

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2019

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	12/21	4:00 PM	Elizabeth and Joyce Hrabovecky
Sun.	12/22	11:00 AM	Jeffrey Kopczynskie by Henry and Dan Kopczynskie
Mon.	12/23	7:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Capozzelli Family by the Capozzelli Family
Tue.	12/24	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Susan Myers by Joan and Bob Embert
		10:00 PM	Christmas Eve George and Anna Dinofrio by Their Son George and Daughter Maureen
Wed.	12/25	11:00 PM	Christmas Magdalene Kislán by Her Husband Bob and Daughters Joann and Donna
Thur.	12/26	7:00 AM	Ann Gallagher by Joann Brown
Fri.	12/27	7:00 AM	Peter and Stella Amentler by Their Children Janet and John
Sat.	12/28	4:00 PM	Mary and Thomas Ferko by Mrs. Frances Breznitsky, Sons, and Family
Sun.	12/29	11:00 AM	Robert Hludzik by Mary Ann



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,846.00; Loose \$119.00; Dues \$2,624.00; Care and Education of Priests \$108.00; Christmas Flowers \$164.00; Human Development \$20.00; Immaculate Conception \$267.00; Religious Retirement \$179.00; Poor Box \$220.00

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Elizabeth and Joyce Hrabovecky



MEMORIAL DONATION of \$50.00 was made in Memory of George Sarosky by Joseph and Darlene Wizda

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS:

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	GOOD SHEPHERD	ST. PATRICK'S
December 24th 4 and 10 PM	December 24th 4 and 9 PM	December 24th 4 and 6 PM
December 25th 11:00 AM	December 25th 9:30 AM	December 25th 10:15 AM
December 31st 4:00 PM	December 31st 6:00 PM	December 31st 6:00 PM
January 1st 11:00 AM	January 1st 8:00 AM	January 1st 10:15 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - There are only 2 more opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation: 7:00 AM on Monday at Good Shepherd and 6:00 PM on Monday at Immaculate Conception. Father Mike is leaving the light on just for YOU!



Giving Tree

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE - Your Christmas gifts were distributed on Saturday. What a wonderful day! Everyone was so grateful to have gifts to put under the tree. Sincere thanks to everyone who bought a gift or gift card. You truly helped to make someone's Christmas morning brighter! And a huge thank-you to Gene Della Croce, Jane Decowski, John and Sandy Sabo, Sally and Les Shupp, Steve Croshaw, Cheryl Turri, and Lillian Urenovich for helping to organize and distribute the gifts.



This is the last weekend of the Advent Season. In the past 3 weeks, we've heard from John the Baptist and his message for us to prepare the way of the Lord. There are just 2 full days of Advent left. Have you done what John asked you to do - PREAPRE? It would be so easy in the next couple of days to get caught up in the mad rush of trying to get everything done and miss the meaning of the Season. As you read this, I encourage you to take just a few moments and do a spiritual checklist: have I prayed, have I gone to confession (there are two more times available - Monday morning at Good Shepherd at 7:00 AM and Monday evening at Immaculate Conception at 6:00 PM), have I prepared my soul for the coming of the Savior? I'm sure all the gifts, food, and wrapping are ready. **ARE YOU?**



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, MERRY CHRISTMAS

"May a Christmas star shine into your heart and burn in your spirit bright. May Jesus' peace bless you and bring true joy to you." On behalf of the Liturgy Committee I would like to wish all of you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New year!

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS: Our next Baptismal Preparation Class with Deacon Jim will be held on **Tuesday, January 21st**, at Immaculate Conception and on **Tuesday, January 28th**, at Good Shepherd. 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.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS: **December 22nd and December 29th** there is no class in observance of Christmas and New Year's. Classes resume **January 5th**.

January 5th, there will be a First Grade parent meeting at 10:15 AM in the rectory.



Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own

marriages. If your marriage is in distress, even if you are currently separated or divorced, Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information visit: HelpOurMarriage.org.

To learn more about attending the weekend, or to learn more about helping to bring this weekend to life, contact: Phil & Sue Milazzo, philmilazzo@outlook.com, 631-338-5413 or Jen Housel, jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org, 570-207-2213 x 1104

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THE MESSENGERS OF HOPE MINISTRY is in need of a bilingual member. We need someone who can make telephone calls to let our Spanish-speaking neighbors know the dates to pick up backpacks, coats, and Christmas gifts and to translate information from English to Spanish on registration forms. If you are able to help, please call Janet at the parish office at 570-636-3035 or come to the office Monday - Thursday from 9:00 AM till noon.

