

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 4, 2020

		†	MASS INTENTIONS	†
Sat.	10/3	4:00 PM	Michael Delese by His Sister and Brothers	
Sun.	10/4	11:00 AM	Dolores Buchman by Her Family	
Mon.	10/5	7:00 PM	Lawrence Blasko by Wife Carol and Family	
Tue.	10/6	7:00 AM	Margaret Drumn by Mary	
Wed	10/7	7:00 AM	Verna Katzor by Mary	
Thur.	10/8	7:00 AM	James Karnoski by Mary	
Fri.	10/9	7:00 AM	Art, Dorothy, Evelyn and Lynn Croshaw by Stephen and Janet	
Sat.	10/10	4:00 PM	James Breznitsky by His Wife Frances and Son	
Sun.	10/11	11:00 AM	Rose and John Iacurci by Their Daughter Joan	

Last Weekend:



Sunday \$2,552.00; Loose \$324.00; Dues \$1,040.12; Care and Education of Priests \$65.00; Holy Thursday \$5.00; Good Friday \$5.00; Easter \$5.00; Easter Flowers \$10.00; World Mission \$25.00; All Saints Day \$24.00; Initial Offering \$10.00; Poor Box \$112.04

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of James Breznitsky by His Wife Frances and Son



SPECIAL COLLECTION - In light of the recent natural disasters of Hurricane Laura and the California wildfires, all parishes have been asked to take up a special voluntary collection to assist those most ravaged by these emergencies. If you would like to make a donation, please put it in an envelope with "**Disaster Relief**" written on it and just place it in the baskets as you leave the church. We ask that you please be as generous as possible.



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.



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.



From the
Pastor's Desk

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MIKE:

This weekend's Gospel is the story of the landowner who leased his vineyard to others, asked for his share of the crop at harvest, they refused and even killed his son. I want you all to think about the life God has given you. He has sent you into the vineyard to reap a rich harvest for yourself and others. The greedy folks in today's Gospel were given a gift and they refused to share that Gift. A responsibility has been placed on your shoulders, a gift given. Don't be greedy with your gifts but share them. How will you share your gifts today?

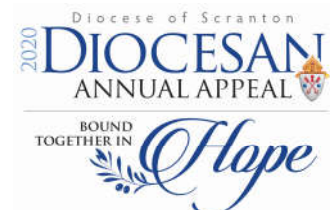


A VIEW FROM THE PEW, GOOD KING WENCESLAS.

I know what you're thinking, it's not Christmas; unless you've visited Lowe's garden center, and then you might think otherwise. September 28th is the feast day of Saint Wenceslas. He was Duke of Bohemia and well known for his generosity and care for the poor. He lived in a time of violent political unrest and was a noted peace maker and just ruler. His growing popularity enraged his younger brother and he and his political rivals struck him down on the feast of Saints Cosmas & Damian in the year 929. His last words were, "Brother, may God forgive you." The Holy Roman Emperor Otto I posthumously declared him a King. Now you know where the King part comes from and eventually declared him a Saint. He is a popular Saint in the Slavic region of Europe, and September 28th is a national holiday in the Czech Republic. He is the patron Saint of Slovakia and the Czech Republic. Cosmas of Prague wrote of him in 1119, "...Rising every night from his noble bed, with bare feet and only one chamberlain, he went around to God's churches and gave alms generously to widows, orphans, those in prison and afflicted by every difficulty, so much so that he was considered, not a prince, but the father of all the wretched." Sounds like the beginning of a Christmas carol and rightfully so; these acts of charity were considered to have taken place on the feast of Saint Stephen, which falls on December 26th. This song was not intended to be a Christmas carol, but one to be sung every day. The song recalls a Saint's good deeds, and his example is a path we should follow in our Christian journey.

