

Immaculate Conception Parish

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2023



✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Sat. 1/14 4:00 PM
Gertrude Opert by Terry, Gina, and Melane

Sun. 1/15 11:00 AM
Anna Marie Zawatsky by Daniel Kopczynskie

Mon. 1/16 9:00 AM TV Mass
Josephine Wysocky by Mary Ann McGeehan

Mon. 1/16 7:00 PM
Dave and Helen Mahon by Their Children

Tue. 1/17 7:00 AM
John M. Heller by M/M Thomas Ferko and Family

Wed. 1/18 7:00 AM
Joseph A. Brogan by M/M Michael Martin

Thur. 1/19 7:00 AM
Virginia Puzzetti by M/M William Maranki

Fri. 1/20 7:00 AM
Elaine Gazick by Lorenzo Capozzelli

Sat. 1/21 4:00 PM
Michael Dias by His Mother Virginia

Sun. 1/22 11:00 AM
Deceased Members of the Gatti Family by Judy Lutz



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$4,047; Loose \$242; Dues \$1,463; Care and Education of Priests \$111; Christmas \$325; Capital Improvement \$78; Other \$436; Poor Box \$86

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Michael Dias by His Mother Virginia



OUR SACRISTY CANDLE is burning this week in Memory of Dave and Helen Mahon by Their Children.

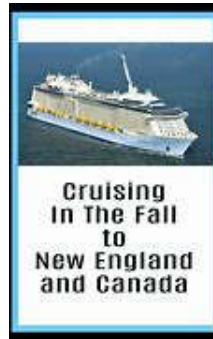
MEMORIAL DONATION of \$25.00 was made in Memory of Madeline Chuckra by Greg and Rose McKinley



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.



Our Community-Service Team is requesting coffee, tea, and hot chocolate for January. September. We thank all our parishioners who support those in need in our community.



Cruising
In The Fall
to
New England
and Canada

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

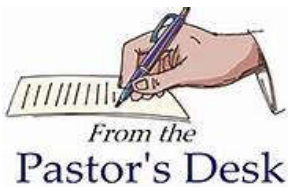
and leave your name and phone number for further details.

There will be an **informational meeting** for all persons interested in going on the cruise. It will be on **Thursday, January 26th, at 6:00 PM at Good Shepherd Church, 87 S. Hunter Highway, Drums. *** Very Important: Reservations are necessary. To reserve your spot, please RSVP at 800-782-5605 or at grouptravel@boscovs.com**

***** SAVE THE DATE *****

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MARDI GRAS WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, IN THE PARISH CENTER. DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.





Message from Father Mike...

Every time a mass is celebrated we hear the words: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." These familiar words find their origin in today's Gospel. John immediately recognizes Jesus, and also proclaims why Jesus came: to take away our sins.

We are now two weeks into the new year. And like most, we probably all have our New Year's resolutions to do some things a little less like gossiping and overeating and do things a little more like be attentive to family and telling those whom you love that you love them. I would like to add something to everyone's resolution that we should not do like sinning. And some thing everyone should do is commit to coming to church on a weekly basis and celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation.

Hopefully, the next time you hear the phrase: "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world," you'll be in church, listening to those words.

MASS FOR LIFE – January 19th, at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton. Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambara, Bishop of Scranton, will serve as Celebrant. Join us on the eve of the 50th March for Life to pray for a greater respect for human life from conception to natural death, and every moment in between. The Mass will also be broadcast on Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton and livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website and YouTube channel, with links available on all Diocesan social media platforms.



