

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 1, 2017

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	9/30	4:00 PM	Mary Beth Kopczynskie by Her Husband Raymond, Daughters Pamela and Jennifer and Sons-in-Law
Sun.	10/1	7:30 AM	Bernice Petrusky by John, Joe, and Susie
		10:30 AM	For the People
Mon.	10/2	7:00 PM	Betty and John Kostick by Their Daughters
Tue.	10/3	7:00 AM	Peter and Stella Amentler by Their Children Janet and John
Wed.	10/4		NO MASS
Thur.	10/5	7:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Balas Family
Fri.	10/6	7:00 AM	Catherine Matz by M/M Stanley Wysocky
Sat.	10/7	4:00 PM	50 TH Wedding Anniversary of Walter & Eleanor Golab by Their Family
Sun.	10/8	7:30 AM	Bernice Petrusky by Her Son David, Jr.
		10:30 AM	For the People



Last Weekend's Offering will be posted in next week's bulletin.

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for the Care and Education of Priests.

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Betty Wydock by Leo Wydock and Family.



CHOIR PRACTICE will be held on Tuesday, October 3rd, at 6:00 PM.

FINANCE COMMITTEE will meet on Thursday, October 5th, at 7:15 PM in the rectory.

BLESSING OF PETS will take place on Saturday, October 7th, at 11:00 AM in the garden.



ANNUAL CHILDREN'S WARM WINTER COAT COLLECTION - We are seeking new, warm winter coats for the needy children in our Freeland Community. If you would like to donate a coat, you can drop them off at the parish office or place them on the right side of the altar steps. 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." Last year we distributed over 125 coats, hats, and gloves to children who would not otherwise have had a coat at all. This year we are most in need of larger size coats (8, 10, 12, 14, 14/16, 16, 16/18, 18, and 20) for both boys and girls.



FOOD PANTRY donation for September is packaged meals such as Hamburger Helper, potato or rice meals. Next distribution is Tuesday, September 26th. Volunteers are needed to help unload the truck at 1:00 PM. Packing bags is 1:30 PM; distribution is 3:30 PM.

MEMORIAL MASS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29th will be held to remember those from our parish who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. There will be a special Mass at 5:00PM (this **WILL** count as your Sunday obligation) and all are encouraged to attend.

PARISH REMEMBRANCE: After the 5:00 PM Liturgy on Sunday, October 29th, there will be an honored gathering in the parish center. This is an opportunity to remember your former parish here in Freeland. There will be four different "ethnic" food corners each commemorating those special foods from the parishes of the past. All are welcome and encouraged to stop down for refreshments and a walk down memory lane.

LEGION OF MARY meets every Thursday at 1:00 PM in the church basement. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this honoring of our Blessed Mother.



Greetings from the Pastor...

This is the second of three gospels in a row that deal with the "vineyard." We know that WE are the vineyard, God's people! On the surface, this Gospel is about two brothers, but the deeper meaning is: How do we serve the Kingdom of God? I once heard someone say: "he's so two-faced he can give himself mouth-to-mouth resuscitation." This describes the second son. Outwardly it appears as if he is doing his father's will, but inwardly he doesn't. The first son is the real hero in this Gospel. He recognized the wrong he had done and repented. Repentance is two-fold: First we show that we are sorry; secondly, we change our behavior. The best churches today are not filled with so-called perfect people who pay lip-service to their faith. The best churches today are filled with folks who recognize the wrong they have done, say they're sorry, and change their lives. I'd rather sit next to someone in the pew who is a reformed sinner than next to a person who is only Catholic on the outside. Wouldn't you?



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Many people think that St. Francis of Assisi wrote the prayer "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace." But he did not, and you will not find it among his writings. The prayer, which dates back to 1912, appeared in a magazine called La Clochette (Little Bell) published in Paris by a Catholic organization known as The Holy Mass League. A French aristocrat, Marquis Stanislas de Rochethulon, admired the prayer so he sent a copy to pope Benedict XV in 1915. The next year the prayer was published in L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican daily newspaper. The prayer was eventually printed on the back of a holy card of St. Francis by a Franciscan priest and it became known as The Prayer of St. Francis, or St. Francis Peace Prayer. During World War I and II, this prayer made its way around the world, with Protestants and Catholics encouraging people to recite it for the sake of an early end to the wars. (Excerpts from The Hidden Stories Behind 5 of Your Favorite Prayers by Thomas Craughwell) Maybe it wouldn't be a bad idea to keep a copy of the prayer in your pocket and say it daily considering all that is happening in the world today. Now you know the rest of the story!

ALTAR FRONTALS - You may noticed new Frontals on the altar, tabernacle and the lectern. We were able to procure three sets: green, white and purple - one for each liturgical season. If you are interested in donating one set or a portion of a set in memory of a loved one, please contact the parish office at 570-636-3035.



Volunteers working at the parish cemeteries are asking parishioners to please remove all logs and artificial plants and flowers from their family plots by **October 31st**. Immaculate Conception Church does not have a dumpster, and your help will greatly aid volunteers with the fall cleanup. Thank you for your cooperation.

SPONSORSHIP FOR BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION CRITERIA:

You must **BELONG** to a parish. Anyone over the age of 18 must be registered as a parishioner. Do not assume that if you were raised in the parish and received your sacraments her, you belong. I have had folks come back to the parish after having moved away saying that they received their sacraments at this parish and thinking they still belonged.

You must **PRACTICE** your faith on a regular basis. This means that you come to church more than just Christmas or Easter. If you do not meet these requirements, come & talk to me. We can work it out.

*****To have your child baptized in the parish, you must belong to the parish.**