

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 3, 2021

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	10/2	4:00 PM	Lawrence Blasko by Paula
Sun.	10/3	11:00 AM	Anna Poltrock by Her Family
Mon.	10/4	7:00 PM	All Living and Deceased Extraordinary Ministers from the Previous and Current Parishes
Tue.	10/5	7:00 AM	Stella and Peter Amentler by Their Children Janet and John
Wed	10/6	7:00 AM	Dolores Thomas by Michael, Laurie, and Gabrielle Dutz
Thur.	10/7	7:00 AM	Raymond Nesler by Steve, Ruth, and Family
Fri.	10/8	7:00 AM	Joseph Benderavich by Jane and Leo Decowski
Sat.	10/9	4:00 PM	Joseph and Cecelia Jastremsky by Jack and Lynn Jastremsky
Sun.	10/10	11:00 AM	Sonja and Stanley Wilczek by Their Son Stan



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,770.00; Loose \$108.00; Dues \$1,437.00; Care and Education of Priests \$84.00; Other \$60.00; Poor Box \$118.18

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Anna Poltrock



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.

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 \$1000.00. October jackpot is at \$700.00.

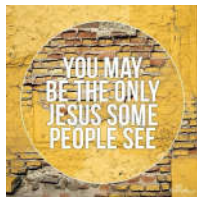


MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS will be at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, December 1st, in the Parish Center in the basement of Immaculate Conception Church. Please register by calling the Immaculate Conception Parish Office at 570-636-3035 or the Good Shepherd Parish office at 570-788-3141.

PICNIC IN THE PARK RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS: Congratulations to Christine Skwierz First Prize \$500.00; Cathy Blanyar Second Prize \$500.00; Pat Anthony Third Prize \$200.00; Deb Uhrin Fourth Prize \$100.00; Joann Zynel Fifth Prize \$100.00; and Finn Maloney Sixth Prize \$100.00. Sincere thanks to everyone who supported our raffle!



A Message from Father Mike...



This weekend's readings appear to talk about divorce. The Pharisees challenge Jesus saying that Moses allowed for divorce. The issue here was not divorce, but rather the Jewish leaders trying to trip Jesus up. They saw Jesus as a threat. They failed to see Jesus for who He really was: The Son of God. There are times in our lives when we feel threatened by others and their views and way of life. Many immediately put up a wall of defense and fail to listen, truly listen to the other person.

The ironic thing about this encounter between Jesus and the Jewish leaders was that HE was not a threat. Jesus wanted to embrace the leaders and show them a better way, but they would not because of their hardened hearts and blind eyes. Our challenge this week is to see Jesus in others. I guarantee you that opening your eyes and listening will open a whole new world for you.



A VIEW FROM THE VIEW, FOR YOUR OWN GOOD.

I was fumbling through the usual emails and opened one from EWTN Religious Catalogue and found an interesting quote from Mother Angelica. "Do you really believe God loves you? If you do, know everything that happens in your life is for your good. And it isn't always a peaceful experience." Sometimes it is hard to accept the painful experiences as something for our own good, but deep down we all know this is true. It's just God's way of nudging us in the right direction.



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. **If you had purchased tickets for the Oldies Dance which was cancelled due to the pandemic, please contact the parish office for replacement tickets for our upcoming dance**



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

REMINDER: NO ONE is to mark Mass Attendance Cards. The office has that responsibility. Please return the signed Student Contract for Faith Formation found on page 12 in your handbook.

There will be no class on Sunday, October 10th.

There will be a first grade parent/guardian meeting on **Sunday, October 17th, at 10:15 AM** in the Church.

October 17th the 11:00 AM mass will be the 8th Grade Children's Mass.



Church EVENTS

Dear
Deacon
Jim...

DEAR DEACON JIM - This is a new addition to our bulletin. Deacon Jim will be answering your spiritual questions each week. Everything about our faith that you always wanted to know but didn't know who to ask. Just email your questions to ourladyfreeland@gmail.com or drop your questions in the collection basket. Deacon Jim will then answer your questions in the bulletin. What a wonderful way to understand our faith more fully!

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.



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.



**Harvest
Festival**

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

