

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

		†	MASS INTENTIONS	†
Sat.	11/28	4:00 PM	John Howanitz by His Daughters, Son, & Grandchildren	
Sun.	11/29	11:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Lutz and Mr. & Mrs. Michael Roth by Mr. & Mrs. Brian Lutz and Family	
Mon.	11/30	9:00 AM	Televised Mass Pamela Matisak James by the Kazinetz Family	
		7:00 PM	Al Wychulis by Patricia Paterick	
Tue.	12/1	7:00 AM	Betty Lonsetta by Her Brother Bob Kislak	
Wed	12/2	7:00 AM	Joseph Lapchak, Sr. by Pauline Frye and Family	
Thur.	12/3	7:00 AM	Michael Delese, Sr. by Carmen and Mary Ann Delese	
Fri.	12/4	7:00 AM	Regina Gavana by Her Brother Bob Kislak	
Sat.	12/5	4:00 PM	Robert Hludzik by Mary Ann	
Sun.	12/6	11:00 AM	Gary Zabretsky by Cindy, Adam, & Kyra Zabretsky	



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$1,858.00; Loose \$319.96; Dues \$404.00; Care and Education of Priests \$32.00; Human Development \$157.00; All Saints \$15.00;

Feast of the Immaculate Conception \$5.00; World Mission Sunday \$5.00; Poor Box \$29.16

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Robert Hludzik by Mary Ann



MEMORIAL DONATIONS in Memory of Raymond Nessler have been made: \$35.00 by the Employees of Feussner Ford, Inc. and \$50.00 by Paul Yanochko

MEMORIAL DONATION of \$50.00 was made in Memory of Father Matthey.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Adoration Chapel at St. Gabriel's church on Wednesday; December 2, 2020. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 12:45 PM to 5:15 PM followed by Mass at 5:30 PM. Due to seating limitations please call the rectory if you will be attending the Mass.

The Giving Tree
Helping Those in Need



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE - Ornaments are still available on the Giving Tree. If you aren't attending church in person and would still like to participate, call Janet in the parish office 570-636-3035 or just stop in to get a gift tag. If you prefer to purchase a Walmart Gift Card, just bring it to the office. We will match it to a gift tag. If making a monetary donation is easier and safer, we will be happy to do your shopping for you.

MOST IMPORTANT: All gifts are due in the church or parish office by Sunday, December 6th. If you find you are unable to purchase the gift or if you lose your ornament or if your gift will be delayed, **PLEASE** call the parish office and let us know. Not buying the gift or not letting us know that it will be late means that we have to go out at the last minute and try to find the item and purchase it so no child is forgotten on Christmas morning.



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MIKE:

This weekend we officially begin the Advent season, a time we prepare for the coming of Christ. You will notice our theme this year for the Advent season is: "the Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us." Many of you remember the prayer the Angelus that we used to say at noontime and 6 PM. We're asking those who remember that prayer this Advent season to say it on a daily basis. The small Daily Reflection booklets that you were able to pick up in the church has that prayer on the inside and it is also printed below the View from the Pew. In a world that's very different than we've experienced ever In our lifetime, it is to such prayers as the Angeles that we look for peace and comfort during the Advent season.



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH.

Advent a definition: A coming into place, view, or being, arrival. What is coming into view or being? **AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, JESUS,** that's what we're preparing for, that's what should be coming into view. How can we better focus on the true meaning of the Advent season? How about a prayer?

How about the Angelus. When you recite the prayer, you are meditating on the true meaning of Christmas. The Annunciation, Mary's unconditional faith, "be it done to me according to Your word." Christ's birth, passion, death on the cross and His glorious resurrection. A prayer which recaps God's promise to save mankind. With all that's happened this year maybe being called back to this humble prayer might not be such a bad idea. Why not give The Angelus a try this Advent Season?



THE ANGELUS

(to be prayed each day at noon)

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace,

The Lord is with Thee;

Blessed art thou among women,

And blessed is the fruit of thy womb,

Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for us sinners,

Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary, etc.

V. And the Word was made Flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, etc.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.



ATTENTION ALL LECTORS: There is a Lector Workbook in the back sacristy of the church for each of you with your name on it. This book begins with the readings for the First Sunday in Advent and continues throughout the liturgical year. Please pick up your copy at your earliest convenience. This is for all lectors, even if you are not actively reading at this time.



IMPORTANT NOTICE: The holidays are coming and with the pandemic and quarantine still in full swing, there are more and more people who are feeling very alone. If you know of someone who could use a boost of kindness from their parish family, please get their names added to our "Hour of Kindness" greeting card list. Everyone likes to be remembered, and we are so happy to send out a monthly "Thinking of You" greeting card. All you need to do is call Janet in the parish office at 570-636-3035. It's that easy. And if that person is YOU, please make sure you call!



PARKING LOT RADIO MASS: All weekend Masses at the Church of Good Shepherd (Saturday 6:00 PM, Sunday 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM) will be available over your car radio. **We ask that you park in the lower lot** (to the left of the church) and tune



your **car radio to FM 98.3**. You will be able to listen to the Mass over your radio in the comfort of your car and remain socially distant. At the end of Mass an Extraordinary Minister will come to the parking lot to distribute Holy Communion. If you bring your envelop those will also be collected. Spread the word!

IN-PERSON BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES will be resuming following protocols established by Diocesan, State of Pennsylvania, and CDC guidelines. Our next Baptismal Preparation Class with Deacon Jim will be held on **Thursday, December 3rd**, at Immaculate Conception Parish in the Parish Center (basement of the church). This class is **MANDATORY** for **ALL** those 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. All persons attending the classes must wear face masks. Baptisms will have a limit of 25 persons. Social distancing must be observed.



Bulletin/Community Announcement for Our Lady
of the Immaculate Conception, Freeland

November 19, 2020

My Fellow Parishioners,

An individual who recently attended Mass at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church in Freeland has tested positive for COVID-19. The person last attended Mass at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 14, 2020. The individual did not experience symptoms until Sunday, November 15, and received a COVID-19 test on Monday, November 16. The parish was informed that the test result came back positive for COVID-19 on Thursday, November 19, 2020.

In continued alignment with Diocesan, state and federal public health and safety guidelines, social distancing and mask wearing was maintained during the Mass.

In accordance with established protocols from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the areas visited by the individual with the confirmed case of COVID-19 are undergoing additional cleaning and disinfection measures.

Anyone who attended Saturday's Mass is encouraged to keep alert for any potential symptoms of COVID-19, which may include (but are not limited to) fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, muscle pain, headache or a loss of taste or smell.

The staff of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish extends prayers for healing and comfort to the individual experiencing illness and for all those affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

Father Mike