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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRRogmn_HRMsPzAq4XSysm3w) or search **Our Lady Freeland** 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.**



OPEN HOUSE AT MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL on Sunday, January 29th, from 12:00-1:30. Come tour the school with our Student Ambassadors. Meet our teachers and administration. Learn how we can make a Marian education possible. To register, please call or email Mary Milosh: 570-467-3335 ext. 117 or mmilosh@mariancatholichs.org



The Hazleton Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life will be running a bus to the Annual March for Life in Washington DC on Friday; January 20, 2023. Details are as follows. 7am mass at St. Gabriel's church (212 So Wyoming St Hazleton) for those wishing to attend. Bus will leave from St. Gabriel's at 7:30 am SHARP. Parking is available in the church parking lot. We plan on arriving at the National Mall between 11 and 11:30am where we will listen to the speakers. The actual march will begin at 1 pm. Bus pickup will be at 4:15pm SHARP at the Indian Museum (on Jefferson Drive SW between 3rd and 4th). The cost will be \$50 for adults and \$30 for students/children. Fee includes water and snacks on the bus and a buffet dinner stop at Mountain Gate Restaurant. To reserve a seat(s) call Carol Matz at 570-956-0817. Fee is needed to confirm your seat. Mail your payment to Pennsylvanians for Human Life PO Box 83; Harleigh PA 18225. We have a few scholarships available for anyone having financial hardship and wishing to attend. (NOTE: Anyone wishing to participate but cannot march is welcome to come and be dropped off at the National Basilica and spend the day in prayer.)



BOTH PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH, IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY





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Saturday, January 14

6:00PM Edward – Sophia – Joseph Awdakimow

Sunday, January 15

8:00AM Joseph Salkowski ~ Family

9:30AM Henry & Catherine Gallucci ~ Mr & Mrs
Joseph Clatch & Family

Monday, January 16

8:00AM Mary Stefanovich ~ Deborah & Patrick Donahue

Tuesday, January 17

8:00 AM Stanley Balon ~ Mike & Barbara Tulanowski

Wednesday, January 18

8:00AM Mary Wilson ~ Vic & Aggie Platania

Thursday, January 19

8:00AM The Souls in Purgatory Especially Deceased
FOSS Members

Friday, January 20

8:00AM Shirley Novitsky ~ Florence Jessel

Saturday, January 21

6:00PM Michael Shewack ~ Sister, Ann Zoscin

Sunday, January 22

8:00AM Matthew Grieco ~ Grieco & Mellon Families

9:30AM Monica Slavick ~ Husband, Andrew

Stewardship

January 14 & 15: Loose \$685, Offertory \$4,562, Dues \$3,455, Holy Days \$194, Christmas \$515, Capital Improvement \$114, Care & Education of Priests \$188, Campaign Human Dev. \$12, Retired Religious \$39, Latin Church \$25
Mass Attendance – 537



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **James Hoffman** by Wife, Claire & Family



The **Rose for Life** this week is in memory of Frederick R. Proske by Mary, Allison & Richard



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**.

We welcome Mrs. Claire Kaschak and Mr. & Mrs. John Nicolardi as our newest members.

Breakfast: Due to the rising prices of eggs and breakfast meats, we need to raise the price of breakfast to \$9.00 for adults. Children's breakfast remains the same at \$4.00.



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.

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.

Halupki Help Needed: The festival committee will be making Halupki on **January 21 at 9AM**. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Chili sale: : \$10.00 a quart, February 11, 9AM till sold out.

Pennsylvanians for Human Life & The VOICE of JOHN will hold a pro-life event at St John Bosco Church, Route 93 in Sugarloaf on **January 22** from **2-4PM** to remember the 50th anniversary of Roe vs Wade and honor the 64 million children who have since died in abortion. We will have music and prayer along with a speaker. Our featured speaker Elizabeth Leon, author of "Let Yourself Be Loved: Big Lessons From A Little Life" is a powerful author & speaker, a mother of 10 who will talk about her son John Paul Raphael who lived for only 28 hours. Light refreshments will be served. The event is free but donations will be appreciated.

Planning a wedding? Here are 3 important steps that the church requires:

1. As soon as you are engaged, you should contact the pastor. He will go over with you the paperwork and documentation needed.
2. Once the documentation (Baptism, Communion and Confirmation certificates) is ready, contact the parish office to set up a face-to-face appointment to fill out the Marriage Application.
3. The pastor will go over with the bride and groom the regulations of the church pertaining to the upcoming wedding.