

# THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 17, 2019

## † MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	11/16	4:00 PM	Deceased Members of the John & Helen Herness Family by Stanley
Sun.	11/17	11:00 AM	Cecelia Kavitski by Marguerite Bobby
Mon.	11/18	7:00 PM	Joseph Laganosky by His Mom and Dad
Tue.	11/19	7:00 AM	Angelina and Finito Donato by Mary Grace and Bill
Wed.	11/20	7:00 AM	Joni Moses by Rick and Nadine Bott
Thur.	11/21	7:00 AM	Joan Nowak by Marguerite Bobby and Family
Fri.	11/22	7:00 AM	Grace and George Komishock by Michele and Marty Kimmel
Sat.	11/23	4:00 PM	John E. Howanitz by His Family
Sun.	11/24	11:00 AM	Jean Iben by Her Husband and Daughters



### Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,471.00; Loose \$127.00; Dues \$3,102.00; Care and Education of Priests \$195.00; All Saints \$103.00; World Mission \$10.00; Easter \$50.00; Christmas Flowers \$25.00; Poor Box \$145.95

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of Joan Nowak by Marguerite Bobby and Family



### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE - Ornaments are available on the Giving Tree.

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 7th** 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 purchase it so that no one is forgotten on Christmas morning.



### FREELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT'S

**Annual Spaghetti Dinner** will take place next **Sunday, November 24th**, from **12:00 to 3:00 PM** at the **Other Side Restaurant**. Come enjoy fresh salad and the famous Other Side spaghetti and meatballs plus a wide selection of homemade desserts.

Cost is \$10.00 per meal. Dine in, take out, or delivery available.

For tickets contact any FFD firefighter or call the fire station at 570-636-3244.

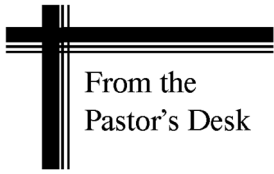


### ADDRESSES FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS



Father Richard Zavacki  
Allied Services Meade Street Senior Community  
260 S. Meade St. Room 214  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702-6221

Rev. J. Duane Gavitt  
134 South Washington Street  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-2901



From the  
Pastor's Desk

I remember as a child being told this time of year that I had better be extra good because Santa would be coming soon. We all remember those days. Of course, we all knew when that special day was - December 25th, CHRISTmas day! This weekend's Gospel is similar. Jesus is telling the crowd that something

special is going to happen - He was referring to the end time. There is one small difference. We know that date of CHRISTmas, we do not know the end of time. The folks questioning Jesus wanted to KNOW when it was going to happen. They were more focused on the date than their change of behavior. We are no longer children adjusting our behavior because Santa is coming; we are adults knowing that Jesus is coming soon. NOW is the time to change your behavior! Will you?



**A VIEW FROM THE PEW, THANKSGIVING EVERY DAY.**

"Remember, the things we take for granted may be the same things someone else is praying for." I'm not sure where this quote originates, but it is often true. We always count our blessings this time of the year, but why not make a commitment to be thankful every day of the year, especially in our prayers. Happy Thanksgiving!

**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.



**OUR ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY**

will be held at the Powerhouse Restaurant on **Sunday, December 1st**. Cost is \$25.00.



Entrees include Crab Cake with Dueling Sauces; Pork Gorgonzola with Bleu Cheese Breadcrumb Crust and Marsala Sauce; Hershey-Lancaster Hand Cut Prime Rib Au Jus; Eggplant Parmigiana over Capellini; Scottish Salmon in Romesco Sauce; Chicken Francais Enhanced with Lemon Butter; Chicken Parmigiana over Capellini; Hand Cut Four Ounce Filet Mignon. Entrees are accompanied by a starch and vegetable and a choice of soup or salad. Included are non-alcoholic beverages. **Deadline for tickets is this Sunday, November 17th.**

**DIOCESAN APPEAL DONORS:** Mr. John Banyas; M/M James Fisher; Miss Mary Ann Gera; Ms. Mary Ann Mahon; M/M Joseph Tomari; M/M John Wilkinson

**HOUR OF KINDNESS** will meet on **Saturday, December 7th, at 9:00 AM** in the rectory to address Christmas cards for our nursing home residents and shut-ins. If you or someone you know would like to receive a holiday / thinking of you / birthday card, please call the parish office at 570-636-3035. Anyone who would like to donate an hour of kindness is welcome and encouraged to come.





**SINCERE THANKS** to everyone who donated coats, hats, & gloves or made a generous monetary donation to our "Coats for Needy Kids." Thanks to your continuing generosity, 156 needy children in our Freeland community are much warmer just in time for the arctic blast. The children were thrilled to pick out their coat, hats, and gloves. Everyone was so very grateful. There were "thank you" and hugs abounding. Many parents were overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness of our parish family. Also, sincere thanks to Gene Della Croce, Angie Dwyer, John & Sandy Sabo, Sally & Les Shupp, Lisa Timek, Cheryl Turri, Lillian Urenovich, and Steve Croshaw for their help with the coat distribution on Saturday. We could never do this without you!



**FOOD PANTRY DONATION** for November is baking products (cookie mix, flour, sugar, cake mix, etc). The next distribution is Tuesday, November 26th.



**PROFIT FROM OUR ANNUAL TURKEY BINGO** was \$1,514.25. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped to make our Bingo a success.



**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT** provides a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the true spirit of the season - Jesus Christ. It is a special evening for the women and men of our parish to come together and celebrate the season of Advent. We will have prayer and reflection, musical accompaniment by Immaculate Conception choir, festive decorated tables, refreshments and desserts. Please join us in celebrating our parish's second annual Advent by Candlelight program on Sunday, December 8th, at 5:00 PM. Information and details and sign-up sheets are available in the back of the church. Please contact Michalene Prokopovich at 570-788-6970 with any additional questions. Please consider joining us to this welcoming of the Advent Season.



**PARISH CHRISTMAS SONG FEST**— on Thursday, December 12th, at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center. Come join us for a fun evening of prayer and music to welcome the CHRISTmas season. Feel free to bring along a plate of your favorite cookies!