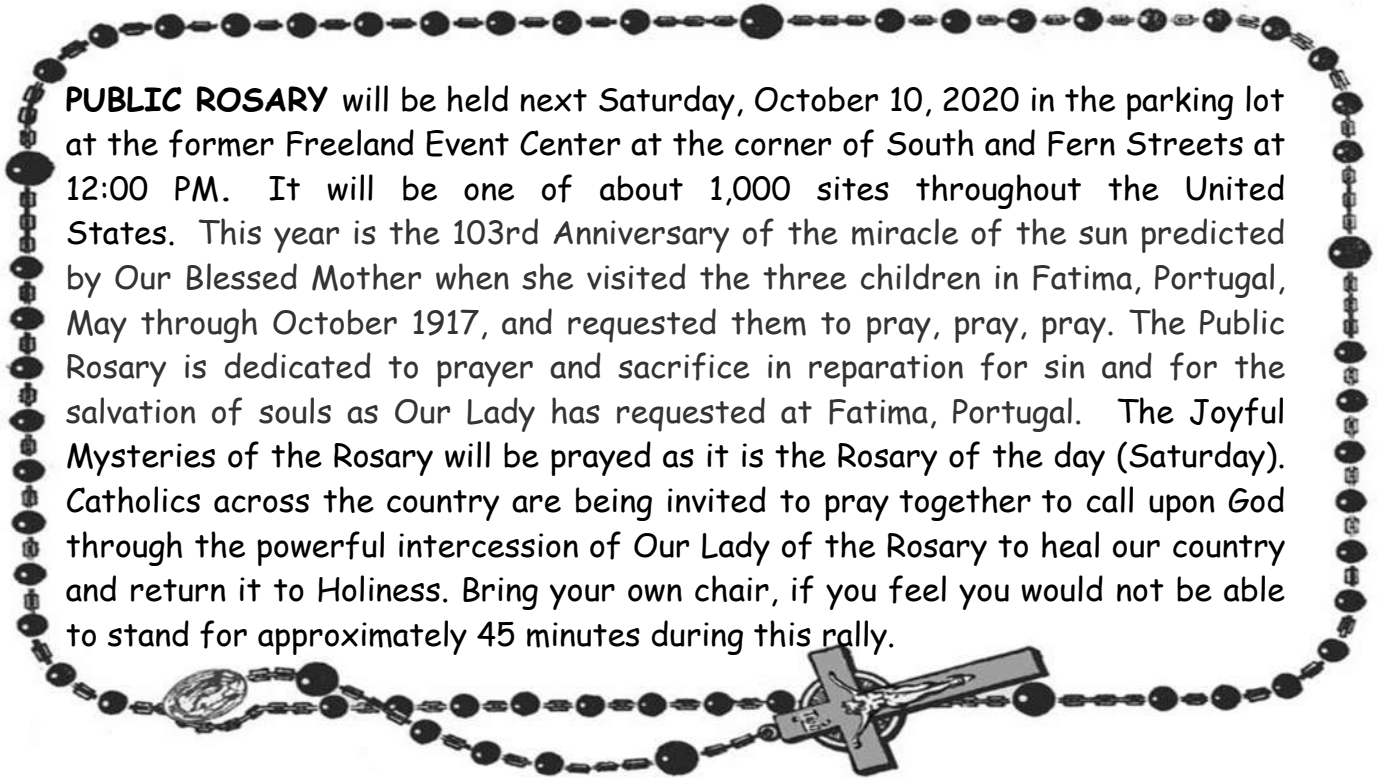
DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL - BOUND TOGETHER IN HOPE - There are many new faces who come because they need the food to survive...One little child asked her father, "What are we eating tonight?" He said, "Whatever that lady is going to give us." Catholic Social Services touches more

than 300,000 lives each year, offering more than food and shelter to the poor and forgotten. Staff and volunteers restore human dignity and give hope to needy individuals and families through counseling, emergency help, employment assistance, and permanent and transitional housing, including special care and support for veterans. To learn more and to make a gift, visit Annualappeal.org.





PUBLIC ROSARY will be held next Saturday, October 10, 2020 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 103rd 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 Public Rosary 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.



Coats For Kids



THE MESSENGERS OF HOPE will be distributing coats, hats, and gloves to needy children on **Saturday, October 31st** from 9:00 - 12:00. If you would like to donate a coat, we are still in need of some of the larger sizes. We have had many requests for coats in adult sizes both for boys and girls. We currently need adult small, medium, and large men's and women's.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551).

Aviso al Respecto de Reportar el Abuso Sexual de Un Menor de Edad Es la norma de la Diócesis de Scranton reportar cualquier alegación de abuso sexual de un menor de edad a las autoridades. Si usted es una víctima de abuso sexual cometido por un sacerdote, diácono, religioso o empleado laico, o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton, usted está obligado a reportar el asunto inmediatamente a las autoridades de la ley. Si algún sacerdote, diácono, religioso, empleado laico o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton tiene sospecha de que un menor de edad ha sido sujeto a cualquier forma de abuso, incluyendo abuso sexual de menor de edad, el asunto será reportado a las autoridades de la ley. Es la norma de la Diócesis defender todas las regulaciones civiles y del estado. Al fin de que la Diócesis esté comprometida igualmente a defender las normas del Código de Derecho Canónico y defender los principios de la Carta Para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos), lo cual incluye apoyar a las víctimas de abuso sexual en pos del bienestar emocional y espiritual. Por eso, información respecto a una alegación del asunto sexual de un menor de edad, debe ser reportada a la Coordinadora Diocesana de Asistencia para Las Víctimas, Mary Beth Pacuska, a (570-862-7551).