

Immaculate Conception Parish Solemnity of Mary January 1, 2023



♦ MASS INTENTIONS ♦

Sat. 12/31 4:00 PM Robert Hludzik by Mary Ann

Sun. 1/1 11:00 AM

John B. Capozzelli by Lorenzo Capozzelli and DJ Wychulis

Mon. 1/2 9:00 AM Televised Mass Josephine Wysocky by Mary Ann McGeehan

Mon. 1/2 7:00 PM

John T. Grega and Wife Emma S. Grega by Their Children John Jr. and Mary

Tue. 1/3 7:00 AM

Joseph and Agnes Maloney by Hugh and Catherine Maloney

Wed. 1/4 7:00 AM

William Bechtel by Patrick, Donna, Holly, Lacey, and Bryon Gallagher

Thur. 1/5 7:00 AM Susan Firley by Irene Firley

Fri. 1/6 7:00 AM

Health and Blessings for Father Michael Kloton on His Birthday from His Parish Family

Sat. 1/7 4:00 PM

Michael Bobby by His Wife and Family

Sun. 1/8 11:00 AM

David Kopczynskie by Daniel Kopczynskie



Last Weekend's Contributions Will Be Listed in Next Week's Bulletin

MEMORIAL DONATION of \$100.00 was made in Memory of Rita and Ed Yanochko by Paul Yanochko.

OUR HOUR OF KINDNESS MINISTRY will meet on Saturday, January 7th, at 9:00 AM in the rectory to write out greeting cards for our elderly and homebound parishioners. Please use the Chestnut Street door. If you have an hour to spare, we could use your help!



CANDLES ON THE ALTAR and OUR SACRISTY CANDLE are



burning this week in Memory of Michael Bobby by His Wife and Children



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every third Monday at 6:00 PM before evening mass. The next devotion will be on Monday, January 16th. Why not stop by and spend some time with your Savior.

Homebound parishioners who would like to receive the Sacraments of Confession and mmunion can call to schedule a visit with Father Rawel by calling the parish office at 570-636-3035.



LET'S CRUISE NEXT FALL TO NEW ENGLAND AND CANADA! A beautiful 9-day cruise leaving from Cape Liberty, New Jersey with stops in Boston, MA; Portland, ME; Bar Harbor, ME; St. John, New Brunswick; and Halifax, Canada. The cruise dates are from September 7 to 16, 2023. Contact the parish office

and leave your name and phone number for further details.



THE MESSENGERS OF HOPE are wrapping up their "CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAP COLLECTION". We appreciate everything that was donated. Look for our WRAPPING SERVICE next Advent season!



A New Year's Message from Father Mike...

It has been one week since our celebration of the birth of Jesus. There are still cookies around the house, maybe a few pirogies in the fridge, you've decided what gifts you will keep and which ones to return, and the memory of how nice the church looked at CHRISTmas Mass.

This weekend the church celebrates the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary. Jesus was born, the shepherds came telling Joseph and Mary about the message they heard from the angels, and she kept all these things in her heart. Mary knew this child would be special (as any mother would). This weekend reflect on how your CHRISTmas went, then become Mary and ask yourself how special Jesus is to you.



MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS will be at 6:00 PM on Thursday, January 12th, at Good Shepherd Church. Please register by calling the Immaculate Conception Parish Office at 570-636-3035 or the Good Shepherd Parish Office at 570-788-3141. Please plan to attend the Baptismal Preparation Class well in

advance of your baby's birth so that you are aware of all the information necessary to schedule your baby's baptism. Please note, we do not preform Baptisms on healthy infants during the Lenten season. As such, Baptisms should be scheduled up to February 19, 2023 (Ash Wednesday is on the 22nd) or after Easter, April 9, 2023.



MASSES ARE ONLINE: Our camera system will allow you to watch ALL MASSES in both churches. This includes weekday, weekend, and holy days. The link is: YouTube.com/channel/UCRRogmn_HRMsPzAq4XSysm3w or search <u>Our Lady Freeland</u> in the search bar on YouTube.com

THE PARKING LOT MASSES ARE STILL ONGOING: All weekend masses at GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH are available over your car radio. WE ASK THAT YOU PARK IN THE LOWER LOT and tune your radio to FM 98.3. You will be able to listen to the Mass over your radio in the comfort of your car. For anyone unable to attend mass inside church, whether physically, socially, or for any reason, these masses are available to you. At the end of Mass, an Extraordinary Minister will come to the parking lot to distribute Holy Communion. If you bring your envelopes, those can be collected as well. ALL ARE WELCOME.





FAITH FORMATION CLASSES RESUME AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH, AT 9:30 AM AND AT GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH NEXT MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH, AT 4:30 PM.



JOINT WORD & WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING (GOOD SHEPHERD AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION) / ON JANUARY 5, 2023 AT 6:00 PM AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH.





