

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 13, 2019

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	10/12	4:00 PM	Frank and Anna Voystock by Their Daughter Pauline and Joe Voystock by His Sister Pauline
Sun.	10/13	11:00 AM	Elenita Kloton by Dr. and Mrs. Mark Stair
Mon.	10/14	7:00 PM	Terry M. Schiavone, Sr. by His Wife Joyce and Children
Tue.	10/15	7:00 AM	Andrew Berezna by His Wife Carol and Sons
Wed.	10/16		NO MASS
Thur.	10/17	7:00 AM	Susan Myers by Kevin and Maureen O'Donnell
Fri.	10/18	7:00 AM	Donna Sonderschafer by M/M Ronald E. Ambrose
Sat.	10/19	4:00 PM	John J. and Katherine Banyas by Their Children Cathy Donati and Jackie Banyas
Sun.	10/20	11:00 AM	Rocco Lutz by His Family



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,386.35; Loose \$145.00; Dues \$797.00; Care and Education of Priests \$125.00; World Mission \$10.00; Haiti Mission \$1,415.00; Assumption \$1.00; All Saints \$12.00; Poor Box \$132.00

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of John J. and Katherine Banyas by Their Children Cathy Donati and Jackie Banyas



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. The next distribution is Tuesday, October 22nd.



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. 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. All donations must be made by October 28th. Coats will be distributed on Saturday, November 9th from 9 - 12.

From the Pastor's Desk

What a horrible disease, Leprosy! I have experienced leprosy first hand while working in the missions in Ecuador! The place was attached to a hospital, but visitor would not come into sections where the lepers were. I was privileged to spend some time with these ostracized people. These folks were not contagious, but the locals didn't care. Through little or no fault of their own, these special folks were spat upon and criticized for having a disease. I have to be honest, I was a bit frightened going in there, but God got me in and through the place. I went back 5 more times and created memories I'll never forget. Leaving the last day, one of the women by the name of Lydia stopped me and asked me to pray for the sick people who do not come to the leprosy side of the hospital. I looked at her and wasn't sure what she meant. Walking away, it dawned on me. The real sick ones were those who were prejudiced against the leprosy patients. Lydia, I'm praying, but there are still some sick people out there.



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!



SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE EVENTS!!!

OUR ANNUAL TURKEY BINGO will take place on **Sunday, Nov, 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!

DIOCESAN APPEAL DONORS: M/M Rocco Amentler; M/M Alvin Balon; Mr. Frank Balon; M/M George Blanyar; M/M John Bradish; Mr. Gene Della Croce; M/M W. Thomas Eddy; Mr. Robert Gaffney; Miss Dorothy Herkalo; Mr. Albert Kobza; M/M Robert Laporte; M/M David Marchetti; Mrs. Marie Marencin; Mr. Carl Matisak; Mrs. Rose Mattavi; M/M John Prokopovich, Jr.; M/M Richard Pshar; Mr. Daniel Raina; M/M Joseph Rudawski; Mrs. Kathleen Tate; Mrs. Mary Ellen Young



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Announcements



PARISH BUS TRIP TO HUNTERDON HILL PLAY HOUSE TO SEE THE THREE STOOGES: Money is due immediately from all those who signed up to attend. Please contact Mary Lloyd as soon as possible at 570-578-6720.

Diocese Adds Two Names to List of Credibly Accused Individuals



Following the release of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report in 2018, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera pledged to be open and transparent in the way that the Diocese of Scranton handles occurrences of child sexual abuse. As a result, the Diocese announces two names have been added to its list of clergy that have a credible claim of sexual abuse against a minor. In August 2018, the Diocese published on its website a list of all clergy, staff and volunteers who had been credibly accused of child sexual abuse. Eleven additional names were added to the online list in January 2019. Since then, additional survivors have come forward. After a review was completed in consultation with the Diocesan Independent Review Board, the two new names are listed below. We will continue to alert you periodically in the case that additional individuals are added to list. The Diocese of Scranton urges individuals who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese to report abuse directly to law enforcement. If you are aware of additional allegations of wrongdoing or any information that should be included on this list, please contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570) 862-7551. If you have suffered abuse by clergy or anyone working on behalf of the Diocese, you are encouraged to contact Mary Beth Pacuska.

These names have been added to the original list of credibly accused individuals:

DIOCESAN CLERGY

Oldfield, Albert E.

MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS ORDERS

Gormley, James J. (S.J.)



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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS: We are accepting donations of First Communion attire to help those who might be less fortunate. Donated items may be dropped off to Donna or Marianne.



**LOTTERY PROFIT FOR SEPTEMBER WAS \$1,265.00.
THANKS TO ALL WHO PLAYED!!**

