

# THIRTIETH-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 4, 2018

## ✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Sat.	11/3	4:00 PM	For the People
Sun.	11/4	7:30 AM	John Iorio by His Sisters Susan, Janet, and Ruth
		10:30 AM	Susan Myers by James and Anna McDermott
Mon.	11/5	7:00 PM	James Breznitsky, Sr. by Anna Plaksa
Tue.	11/6	7:00 AM	Dolores Buchman by M/M Angelo DeLorenzo
		9:00 AM	<b>Televised Mass:</b> Julie A. Thompson by Her Aunt Anna Plaksa and Family
Wed.	11/7		<b>NO MASS</b>
Thur.	11/8	7:00 AM	David Petrusky, Sr. by Gloria
Fri.	11/9	7:00 AM	Michael Plaksa by Terri Thomas and Jeff Stock
Sat.	11/10	4:00 PM	Walter and Helen McCarro by Their Children
Sun.	11/11	7:30 AM	For the People
		10:30 AM	Francis Pelot by His Wife Sue



### Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,744.50; Dues \$856.00; Care and Education of Priests \$20.00; World Mission \$94.00; All Saints \$36.00; Poor Box \$187.80

**MEMORIAL DONATION** of \$100.00 was made in Memory of Elenita Kloton by the Immaculate Conception Choir.

**TELEVISED MASS** will be this Tuesday, November 6th, at 9:00 AM. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

**NEW ALTAR SERVER MEETING** will be held on Sunday, November 18th, after the 10:30 AM mass. Anyone who wishes to become an altar server should attend this meeting.



**FOOD PANTRY DONATION** for November is packaged cookie mix. The next distribution will be Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.



**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE** - Ornaments will be available on the Giving Tree starting next weekend. This year we have two trees. The white tree has actual gift requests. The green tree has gift card requests. Please bring your gift-wrapped item with the ornament attached and place it on the altar or bring it to the parish office by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th** so that we can organize and distribute the gifts in time for Christmas. **PLEASE ATTACH YOUR ORNAMENT TO THE BOW IF POSSIBLE.** When the ornament is taped to the wrapping paper, it is difficult to remove and the paper tears. Also, if you find you are unable to purchase the gift or if you lose your ornament, please call the parish office and let us know. Not buying the gift means that we have to go out at the last minute and try to find the item and purchase it so that no one is forgotten on Christmas morning.



I recently found myself in a religious discussion with some colleagues at the VA. Included were a Protestant minister, a non-denominational Christian, a Muslim and myself. The topic came up about God and how we worship Him. We bantered back and forth about the "how" of worshiping God which differed

from each perspective. But we all agreed that we love God and that the love of God should show itself in love and respect for others. Each of us may go in different doors to worship our God, but we all come out of those doors with the same admonition: Love God and neighbor. Do you?



**A VIEW FROM THE PEW, ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT**

It's that time of the year, days are shorter, the leaves are falling, and the Christmas decorations have been on display since early October! With all the running around and preparation that goes into Christmas, the Liturgy Committee came up with an idea to start the season; **Advent by Candlelight**. This is a tradition many churches celebrate throughout the country to help women (and men) of faith be more centered on Christ as we approach Advent and Christmas. We tend to become overwhelmed planning parties, dinners, baking and decorating, or look at the holidays as a time of sadness and loneliness because of a tragic event or the loss of a loved one. Advent by Candlelight is an opportunity to gather with friends and the parish family to relax, sing, and listen to uplifting messages pertinent to the season. The program is held in the evening at the beginning of the Advent season. This is an outreach effort; thus, hostesses and other members of the parish are encouraged to invite family, friends and neighbors regardless of church affiliation. Guests are greeted with the atmosphere of soft Christmas music and the glow of candlelight on decorated tables. Desserts and refreshments are provided by each hostess which encourages social time, an important aspect of the evening. This is our first attempt at such an event and more information will be forthcoming. Please consider attending Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception's inaugural Advent by Candlelight. Let's put **CHRIST** back into **CHRISTMAS!**



**SAVE THE DATE!!!** Our Annual Turkey Bingo will take place next **Sunday, November 11th**, in the parish center. Early birds begin at 12:30 PM and regular games begin at 1:00 PM. Doors open after the 10:30 AM mass.



This Coupon Is Good for One Early Bird at the Turkey Bingo! Just clip and present at the door.

