

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 27, 2019

† MASS INTENTIONS †

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
Mon.	10/28	7:00 PM	Thomas Kislan by Leo and Jane Decowski and Family
Tue.	10/29	7:00 AM	Jeffrey Kopczynskie by Henry and Dan Kopczynskie
Wed.	10/30		NO MASS
Thur.	10/31	7:00 AM	Josephine and John Maranki by Mary Grace and Bill Maranki
		7:00 PM	Vigil of All Saints Day Ann Louise Ceriani by M/M Al Balon
Fri.	11/1	7:00 AM	All Saints Day Francis Pelot by Mary Fran and Sue
Sat.	11/2	7:00 AM	All Souls Day Betty Wydock by Her Family
		4:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Blasko and Wizda Families by Paula Gallagher
Sun.	11/3	11:00 AM	Rose and John Iacurci by Their Daughter Joan

Last Weekend:



Sunday \$3,128.00; Loose \$171.25; Dues \$1,202.00; Care and Education of Priests \$125.00; Assumption \$10.00; World Mission \$420.25; Poor Box \$94.10

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Steve Korol by JoAnne



ALL SAINTS DAY IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. You must attend mass either Thursday evening at 7:00 PM or 7:00 AM Friday morning. The 7:00 AM mass on Thursday does not count as mass attendance for All Saints Day. Also, if you attend the All Souls Day mass on Saturday morning, November 2nd, at 7:00 AM, this does not count at your mass for the weekend.



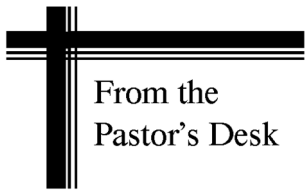
PARISH REMEMBRANCE: After the 5:00 PM Memorial Liturgy on November 3rd, there will be an honored gathering in the parish center. This is an opportunity to remember your former parishes here in Freeland. There will be four different "ethnic" food corners (Italian, Irish, Polish, and Slovak) each commemorating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

"Hey, now that we have an assistant priest, can't we have our old Mass schedule back?"

You can't believe how many times I've heard this question in the past week or so. Here are the reasons we will be keeping the current Mass schedule. Pick one or all (LOL)!

1. The Transition Team worked very hard on this schedule and feel it is the best mass schedule for each parish.
2. Fr. Arun will only be here for a limited time. If we change the schedule now, we will have to go back to the current schedule when he leaves.
3. Since we have TWO priests in our parish, we will be the first to be called on to fill-in in the event of a priest in another parish who is ill or away.
4. Both parishes easily accommodate the numbers at each Mass.
5. I don't care about the above 4 reasons. I want "my mass time" back! Couldn't resist!

I would encourage you to think beyond your own personal needs for a mass at a particular time and be encouraged by the fact that both parishes remain open. Change is never easy, but I have faith that all of us will adapt to the new schedule.



From the
Pastor's Desk

This week again, we are challenged with the word PRAYER. Last weekend it was the widow who was persistent in prayer. This weekend we get a glimpse of two different folks at prayer. One prays with simple humility, the other prays with self-serving pride. What amazes me most about this short parable is the inability of the self-serving man to see his own faults. He genuinely believes that his prayer is better than the man of humility. There are two challenges for you this week. Try and go one day without criticizing someone. If you find that difficult, try a half-a-day. Try an hour! The second challenge is to compliment those we find fault with. See where this leads you with others.



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 next **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 next Sunday, November 3rd. Please send cards with your children.
- On Sunday, November 3rd, our students will be receiving the annual Virtus training.
- Please check your child's folder for communications.
- 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.



ANNUAL CHILDREN'S WARM WINTER COAT DISTRIBUTION will be on Saturday, November 9th from 9 - 12. Sincere thanks to everyone who donated coats or made generous monetary donations. If you still want to donate a coat or make a donation, please come to the parish office as soon as possible. The children will be excited to come in and pick out their coats, gloves, and hats, and the Messengers of Hope are just as excited to distribute them. The children and their parents are always so very grateful. Thanks to you, over 125 needy children will be so much warmer this winter.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS: Our next quarterly Baptismal Preparation Class with Deacon Jim will be held on **Tuesday, December 10th**, at Immaculate Conception Parish and on **Tuesday, December 17th**, at Good Shepherd Parish. This class is mandatory for ALL parents wishing to baptize their children. Please register by calling the parish office of Immaculate Conception at 570-636-3035 or Good Shepherd at 570-788-3141.



DIOCESAN APPEAL DONORS: Mrs. Frances Breznitsky; M/M Robert Broyan; M/M Joseph Chuckra, Jr.; Mr. Gene DellaCroce; Mr. John Denion; M/M Michael Drumn; M/M Edward Fellin; M/M Carl Hartz; M/M John Kalena; M/M David Kulina; Mrs. Katherine Lutz; Mr. David Maranki; M/M Ronald Matisak; M/M Gregory McKinley; Mrs. Elsie Pshar; M/M Michael Ruggiero; Mr. John Serock; Mrs. Margaret Serock; M/M Thomas Yurish; M/M David Zambotti



FOOD PANTRY DONATION for October is canned cranberry sauce, pumpkin, and candied yams. The next distribution is Tuesday, October 22nd



SINCERE THANKS to **Helen Cukauskas, Mary Eddy, and Sandy Miller** for giving an **HOUR OF KINDNESS** last Saturday morning. We were able to sign and address Thanksgiving cards for 75 of our Nursing Home Residents and Elderly Parishioners. So many of the recipients of this Hour of Kindness and their families have called to thank us for not forgetting them on their birthdays and for just letting them know that someone is thinking of them. Our next Hour of Kindness will be Saturday, **December 7th, at 9:00 AM** in the rectory. Anyone with an hour to spare is welcome!



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.