

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 2020

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	12/5	4:00 PM	Robert Hludzik by Mary Ann
Sun.	12/6	11:00 AM	Gary Zabretsky by Cindy, Adam, & Kyra Zabretsky
Mon.	12/7	7:00 PM	Mr. & Mrs. John J. Banyas by Their Children Cathy and Jackie
Tue.	12/8	7:00 AM	Margaret Blasko by Paula
Wed.	12/9	7:00 AM	Rita Babbish by Her Dad
Thur.	12/10	7:00 AM	Agnes Banyas by Paul and Margie Serock
Fri.	12/11	7:00 AM	George Gombeda, Sr. and George Gombeda, Jr. by the Gombeda Family
Sat.	12/12	4:00 PM	Mary and Thomas Ferko by Mrs. Frances Breznitsky and Son
Sun.	12/13	11:00 AM	Sonia and Stanley Wilczek by Their Son Stanley



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,156; Loose \$97.00; Dues \$985.00; Care and Education of Priests \$75.00; Religious Retirement \$10.00; Immaculate Conception \$24.00; Human Development \$86.00; Christmas Flowers \$742.00; Poor Box \$162.24

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Mary and Thomas Ferko by Mrs. Frances Breznitsky and Son



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE - The gifts from the Giving Tree are due this weekend. If you are still going to bring your gift, please call the parish office 570-636-3035 and let us know. Otherwise we must purchase the missing gifts.

IN-PERSON BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES will be resuming following protocols established by Diocesan, State of Pennsylvania, and CDC guidelines. This class is **MANDATORY** for **ALL** those parents wishing to have their children baptized. 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.



ATTENTION ALL LECTORS: There is a Lector Workbook in the back sacristy of the church for each of you. 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.



VIRTUAL GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - Winter and the post-holiday season can be difficult times to navigate grief, particularly during an ongoing period of social distancing. Please consider joining the virtual grief support group offered by Cathedral of Saint Peter Parish in Scranton. Anyone is welcome; you do not have to be a member of the parish to participate. The group will convene online, Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 7:30. The dates of the virtual meetings will be January 6, 13, 20 and 27. For more information please contact Deacon Ed Shoener at 570-814-5133 or the parish office at 570-344-7231.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MIKE:



Both this weekend and next we will hear about John the Baptist. Most of us know that John the Baptist was a cousin to Jesus. The job of John the Baptist was twofold: first to announce repentance and secondly to prepare the way of the Lord. As we continue on our Advent journey, I encourage you to think about those two things. Each Parish will have additional time for reconciliation. Also, it is how we prepare for the coming of Jesus that is most important. Prepare your heart and your soul for the coming of Jesus. John the Baptist did a great job getting us ready. What will you do to get yourself ready for the coming of Jesus?



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, WHAT IS THE ANGELUS?

The Angelus is a prayer with an ancient history that dates to the 12th century. The prayer evolved from the custom of reciting three Hail Marys in the evening, a tradition promoted by St. Anthony of Padua. This evening prayer was taken up by the Order of the Friars Minor. A church bell was rung, so the brothers and villagers knew that it was time for prayer. As time passed three Hail Marys were recited in the morning, noon, and evening, which today is known as the Liturgy of the Hours. This practice continued and eventually evolved into the prayer we know today as The Angelus. The prayer takes its name from the words of the angel Gabriel to Mary, Angelus Domini nuntiavit Maria, ("the Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.") Luke 1:26-38. The Angelus recounts the Annunciation, includes three Hail Marys and finishes with an appeal for God's grace. During the Easter season the Regina Caeli or Queen of Heaven is usually substituted for the Angelus. This prayer or hymn celebrates the joy of the Resurrection of Christ. This centuries old ritual and simple prayer are an easy way to reflect during the day on the fulfilment of God's promise of salvation, "And the Word Was Made Flesh and Dwelt Among Us..."

Regina Caeli

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

Has risen as He said, alleluia.

For he, whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



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! **THIS INCLUDES ALL OF THE CHRISTMAS MASSES!**