

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 20, 2019

† MASS INTENTIONS †

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
Mon.	10/21	7:00 PM	Edward and Corrine Dwyer by Their Daughter Angie
Tue.	10/22	7:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Balas Family
Wed.	10/23		NO MASS
Thur.	10/24	7:00 AM	David Smudin by the Turri Family
Fri.	10/25	7:00 AM	Joseph Cukauskas, Sr. by Ed and Barbara Cukauskas
Sat.	10/26	4:00 PM	Steve Korol by JoAnne
Sun.	10/27	11:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Capozzelli Family by the Capozzelli Family



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,867.36; Loose \$141.00; Dues \$2,370.00; Care and Education of Priests \$459.00; World Mission \$5.00; Poor Box \$100.29

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Donna Sonderschafer by M/M Ronald E. Ambrose



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.



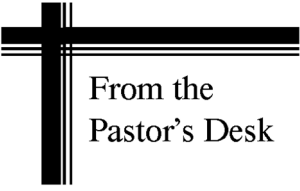
PARISH REMEMBRANCE: After the 5:00 PM Liturgy on November 3rd, there will be an honored gathering in the parish center. This is an opportunity to remember your former parishes here in Freeland. There will be four different "ethnic" food corners (Italian, Irish, Polish, and Slovak) each commemorating 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 next Sunday, October 28th. Coats will be distributed on Saturday, November 9th from 9 - 12.



From the
Pastor's Desk

Many years ago singer Garth Brooks had a song entitled *Unanswered Prayers*. Garth longed that his high school sweetheart would be the girl of his dreams. It didn't happen. It seemed like God didn't answer his prayers. I've learned a few things being ordained over 30 years: All prayer is answered! Just because it is not answered immediately does not mean that it won't be answered. The key to prayer, as Jesus is trying to get across in this week's Gospel, is persistence. A widow in Jesus' time had little or no rights, yet this widow persisted. Her prayer was answered. God will do the same for you if you persist. BTW....God did answer Garth's prayer later in life!



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, SOME THOUGHTS ON FALL

"A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance..."

Ecclesiastes 3:5. It's that time of the year, fall is here, and about to be swallowed up by Christmas. Fall never stands a chance! In a few weeks the colors will be gone, and so will be the liturgical year. It's a time to reflect on the passing year, and for some it's hard, especially those who have lost someone dear. We will soon celebrate our Mass of Remembrance and as a Parish we will not only mourn our losses, but afterwards gather to celebrate our loved ones' lives. This tradition is an example of how far we have progressed as a Parish. Please consider joining us in celebrating this special mass on November 3rd!



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!



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**. Cost is \$25. Deadline for reservations is November 17th.

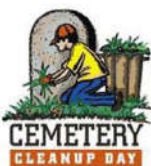


FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

- Calling all Little Lambs to join the Little Lamb Society. Together we can plant the seeds of Faith.
- Reminder: Mass Attendance Card check is November 3rd. Please send cards with your children.
- On November 3rd our students will be receiving the annual Virtus training.
- Please check your child's folder for communications.
- October 27 at 9:00 AM in the parish center, there will be a meeting for all parents and students who were confirmed in 2019 to discuss left proceeds.
- 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.



DIOCESAN APPEAL DONORS: Mrs. Agnes Batcha; M/M Robert Broyan; Mr. John Chuckra; M/M Gary cooper; Mrs. Mary Hanusek; Mrs. Mary Jacko; Mrs. Mary Lapchak; M/M Joseph Maduro; M/M William Maranki; Mr. Michael Marencin; M/M Robert Quinn; Ms. Helen Anne Soroko; Mr. Frank Walton; Ms. Helen Wysocki; Miss Mary Yenko



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.

PRAVING THE ROSARY

In addition to the Rosary being prayed before the 7:00 PM mass on Monday evenings and at 9:00 AM on Saturday mornings in the church, the Rosary will also be prayed after the 7:00 AM weekday masses during the month of October in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in honoring our Blessed Mother.



HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - Sunday, October 27th, from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. We're rolling out the red carpet! Future ROYALS will discover 5 academic tracks, 23 interscholastic athletic teams, and more than 50 clubs/activities! It's a great opportunity to meet teachers, coaches, students, and families. Registration, shadowing, and financial aid information will be available! For more information, call 570-829-2424 or got to www.holyredeemerhs.org.



HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL *Shrek: The Musical* will be presented Friday, November 15th and Saturday, Nov 16th, at 7:00 PM. Adults \$10 - Seniors \$9 - Students \$8. All seats are reserved. Call 570-829-2424 for more information.

THE NEXT CHARISMATIC MASS AND HEALING MASS at St John Bosco Church, Conyngham will be Thursday, November 14th at 7:00PM. Fr. Naphthali will preside and Sue Shaw will begin her music ministry at 6:45 PM. Light refreshments will be served afterward in Room 3. You are welcome and encouraged to join us.



PARISH BUS TRIP TO HUNTERDON HILL PLAY HOUSE TO SEE THE THREE STOOGES: Trip is November 13th. Cost is \$87.00. Money is due immediately from all those who signed up to attend. Please contact Mary Lloyd as soon as possible at 570-578-6720. Seats are still available.