

# TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 6, 2019

## † MASS INTENTIONS †

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
Mon.	10/7	7:00 AM	<b>Televised Mass</b> Joni Moses by Michael and Carol Marhon
		7:00 PM	Dusty Sweet by Nancy Suda and Bill Turri
Tue.	10/8	7:00 AM	Lawrence Blasko by His Wife Carol and Family
Wed.	10/9		<b>NO MASS</b>
Thur.	10/10	7:00 AM	Katie Starruick by Mr. and Mrs. Stank
Fri.	10/11	7:00 AM	Clare and Bob Correll by Michele and Marty Kimmel
Sat.	10/12	4:00 PM	Frank, Anna, and Joe Voystock by Their Daughter and Sister Pauline
Sun.	10/13	11:00 AM	Elenita Kloton by Dr. and Mrs. Mark Stair



### Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,568.00; Loose \$194.00; Dues \$721.00; Care and Education of Priests \$27.00; Poor Box \$96.18

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of Clare and Bob Correll by Michele and Marty Kimmel



**A HEALING MASS** for physical, mental, and spiritual healing as well as healing for our nation will be celebrated on **Monday, October 7th**, at our regular Monday 7:00 PM mass.



**MEMORIAL MASS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd**, will be held to honor and remember those from our parish who have gone before us this past year 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. An invitation has gone out to the families of loved ones who passed away since October, 2018. Please call the parish office at 570-636-3035 if you plan to attend this mass and the number of persons who will be attending.



**PARISH REMEMBRANCE:** After the 5:00 PM Liturgy on November 3rd, there will be an honored gathering in the parish center. This is an opportunity to remember your former parishes here in Freeland. There will be four different "ethnic" food corners (Italian, Irish, Polish, and Slovak) 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.



**FOOD PANTRY DONATION** for October is canned cranberry sauce, pumpkin, and candied yams. Distribution is Tuesday, October 22nd.



**LOTTERY TICKET SPONSOR FOR OCTOBER** is John and Sandy Sabo. This donation is being made in Memory of Colleen Donlin (1966 - 2019) and for Breast Cancer Awareness.





I love the image of the mustard seed. Jesus was a master of using the ordinary and making it extra-ordinary. We can think of our own images today of something that might be small or tiny (a nanosecond, an atom, or a one-celled amoeba). To be honest, it's not the size of the mustard seed that Jesus is trying to get across to us. He's trying to tell us what WE and HE can do with something so small. Jesus can make great things happen in your life if you just give Him a nanosecond of time. Faith is in you, you just have to recognize it is there, hand it over to Jesus, and watch it grow.



### A VIEW FROM THE PEW, HELP WANTED.

October 4<sup>th</sup> is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. He is noted for his humility, life of poverty, literally living the gospel and respect to nature and animals. During his conversion, while he was praying at the ruins of an old church in San Domiano, Christ asked him to "repair his church." St. Francis assumed it was the old building, but Christ did mean HIS CHURCH, which was going through a period of heresy and corruption. Although St. Francis was not a priest, bishop or cardinal he accomplished a renewal through example and is considered the founder of all Franciscan orders in existence today. Likewise, St. Pope Pius X faced a familiar foe of heresy and the rise of Modernism. He wanted to renew all things in Christ. In a conversation with cardinals the Pope.



**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

### 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 11:00 AM mass.



**OUR ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be held at the Powerhouse Restaurant on **Sunday, December 1st**.



**PARISH CLEANUP:** Get your rakes, shovels, and pruning shears ready. We're having our Parish Grounds Cleanup on **Saturday, November 2nd**, from 10:00 to noon! We'll have hot chocolate, cider, and donuts ready for our workers. Come join the fun! **\*\*\* Please note that this is a change in date!!!**



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.



**WELCOME TO OUR NEW ASSISTANT PASTOR!** It is my pleasure to announce the name of our new Assistant Pastor: Rev. Lakra Arun. Fr. Arun is from India and will be serving our parishes for the next few years. Father will arrive this Thursday, October 10th, and will be at all Masses the following weekend. We are pleased again to welcome him to the parishes of Good Shepherd and Immaculate Conception.

On behalf of the Capital Campaign Committee and myself, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed and pledged donations to the capital campaign. In less than a year, through your gracious and generous contributions, we have exceeded 50% of our goal with close to \$208,000 in pledges. I am humbled by your generosity, knowing that you have secured Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish's financial well-being now and for future generations.

Father Mike



**FAITH FORMATION NEWS:** October 20th at 10:15 AM there will be a meeting for the parents of our 1st grade students.



Plans are underway for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Confirmation. More details will follow in upcoming bulletins.



**DIOCESAN APPEAL DONORS:**

Ms. Janet Amentler; Mrs. Adelaide Bobbie; Mr. David Bobbie; Ms. Janet Bobbie; M/M Francis Branz; M/M John Brogan; M/M Peter Brogan;

Ms. Mary Ann Delese; M/M James Eisenhart, Jr.; Mrs. Maurice Ferry; Miss Susan Hanusek; M/M Calvin Herring; Mr. John Kish; Mrs. Anna Marie Kopczynskie; Mr. Daniel Kopczynskie; M/M Joseph Laganosky; M/M Scott Malloy; M/M Richard Maranki; M/M Alfred Moyer; Miss Annette Poppalardo; M/M James Prokopovich; Mr. Eugene Ravina; Mr. John Rodriguez; M/M Daniel Sarosky; Mrs. Irene Soroko; M/M Thomas Stelmock; Mr. Oscar Strohl; M/M Leo Thomas, Jr.; M/M Jerome Tulanowski; Ms. Lillian Urenovich.

# ANNUAL CHILDREN'S WARM WINTER COAT COLLECTION



Winter will be upon us before we know it! We are seeking **NEW**, warm winter coats for the needy children in our Freeland Community. Many children come to us in coats that are worn thin and much too small for them. Their parents are doing the best they can, but they struggle to give their children the basic necessities.

I would like to share with you a few stories about the children you are helping. One little girl, about four years old, had selected a soft bunny-fur coat and as she was picking out her gloves, she told her seven-year-old brother, "I am never taking this coat off." His reply was, "See, I promised you wouldn't be cold this year." Then he turned to us and thanked us for helping him and his sister. He said that it was so good to be warm.

A father brought his children in, and his expression was most unhappy. I asked him if everything was all right and he commented that he had just lost his job and wasn't comfortable accepting charity to clothe his children. I assured him that we have no charity here. We are Messengers of Hope, not charity. His entire demeanor changed and he said that hope was something he could live with. We all need a little hope.

And lastly, I'd like to share with you a nine-year-old boy who was so happy because he got a coat in his favorite colors, red and black. When he found gloves and a hat to match, he was just thrilled. He came around behind the table and whispered in my ear that he saw his mom crying because his brothers and sister needed coats and she didn't know what to do. Then her friend told her about our parish giving coats and she called to see if she could get them for her children. He thanked us for helping his mom.

These children just melt your heart! They know they are in need and they are so grateful that someone is there to help them. That someone is **YOU!** There are many, many more stories like these. We need all sizes for boys and girls from infants and toddlers to adult XXL. If you would like to donate a coat, you can drop it off at the parish office or place it on the right side of the altar steps by the organ. If you would prefer to make a donation, you can drop it off at the parish office or place it in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Coats," and one of the Messengers of Hope will purchase a coat. Last year we distributed over 125 coats to needy children who would not otherwise have had a warm coat at all. All donations must be made by Sunday, October 27th. Distribution is Saturday, November 9th, from 9:00 AM till noon.



## **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).