Good Shepherd Parish

The Solemnity Of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God January 1, 2023



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK+

Saturday, December 31

6:00PM Marlene Olaski ~ Husband, Bob

Sunday, January 1

8:00AM Helms Buchman ~ Joe & Irene Slebodnick

9:30AM Deceased Members of the Marcinko, Snyder & Good Families

Monday, January 2

8:00AM Richard Matz ~ Angelo & Anella Cusatis

Tuesday, January 3

8:00 AM Joseph Lapchak, Sr ~ John & Mary Lapchak

Wednesday, January 4

8:00AM Marcel S. Calarco, Sr ~ John & Joan Petulla

Thursday, January 5

8:00AM Michael Delese, Sr ~ Michael, Ann,

Christopher, & Sarah

Friday, January 6

8:00AM James Hoffman ~ Wife, Claire & Family

Saturday, January 7

6:00PM Alexander Martin ~ Mom, Dad, Robert & Desiree

Sunday, January 8

8:00AM Maura Marnell ~ Susan Marsicano & Family

9:30AM Deceased Members of Clatch Family ~ Mr & Mrs Joseph Clatch & Family

Stewardship

December 24 & 25: Totals will be available in next weekend's bulletin.

Mass Attendance - 725



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for the **Robert Sukel**, **Sr. & Nellie & Stephen Bugda** by Wife & Daughter, Marianne Sukel.



The Roses for Life this week are in memory of Frederick R. Proske by Mary, Allison & Richard, & The Kostiuk Family & The Matusik Family by George & Rose Marie Matusik.



Tuesday Night Bingo: Come join us for Bingo at Good Shepherd Church on Tuesday evenings. The kitchen opens at **5:00PM** with special soups,

sandwiches, beverages, ethnic foods and a variety of other goodies. Our Early Bird game begins at **6:00PM**.

Halupki Help Needed: The festival committee will be making Halupki on **January 2**1 at 9AM. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Shepherds Hands is a service ministry within our parish. Our next meeting is on **Thursday, January 5** at **3 PM** in the St. Joseph's Room. New volunteers are always welcome.

There will be NO Faith Formation Class January 2, 2023.



The Valley Food Pantry helps those in need of food, paper products, and hygienic articles. We have been asked to collect tomato products such as ketchup,

spaghetti sauce, and canned tomatoes, drink mixes, baked beans, ramen noodle soup, canned soup, bar soap, body wash & shampoo. If you wish to send a monetary donation, the address is: Valley Food Pantry, PO Box 187 CUCC, Conyngham, PA 18219.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FROM BOTH PARISHES:

If you are an adult and have volunteered for our parish for any event (bingo, picnic, festival, monthly breakfast, lector, choir, Extraordinary Minister just to name a few), you are invited to a **THANK YOU** dinner at Sands Springs on Sunday, January 8 at 2pm. This is an adult dinner. Your spouse (if not a volunteer) is welcome to come at a cost of \$25.00. We so value all of you who work to make our parishes a welcoming community. **THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JANUARY 1**. We look forward to seeing all of you on the 8th of January.

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Volunteer:				FREE
Spouse:				\$25.00
Drop in the c	ollec	tion bask	et or at the office	

GSC Bingo needs a Bingo Coordinator: Duties of the Bingo Coordinator are to be responsible for getting the church hall ready on the day of Bingo and being present throughout the Bingo. This includes setting up the sales room where bingo supplies are sold, putting the players' reservation cards on the tables, and helping out whenever needed during the Bingo. Orientation and on-the-job training will be provided. Bingo is one of the biggest fundraisers for the church. Please consider this need for the benefit of the church. Interested persons are to call the church office 570-788-3141.

The Women of Good Shepherd will meet on Saturday, January 14 at 1PM at the Garden Tea Room for a Winter White Tea. The cost is \$30.00 per person which includes tea sandwiches, desserts, beverages plus tax and gratuity. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, January 4. Call Cathy (570-436-5017) to reserve your spot. Cash or checks made payable to Women of Good Shepherd can be dropped off at the church office during office hours.

Salvation Army Soup Kitchen 2023 marks the seventh year that our parish has been working with the Hazleton Salvation Army Soup Kitchen. Twice a month, volunteers donate, prepare and serve a hearty, hot meal to 45-60 people...some homeless, but mostly elderly and struggling families trying to survive in this economy. The free meal is served from 11-12 noon every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at the Salvation Army Building on the corner of Broad and Locust Streets in Hazleton. Anyone looking for food and fellowship is welcome. The first Wednesday of last month, we served a Holiday Brunch of French Toast, Country Sausage, Ham and Cheese Breakfast Sandwiches. The second Wednesday, we served a Holiday meal of Roasted Turkey, Stuffing and Gravy, Sweet Potatoes, and Green Beans. As always, we also serve bananas and ice cream sundaes. We have been distributing new socks that were donated during our parish Sock Collection. We would like to thank all those who generously support this service ministry of our parish through their prayers, time, cooking talents, food and monetary donations. Our next meals will be on Wednesday, January 4 and Wednesday, January 11. Team members are asked to arrive at the Soup Kitchen around 10:30AM. For more information on how you can participate in this parish project, please contact the parish office or Dorothy Beozzo at 570-764-6359.