

# THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 31, 2021

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| Sat.  | 10/30 | 4:00 PM  | Vic Piazzi by His Wife Alice and Daughters                         |   |
| Sun.  | 10/31 | 11:00 AM | Sonia and Stanley Wilczek by Their Son Stanley                     |   |
| Mon.  | 11/1  | 7:00 PM  | Deceased Members of the Capozzelli Family by the Capozzelli Family |   |
| Tue.  | 11/2  | 7:00 AM  |  |   |
| Wed.  | 11/3  | 7:00 AM  | Betty and John Kostick by Their Daughter                           |   |
| Thur. | 11/4  | 7:00 AM  | Thomas Zoshak by Mom and Dad                                       |   |
| Fri.  | 11/5  | 7:00 AM  | Raymond Nesler by Larry, Trish, and Jack                           |   |
| Sat.  | 11/6  | 4:00 PM  | Mark Kopczynskie by Anna Marie                                     |   |
| Sun.  | 11/7  | 11:00 AM | Rupert and Bette Sweet by the Turri Family                         |   |



### Last Weekend:

Sunday \$2,461.00; Loose \$19.00; Dues \$480.00; Care and Education of Priests \$40.00; Poor Box \$158.10; World Mission \$1,182.

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of Vic Piazzi by His Wife Alice and Daughters



**OUR SANCTUARY LAMP** is burning in Memory of Mark Kopczynskie by Anna Marie



**CALLING CHILDREN OF ALL AGES** - Please join us for an Old Fashion Game night on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM at Good Shepherd Parish. We will have board games for all ages, attend church and have pizza. Sign up will be with your Faith Formation Teacher. Please return the bottom portion of the slip by November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**BINGO AT ST. PATRICK'S** on the second Wednesday of every month. Parish center doors open and food is available at 5:00 PM. Games start at 6:00 PM. The November 10<sup>th</sup> bingo will be a Turkey Bingo. A bonus turkey will be awarded every other regular game. The progressive jackpot is at \$800.00.



**MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS** will be at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, in the Parish Center in the basement of Immaculate Conception Church. Please register by calling the Immaculate Conception Parish Office at 570-636-3035 or the Good Shepherd office at 570-788-3141.

**ALTAR SERVER REFRESHER AND TRAINING** - There will be a **VERY IMPORTANT** meeting for **ALL** current and new servers and for those who would like to become an altar server and for **ALL** parents on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, after the 11:00 AM Mass. If you have any questions or will be unable to attend, please call the parish office at 570-636-3035.





### A Message from Father Mike...

In Jewish tradition there are 612 Laws to live by. These Laws range from dietary (you cannot eat meat and dairy products together) to Liturgical (women must have their head covered when entering the Temple), So, when the scribe asks Jesus which Law is First, the answer seems impossible - not for Jesus! Instead of picking the best, He divides them into two: Love GOD! Love NEIGHBOR!

The LOVE GOD thing is fairly easy. The LOVE NEIGHBOR thing is not so easy. It's interesting that we can love the poor in a country like Haiti and hate the person sitting right next to us. Here's the challenge this week: Think of one person you dislike (go ahead, I'll wait). Focus on that person this week. You don't have to contact them (although you can) and you don't have to wait for an apology (it's probably not going to come). Just pray for them. Begin simply by loving them through prayer. Go ahead, try it!



### A VIEW FROM THE PEW, THE DAYS ARE LONG.

I heard an old Pennsylvania Dutch expression the other day, "The days are long, but the years are short". It made me think, that's exactly how I feel this time of the year...fewer hours of daylight make the days seem long, but time flies and before you know it, it's New Year's Eve. We often reflect on our own lives this time of the year, what went well, our shortcomings and what we could have done differently. We also remember those who are no longer with us, cherish the memories, and celebrate the past while keeping our eyes set on the future. As the old song goes, "Ain't it funny how time slips away".

