



# Good Shepherd Church

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Times

### January 21, 2024



#### † MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK†

**Saturday, January 20**

**6:00PM** John & Angie (Matz) Yancus ~ Mary Jo & Bob

**Sunday, January 21**

**8:00AM** Marie Yackanich ~ Martha Steber

**9:30AM** Cora Joseph ~ Louis & Sharon Turse

**Monday, January 22**

**8:00AM** Dorothy Koziol ~ Joe & Irene Slebodnick

**Tuesday, January 23**

**8:00 AM** Joseph Adams ~ Darryl & Susan Adams

**Wednesday, January 24**

**8:00AM** The Holy Souls, Especially the deceased members of FOSS

**Thursday, January 25**

**8:00AM** Richard Gerenza ~ Jeanie

**Friday, January 26**

**8:00AM** Monica Slavick ~ Husband, Andy

**Saturday, January 27**

**6:00PM** Richard Zanolini ~ Wife, Judi & Family

**Sunday, January 28**

**8:00AM** Victor F. Greco MD ~ Joseph & Ann Marie Logudic

**9:30AM** Matthew R. Grieco ~ Grieco & Mellon Families

#### Stewardship

**January 13 & 14:** Totals will be in next weekend's bulletin  
Mass Attendance – 514



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Cora Joseph** by Louis & Sharon Turse



**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 **6PM**.

Signed copies of Father McHugh's poetry book, **Kaleidoscope of the Heart**, will be available for purchase in the church office for \$20.00 during normal business hours.



**Have a song in your heart??? We need you in our choir. No experience necessary. Practice on Thursdays from 3:30 – 4:30PM.**



**The Valley Food Pantry** helps those in need. We have been asked to collect items for children: canned pasta, cookies, crackers, and Pop Tarts, in addition to bar soap. If you wish to send a monetary donation, the address is: Valley Food Pantry, PO Box 187 CUCC, Conyngham, PA 18219.

#### **Combined Ministries Service Project:**

Several of our parish ministries are working together on a "**Share the Love**" project to help local women in need. We are asking for donations of gently used purses, travel sized toiletries and any pieces of jewelry you no longer wear. We will gather in January to fill the purses and distribute them to women in need on Valentine's Day. If you have any items you'd like to donate, you can place them in the "Share the Love" box in the vestibule. **UPDATE** - The deadline to donate purses, toiletries and/or jewelry is **Friday, January 26**. Thank you to all who donated. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



**Stitches of Love Ministry** is a crochet & knitting ministry that donates our work to those in need. You could meet with the group or stitch from home. Work on your own projects or help with items we wish to create and donate. All are welcome. Our next meeting is Monday at **1 PM (Afternoon)** on **January 22** in the St. Joseph Room. We hope to see there. If interested, or for more information, please call the office at 570-788-3141 or email the church at gsch@ptd.net. We accept donations of yarn, crochet hooks and knitting needles, patterns, stitch markers, etc. Items can be dropped off in the tote in the cry room. **Thank you to ALL** who have been generously donating to our ministry!

All students and families in the faith formation programs of **Good Shepherd, Immaculate Conception and St Patrick's** are invited to our family glow dance on **Sunday January 28 from 3-5 PM** in the Good Shepherd basement. All are encouraged to wear neon colors and glow in the dark items. We will also provide glow wands and accessories. Please RSVP Katie at (570) 956-4481 by January 25th.

**Queen of our Hearts Rosary** invites you to join us in praying the Rosary, the Infant of Prague Novena and Divine Mercy before the **Saturday** mass from **5 - 5:45PM** as well as weekday masses at **7:30AM**, before the 8 AM mass. All are welcome.

Halupki Rolling: **February 17, 2024 at 9 AM**. If you are an early bird come at **8 AM**. See you then !!!

## Invitation

Two weeks ago I received a phone call from a friend inviting me out to dinner. We gather several times a year to break bread and I look forward to our time together. In this weekend's Gospel there is another invitation. Jesus invites several men to follow him. Some heard of Jesus and that he might be the Messiah. The invitations were met with a simple yes and they followed Jesus. This is where my comparison ends. Accepting an invitation from Jesus is very different than "breaking bread with a friend." For the disciples who accepting Jesus' invitation, it was a radical change! Of course, they had little or no idea just how radical their "yes" would mean, but they did accept. The challenge for all of us this week is to re-commit ourselves to following Jesus. It could mean saying "no" to stuff on the internet or "yes" when you would rather rest than help your children with their homework. You know the deal! When you do re-commit I guarantee you that "Breaking Bread" will have a whole new meaning.

