

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2019

## † MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	11/30	4:00 PM	Joseph G. Laganosky by Joseph and Geri Banyas
Sun.	12/1	11:00 AM	Andrew and Helen Berta by Their Daughter Mary Hanusek
Mon.	12/2	9:00 AM	<b>Televised Mass</b> Michael and Barbara Smutny
		7:00 PM	Joseph Cukauskas, Sr. by Helen Cukauskas and Sons
Tue.	12/3	7:00 AM	Billy Wilkinson by M/M Paul Thomas
Wed.	12/4	7:00 PM	Barbara Preat by TJ and Cathy McGeehan
Thur.	12/5	7:00 AM	Christopher Demko and Dolores Buchman by Their Family
Fri.	12/6	7:00 AM	Gino Herness by His Friend Steve
Sat.	12/7	4:00 PM	Gary Zabretsky by Cindy, Adam, and Kyra Zabretsky
Sun.	12/8	11:00 AM	Margaret Blasko by Her Daughter Paula Gallagher



### Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,364.00; Loose \$99.00; Dues \$771.00; Care and Education of Priests \$14.00; Christmas Flowers \$385.00; Human Development \$367.00; All Saints \$4.00; Poor Box \$103.19

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Lutz and Mr. & Mrs. Michael Roth by Their Family.



**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MEMORIAL DONATION** of \$50.00 was made in Memory of Margaret Koslap by Dave and Carol Kulina.

### The Giving Tree

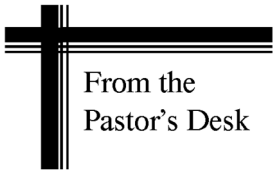
Helping Those in Need



**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 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 try to find the item and purchase it so that no one is forgotten on Christmas morning.

**LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held on **Monday, December 1st, at 5:45 PM** in the rectory.



From the  
Pastor's Desk

**Waiting in Joyful Hope!** This is the theme of this year's Advent Season for our parishes. If you are reading this, you received a small booklet with a daily reflection for this most holy time of year (extras are available in church). I remember back in late August seeing CHRISTmas decorations popping up everywhere. I'm sure you saw them too and thought to yourself...way too early! Well, it's here! The ADVENT season - the official time of preparation for CHRISTmas. The gauntlet tossed to you is to keep this Advent season a time to reflect. The small booklet will help keep you on track. Have a blessed Advent season!



**A VIEW FROM THE PEW, WAITING.**

"Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord." James 5:7. If you look around the next few weeks, I'm positive that you will not see too many patient people! We'll wait in all kinds of lines looking for that special something, but does that something really matter? Why not set some time aside to WAIT for something that really does matter? Let's take time to appreciate the JOY this season represents and the HOPE that will soon arrive. We should all be WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE for the ultimate gift, the birth of our savior JESUS CHRIST!

**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.



**DIOCESAN APPEAL DONORS:** Ms. Patricia Carrelli; M/M Joseph Gallagher; M/M Martin Kimmel; Mrs. Mary Lloyd; M/M David Mahon, Jr.; M/M Robert Malloy

**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. Anyone who would like to donate an hour of kindness is welcome and encouraged to come.



**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

**JUST A REMINDER -- ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT** program is Sunday, December 8th, at 5:00 PM in the church for those who signed up to attend. We will have prayer and reflection, musical accompaniment by Immaculate Conception choir, festively decorated tables, refreshments, and desserts.





Good Shepherd Parish is having Their monthly Breakfast from 8 - Noon in the Parish Center. Santa will be visiting at this time!!!



You Are Most Cordially Invited to Join Us for Our Children's Christmas Play Celebrating Jesus' Birth On Saturday, December 14th, at 5:00 PM in Good Shepherd Church. Admission is FREE!

**COMBINED PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** The Parish Pastoral Councils of Good Shepherd and Immaculate Conception has met for combined meetings in September, October and November.

As we continue to grow into our new linkage we thought it was important to have combined Pastoral Council meetings so that we all have a shared awareness of how to build a great new linkage.

Our desire is to create spirit of unity that flows from our common goals and priorities. Our hope is to work together to see growth in the both parishes in our linkage.

We've been attentive to appreciating the balance between the needs of each individual **PARISH** and those of the **LINKAGE**. We realize, like in a marriage, that we need to look at the balance between **"I and WE"**.

As with the transition team the common hope expressed for the future was to have an increased sense of shared experiences, events and projects.

As we look to the New Year we will be reaching out to you for your ideas and support as we consider ways to create a new social event and outreach project where we can multiply our strengths and gifts to be of service to others and enjoy time together.



### ***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).