

# THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

## † MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	11/20	4:00 PM	Marie Pingar by Tom & Kim Ragan
Sun.	11/21	11:00 AM	John, Mary Lou, Patrick, & Katie Keeler by Their Wife & Mother
Mon.	11/22	7:00 PM	Thomas McFadden by Angie Dwyer
Tue.	11/23	7:00 AM	Barbara Lutz by the Christino Family
Wed	11/24	7:00 AM	Vic Piazzi by M/M Michael Swankowski
Thur.	11/25	9:00 AM	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b> Scott Branz by Joe & Jean Branz & Family
Fri.	11/26	7:00 AM	Catherine Hrino by Her Husband Ben
Sat.	11/27	4:00 PM	John E. Howanitz by His Children & Grandchildren
Sun.	11/28	11:00 AM	Jean Iben by Her Husband & Daughter



### Last Weekend:

Sunday \$2,995.00; Loose \$155.00; Dues \$1,738.00; Care and Education of Priests \$147.00; Other \$28.00; Poor Box \$149.01

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of Scott Branz by Joe and Jean Branz and Family



**OUR SANCTUARY LAMP** is burning in Memory of John, Mary Lou, Patrick, and Katie Keeler by Their Wife and Mother

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which is a Holy Day of Obligation, in addition to our regular morning mass at 7:00 AM, there will be a special Mass on the evening of December 8th with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6:00 PM to 6:50 PM with Mass at 7:00 PM. There is also a Vigil Mass at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, December 7th, at 7:00.



**OUR ANNUAL GIVING TREE** is loaded with Christmas wishes from the needy children of our Freeland community. You will notice that many of them have multiple gifts. You are not expected to purchase all of the gifts. Parents just gave a choice in gifts. Each gift should be approximately \$25.00. You may choose to buy more than one gift, but you are not expected to. **Gifts must be on the altar by Sunday, December 12th. If you cannot bring your gift, please let us know as soon as possible.**



**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.



**CCD NEWS** - If any elderly parishioners would like help with raking leaves or show shoveling, please contact the parish office at 570-636-3035. Our Confirmation students need service hours.



There will be **NO CLASS** next Sunday, November 28th, which is Thanksgiving. Classes resume on Sunday, December 5th.

## A Message from Father Mike...



I have my New Year's Resolution ready. I am going to lose 50 lbs (at least) in the coming year. I have a diet, a treadmill and determination (and a note from my doctor that I NEED to lose weight). We all know how New Year's Resolutions go!

This Sunday we are ending an Old Liturgical Year and ready to start a New Liturgical Year. I've got my prayer books ready, confessional schedule, and a note from my Spiritual Director to spend more time in prayer - to take care of my soul!

How about you? Are you ready to make some New Liturgical Resolutions? Let's focus on those Spiritual New Year's Resolutions.



### A VIEW FROM THE PEW, A LESSON IN THANKFULNESS.

"When I counted my blessings, my whole life turned around." Willie Nelson. Makes sense doesn't it? We often get mired in the negative; it's easier and often gets too comfortable and leads to more misery. If counting the good doesn't turn your life around, it will most certainly make your day a little more pleasant. Count your blessings today; you'll be surprised how many you have!

**GOOD SHEPHERD TUESDAY BINGO IS BACK!** The kitchen opens at 5:00 PM and our Early Bird game begins at 6:00 PM.



**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 next bingo will be a Turkey Bingo. A bonus turkey will be awarded every other regular game. The progressive jackpot is at \$900.00.



Our Parish Community-Service Coordinating Team is requesting cake mixes, cookie mixes, chocolate chips, brown sugar, and sprinkles for the month of November. Items are to be placed in the food pantry container by November 21st. Thank you for any donations you can provide to assist those individuals and families in need in our community.



**THE PROFIT FROM OUR  
TURKEY BINGO IS \$2,024.00  
THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED  
MAKE OUR BINGO A SUCCESS!**





# Advent Schedule Of Special Events

## ADVENT SCRIPTURE SESSIONS WITH FATHER MCHUGH:

Father McHugh will present Advent Scripture sessions on the Infancy Gospels of Matthew and Luke at **9:00AM on Tuesday, November 30th, and Tuesday, December 7th.** Tuesday, December 14th, is a make-up day in case of a postponement of either of the scheduled sessions. Father will examine the differences and similarities of the Infancy Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Topics such as angels, canticles, dreams, genealogies, etc., will be treated. Register by calling Good Shepherd parish office at 570-788-3141. Studying the Infancy Gospels is a fine way to prepare for Christmas and the days following it.



**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!!

**CONTEMPORARY STYLE MASS** - Every Sunday during the Advent Season at 6:00 PM in Good Shepherd Parish there will be a contemporary style mass. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

