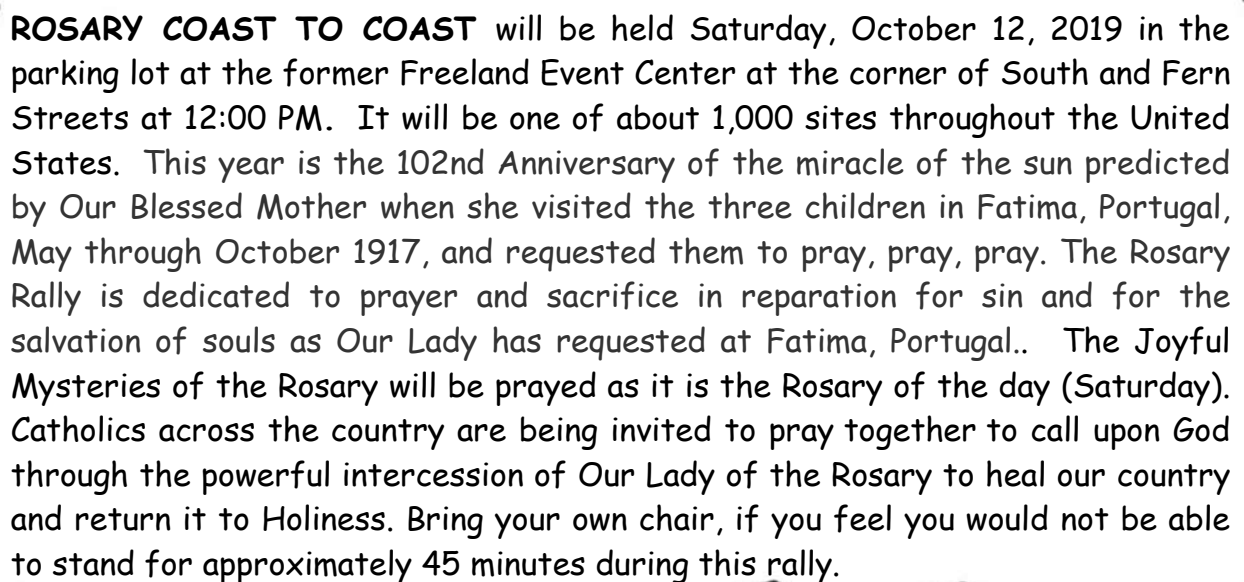
**BLESSING OF PETS** in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi will take place on Saturday, October 5th, at 10:00 AM at Immaculate Conception Church. All pets are welcome, especially your owners!



**PARISH CLEANUP:** Get your rakes, shovels, and pruning shears ready. We're having our Parish Grounds Cleanup on **Saturday, October 19th**, from 10:00 to noon! We'll have hot chocolate, cider, and donuts ready for our workers. Come join the fun!



Cemetery volunteers are asking parishioners to please remove all logs and artificial plants and flowers from their family plots by **Sunday, October 27th**. Our parish does not have a dumpster, and your help will greatly aid volunteers with the fall cleanup. Thank you for your cooperation.



**ROSARY COAST TO COAST** will be held Saturday, October 12, 2019 in the parking lot at the former Freeland Event Center at the corner of South and Fern Streets at 12:00 PM. It will be one of about 1,000 sites throughout the United States. This year is the 102nd Anniversary of the miracle of the sun predicted by Our Blessed Mother when she visited the three children in Fatima, Portugal, May through October 1917, and requested them to pray, pray, pray. The Rosary Rally is dedicated to prayer and sacrifice in reparation for sin and for the salvation of souls as Our Lady has requested at Fatima, Portugal.. The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary will be prayed as it is the Rosary of the day (Saturday). Catholics across the country are being invited to pray together to call upon God through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary to heal our country and return it to Holiness. Bring your own chair, if you feel you would not be able to stand for approximately 45 minutes during this rally.



God's  
Healing  
touch



# HEALING MASS

for physical, mental,  
and spiritual  
healing as well as  
healing for our nation  
will be celebrated  
in Immaculate  
Conception Church on  
**Monday, October 7th,**  
at our regular Monday  
7:00 PM mass.



# HAUNTED SCHOOL

This year's **HAUNTED SCHOOL** (formerly Transfiguration School) event will take place on **Friday, October 18th, and Saturday, October 19th, from 6:00 - 9:00 PM.** Admission for this event will be \$4.00 per person or \$3.00 per person **AND** a canned or non-perishable item. This will be an awesomely **SPOOKY** family fun event. New and surprising additions have been made. Our goal is to provide a unique, **SAFE**, and **FUN** trick-or-treating alternative to door-to-door visiting. For additional information or to volunteer please call Shannon at 570-579-8721 or Renee at 570-401-1461.

## HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!