**CHRISTMAS CARD ADDRESSES for Fr. Zavacki, Fr. Matthey, and Fr. Gavitt are:**

Rev. Richard A. Zavacki  
St. Luke's Villa  
80 Northampton St Rm 109  
Wyoming, PA 18644-1801



Rev. Joseph J. Matthey  
Villa St. Joseph  
1600 Green Ridge St.  
Dunmore, PA 18509-2102



Rev. J. Duane Gavitt  
134 S. Washington St.  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-2901



## PARISH HAPPENINGS!

**ANNUAL APPEAL DONORS:** Mrs. Ellen Allen; Ms. Janet Amentler; Mrs. Agnes Batcha; Mrs. Adelaide Bobbie; Mr. David Bobbie; Ms. Janet Bobbie; M/M John Bradish; Mrs. James Breznitsky; M/M Peter Brogan; M/M Robert Broyan; M/M Thomas Capozzelli; Ms. Patricia Carrelli; M/M Joseph Chuckra, Jr.; M/M Thomas Crofcheck; Mr. John Denion; Mrs. Maurice Ferry; M/M James Fisher; M/M John Frank III; Mr. Robert Gaffney; Mrs. Anna Mae Gornal;

Mrs. Mary Hanusek; Miss Susan Hanusek; M/M Carl Hartz; Miss Dorothy Herkalo; M/M Calvin Herring; M/M Thomas Howanitz; Mrs. Mary Jacko; M/M Robert Kisatsky; Reverend Michael Kloton; Mr. Albert Kobza; Ms. Anna Marie Kopczynskie; Mr. Daniel Kopczynskie; Mr. Henry Kopczynskie; M/M David Kulina; M/M Robert LaPorte; M/M Brian Lloyd; Mrs. Mary Lloyd; Mr. Joseph Lutynski; Mrs. Katherine Lutz; M/M David Mahon, Jr.; Ms. Mary Ann Mahon; Mr. David Maranki; M/M Richard Maranki; M/M William Maranki; M/M David Marchetti; Mr. Michael Marencin; Mr. Alex Mason; Mr. Raymond Nesler; Ms. Lisa Nocchi; M/M Martin Nocchi; Mrs. Clara Novotnak; Mrs. Hazel Petrick; M/M Peter Petrushka; Mr. Carl Poppalardo; M/M James Prokopovich; M/M John Prokopovich, Jr.; Mrs. Elsie Pshar; M/M Richard Pshar; Mr. James Quinn; Mr. Daniel Ravina; Mr. Eugene Ravina; Mr. William Reczkowski; Mr. John Rodriguez; Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Regina Rudawski; M/M Michael Ruggiero; M/M Daniel Sarosky; M/M George Sarosky; Mr. John Serock; M/M Ken Sones; Ms. Helen Anne Soroko; M/M Leo Thomas, Jr.; M/M Joseph Tomari; M/M Jerome Tulanowski; Ms. Lillian Urenovich; Mr. Frank Walton; Mr. Eugene Wilkinson; Miss Mary Yencho; Mrs. Mary Ellen Young; M/M David Zambotti

### ARE YOU LIVING OUT A VOCATION TO MARRIAGE? WOULD YOU ENJOY AN EVENING CELEBRATING THIS CHALLENGING AND REWARDING VOCATION?

Please join us at the Diocesan Pastoral Center on the evening of November 10, 2018 at 6PM. Jim Merhaut, an inspiring presenter and the author of *Your Catholic Family: Simple Ways to Share the Faith at Home*, will speak on the topic of "Marriage: A Journey of Expanding Appreciation for Others". Dessert and beverages will follow.

Any married couple, along with all those currently involved in or considering a call to marriage ministry are warmly welcomed. **RSVP by November 5** to Jennifer Housel, Director for Community and Family Development, Office for Parish Life, (570) 207-2213 x 1104, [jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org)



**COMMUNITY-WIDE ADVENT-CHRISTMAS SONGFEST** on Sunday, Nov 25th, at 2:30 PM at the Freeland Presbyterian Church, 625 Front Street, Freeland. You are invited to a very special event for a very special season! Come, enjoy the fellowship, and sing your favorite Carols! Hear feature performances and presentations from area musicians. A cookie and dessert fest will immediately follow the Songfest!



### ***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. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis). 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) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

### ***Aviso al Respeto 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. De conformidad con la Comunidad de los Servicios de Protección Infantil de Pennsylvania Leyes, informes de sospecha de abuso de niños también debe hacerse inmediatamente por teléfono las 24 horas maltrato infantil hotline (ChildLine) al 1-800-932-0313 o electrónicamente en [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis). 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 Maria Beth Pacuska, a (570-862-7551) o a los oficiales diocesanos incluyendo El Vicario General, Monseñor Thomas M. Muldowney, a (570-207-2269).