

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

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| Sat. | 11/27 | 4:00 PM | John E. Howanitz by His Children and Grandchildren | |
| Sun. | 11/28 | 11:00 AM | Jean Iben by Her Husband and Daughter | |
| Mon. | 11/29 | 7:00 PM | M/M Frank Lutz and M/M Michael Roth by Brian and Skip Lutz and Families | |
| Tue. | 11/30 | 7:00 AM | LeAnne Brogan by the Feissner Family | |
| Wed. | 12/1 | 7:00 AM | Joseph Breznitsky by James and Linda Letcher | |
| Thur. | 12/2 | 7:00 AM | Dolores Buchman by John Kmetz | |
| Fri. | 12/3 | 7:00 AM | John McDonald by Jean Gerenza | |
| Sat. | 12/4 | 4:00 PM | Bob Hludzik by Mary Ann | |
| Sun. | 12/5 | 11:00 AM | Gary Zabretsky by Cindy, Adam, and Kyra Zabretsky | |



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$2,986.00; Loose \$231.00; Dues \$1,484.00; Care and Education of Priests \$32.00; Human Development \$415.00; All Saint's Day \$9.00; Poor Box \$103.00

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of M/M Frank Lutz and M/M Michael Roth by Brian and Skip Lutz and Families



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. Gifts will be distributed Saturday, December 18th, from 9 - 11.**



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



The children have prepared a craft and have placed them in baskets at the entrances of the church for parishioners to take. Please take one as you leave or enter the church.

On Sunday, December 19th, the 11:00 AM Mass will be the 6th Grade CCD Children's Mass.



Classes will resume on Sunday, December 5th.

A Message from Father Mike...



We begin the Advent Season this weekend. During these four weeks we will focus on the Advent Wreath and the meaning of each candle. This Sunday we will focus on the word **HOPE**.

This First Sunday of Advent is particularly important during the Advent Season, and many special activities are launched on this day. In the parish of Immaculate Conception, we will celebrate Advent by Candlelight, and at Good Shepherd, we will celebrate a Contemporary Liturgy each Sunday evening at 6:00 PM. Advent calendars may be given out (each of our Faith Formation students received one of these calendars). These calendars count the days to Christmas. Usually, these calendars feature a design where each day can be opened after that day has passed revealing a message for the day. This makes it fun for the children to observe the Advent Season. And so the focus of the First Sunday of Advent is: **HOPE** because the children provide **HOPE** for the future.



Hope | Peace | Joy | Love

A VIEW FROM THE PEW, A FEW WORDS FOR ADVENT

Just a few small words can prepare us for the season of Advent and ultimately Christmas. **HOPE, PEACE, JOY & LOVE**. A season filled with **HOPE**, the confident expectation of what God has promised. This expectation is the birth of a savior, Jesus Christ, the one who brings **PEACE** on earth. "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." John 27:14. The peace Christ brings fills us with great **JOY**, "...the joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10. The promise which is fulfilled on Christmas is ultimately **LOVE**, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16.

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.



MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS will be at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, December 1st, 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.



Meeting
Reminder

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE will meet on Wednesday, December 1st, at 6:00 PM in the rectory.





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. We look forward to seeing all who signed up for this beautiful & memorable Advent celebration.

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.