## NAME THAT TUNE

### BINGO

Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 2 PM

Good Shepherd Church Hall

Scholarship Fundraiser sponsored by The Knights of Columbus

Our Lady of Fatima Council, No. 8613

Come on out with your friends and enjoy an afternoon of friendly competition as we go back in time to listen to the music of the 60's, 70's and 80's. There will be prizes for the winners. Get a table together and bring your own food and drink. Bonus prizes for best costume of the era. The donation for the evening is \$10 which is payable at the door. You can sign up by contacting our Scholarship Chairman, Dale Gregorin at [whaledg@aol.com](mailto:whaledg@aol.com), his cell phone is (732-672-5332). Please indicate how many participants you have. Come out and support a good cause.



**MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** will take place on Sunday, January 28, from 2 until 4 PM. Come learn how to make a Marian High School education possible.

**Match the Daily Number!** The Marian Catholic High School Blue & Gold Club is selling Lottery Calendars for the 2024 year. Match the daily number on the 7 pm drawing. The cost is \$25.00. To purchase a calendar please contact a school volunteer: Janis Dvorak at 570-929-2921; Kathy Goff at 610-704-8037; Maria McGinley at 484-629-4997; or Erin Marek at Marian 570-467-3335; or even visit the facebook page; Blue and Gold Club. The Blue & Gold Club raises funds for the school throughout the year and every child that attends Marian Catholic benefits from the work of the Blue & Gold Club.



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MARDI GRAS WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, IN THE PARISH CENTRAL OFFICES 6 – 10PM. \$25.00 A PERSON. TICKETS AVAILABLE IN PARISH OFFICES AT BOTH PARISHES. DEADLINE IS MONDAY, JANUARY 29TH. RAFFLE TICKETS FOR A 65" TV ARE 3 TICKETS FOR \$5.00.**



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. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. 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). 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.



# Immaculate Conception Parish Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21, 2024



## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

- Sat. 1/20 4:00 PM  
Edward and Stella Samsel by the Ambrose and Evancho Families
- Sun. 1/21 11:00 AM  
Gertrude Opert by Terry, Gina, and Melane
- Mon. 1/22 7:00 PM  
Carol Sabo by Her Family
- Tue. 1/23 7:00 AM  
Mary Arnold by John Shelly
- Wed. 1/24 7:00 AM  
Danny Verbonitz by Missy and Matt
- Thur. 1/25 7:00 AM  
Francis Marencin by His Wife Marie and Children
- Fri. 1/26 7:00 AM  
Peter Bogansky by Sister Marie Herness
- Sat. 1/27 4:00 PM  
David and Helen Mahon by Their Children
- Sun. 1/28 11:00 AM  
Michael Plaksa by Anna Plaksa and Family



Last Weekend:  
Sunday \$3,248.50; Loose \$146;  
Dues \$1,081; Care and Education  
of Priests \$184; Christmas \$144; Initial  
Offering \$350; Solemnity of Mary \$25;  
Capital Improvement \$65; Other \$32; Poor  
Box \$83



Eucharistic Adoration Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every third Monday at 6:00 PM before evening mass. The next devotion will be on Monday, February 19th. Why not stop by and spend some time with your Savior.



HOUR OF KINDNESS MINISTRY will meet at 9:00 AM on Saturday, January 27th, in the rectory to write out Valentine's Day cards for our treasured elderly and homebound parishioners. Everyone who has an hour to spare is welcome to come and enjoy this hour of kindness.



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



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MARDI GRAS WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH. IN THE PARISH CENTER.



\$25.00 PER PERSON. BYOB!

TICKET DEADLINE IS JANUARY 29TH.



FATHER MIKE AND FRIENDS TRAVEL WITH BOSCOVS – For more information, about the Cruise

to Florida and the Bahamas or the Great Trains and the Grand Canyon trips, contact Ruth at Boscovs in Scranton at 570-342-7860.



CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Dave and Helen Mahon by Their Children



OUR SACRISTY CANDLE is burning this week in Memory of Gertrude Opert by Terry, Gina, and Melane