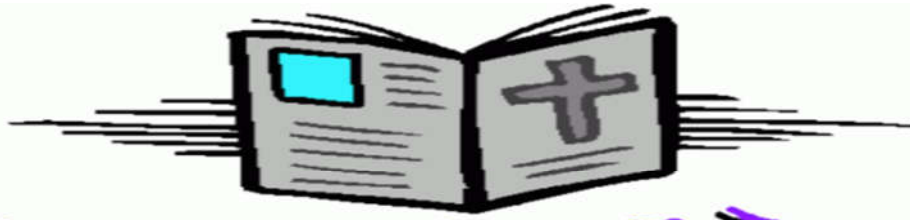
**GOOD SHEPHERD - Bingo is back!** The kitchen opens at 5:00 PM and our Early Bird game begins at 6:00 PM. **Monthly Breakfast - Breakfast is next Sunday, November 7,** in the parish hall. The menu includes bacon, sausage, eggs (any style), home fries, toast, pancakes, pastries, juice, coffee, tea and milk. The cost is \$8.00/adult and \$4.00/children ages 4 to 12. Serving time is from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM.



**DEAR DEACON JIM** - This is a new addition to our bulletin. Deacon Jim will be answering your spiritual questions each week. Everything about our faith that you always wanted to know but didn't know who to ask. Just email your questions to [ourladyfreeland@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyfreeland@gmail.com) or drop your questions in the collection basket. Deacon Jim will then answer your questions in the bulletin. What a wonderful way to understand our faith more fully! You do not have to put your name on your question.



**OLIC's Advent by Candlelight is back for 2021!!** Please join us on Sunday, November 28th, to celebrate the start of the Advent season. It will be an opportunity to relax and refocus on the true meaning of the season. This year's program, "Five Little Words", will focus on the words that are associated with each candle in the Advent wreath. The program will start at 4:00 PM in the church & will include scripture readings, music and reflection, festive decorated tables, snacks, refreshments, and desserts. To host a table or reserve a seat, please sign up in the back of the church or contact Michalene Prokopovich at 570-788-6970 by Sunday, November 21st. Please plan to join us for this beautiful & memorable Advent celebration. Hope to see you there!!



# Church News

## STATEMENT ON ARREST OF DIOCESAN PRIEST

On October 22, 2021, TAHE Diocese of Scranton learned that Father Gregory F. Loughney, pastor, Most Holy Trinity Parish, Cresco, was arrested by members of the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department. Four criminal charges, all connected to alleged inappropriate contact with a minor, were filed against Father Loughney on Saturday, October 23, 2021. Under its longstanding zero-tolerance policy, the Diocese of Scranton immediately removed Father Loughney from active ministry pending the outcome of the investigation. The Diocese of Scranton will cooperate fully with law enforcement officials in their investigation. Father Loughney will need to retain his own legal counsel, at his own expense. Anyone who might have relevant information is urged to call the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department at (570) 895-2400, the Monroe County District Attorney's Office at (570) 517-3052, or any local law enforcement agency. Information regarding any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor can also be reported to the Diocese of Scranton's Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570) 862-7551.



**CCD NEWS** - Parish cleanup will be held on Saturday, November 6th. This is a good opportunity for the Confirmation Students to get in some of their service hours. Also, if any elderly parishioners would like help with raking leaves, please contact the parish office. Our Confirmation students need service hours.

**Virtus Training** - The first session of Virtus Training will be held on Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup>. Parents are reminded to look for the letter in the students' folders.

**PARISH CLEANUP** - Parish cleanup will be held on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL** - The ROYAL family is opening its doors! Visit OPEN HOUSE Sunday, November 7th from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Discover an enriching, supportive faith-filled environment where academic excellence and servant leadership are pursued daily. Talk to parents, students, faculty, and coaches to learn why you belong in the Holy Redeemer family. HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL, 159 South Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes Barre (570) 829-2424.

**LEAVE A MARK** - Young adults (age 18-40) are invited to join Bishop Joseph C. Bambera on Sunday, November 7 at 5:00 PM in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, for this annual gathering to kickoff National Vocation Awareness Week in the Diocese of Scranton. A social will immediately follow in the Diocesan Pastoral Center. For more information, visit [vocations.dioceseofscranton.org](http://vocations.dioceseofscranton.org) or call 570-207-1452.