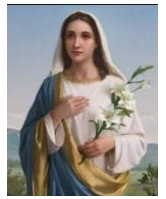


Immaculate Conception Parish

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2023



✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Sat. 1/28 4:00 PM
 Agnes, Clarence, and Larry Budda by David, Sharon, and Martin

Sun. 1/29 11:00 AM
 Father Joseph Matthey by Mary

Mon. 1/30 9:00 AM TV MASS
 Theresa and John Hall by Their Granddaughters Susan, Janet, and Ruth

7:00 PM
 Dave and Helen Mahon by Their Children

Tue. 1/31 7:00 AM
 Rev. John Melnick by Lawrence Capozzelli and DJ Wychulis

Wed. 2/1 7:00 AM
 Emory Kish by John Kish

Thur. 2/2 7:00 AM
 Robert Correll by Myron and Rose Ann Ervin

Fri. 2/3 7:00 AM
 Anna Marie Zawatsky by M/M Barry Schmeutter

Sat. 2/4 4:00 PM
 John Lapchak by His Wife Mary and Family

Sun. 2/5 11:00 AM
 Michael Plaksa by the McDermott Family



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,119.75; Loose \$148;
 Dues \$2081; Church of Latin America \$462; Capital Improvement \$35; Other \$132; Poor Box \$135

MEMORIAL DONATION of \$300.00 was made to our Capital Improvement Fund in Memory of Father Joseph Matthey by an Anonymous Donor.



CANDLES ON THE ALTAR and **OUR SACRISTY CANDLE** are



burning this week in Memory of John Lapchak by His Wife Mary and Family



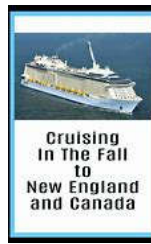
Eucharistic Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 6:00 PM on **Monday, February 20th.** Exposition will also take place at 6:00 PM before each of the 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent. Why not stop by and spend some time with your Savior.



HOUR OF KINDNESS

MINISTRY will meet at 9:00 AM on Saturday, February 25th, to write out St. Patrick's Day

cards for our treasured elderly and homebound parishioners. Please use the Chestnut Street entrance. Everyone who has an hour to spare is welcome to come and enjoy this hour of kindness.



There are brochures available at the entrances to the church and also in the parish office for anyone who would like information on our parish cruise to New England and Canada in September.



*** SAVE THE DATE ***

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



\$25.00 PER PERSON. BYOB! MUSIC BY FATHER MIKE AND HIS HEAVENLY DELIGHTS!!

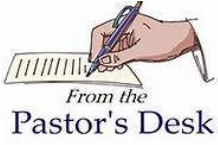
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE AND AT EACH WEEKEND MASS. TICKETS ARE LIMITED TO THE FIRST 100 PEOPLE. DON'T BE DISAPPOINTED! GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!

DEADLINE FOR TICKETS IS FEBRUARY 7TH.

FORGET-ME-NOT GIFT BAGS: The Messengers of Hope are once again sponsoring the Forget-Me-Not Gift Bags for our elderly and homebound parishioners. If you, a friend, or loved one would like to receive a Forget-Me-Not Bag,



please call Janet at the parish office and register. If you are already on our Hour of Kindness Greeting Card List, you are already registered. A list of suggested items to be included in the gift bags is included in next week's bulletin, and tags will be on the tree. Please take a tag off the tree next week so we know that all of our treasured elderly and homebound will be remembered!



Message from Father Mike...

In this weekend's Gospel, we have the beautiful version of the Beatitudes. They are a kinder and gentler version of the 10 Commandments. Each one of them speaks to the heart. It takes a humble heart to not only read the Beatitudes but to put them into action.

Humility is a gift, and there was no one who practiced humility better than Saint Theresa of Calcutta. There are many stories of her gift of humility throughout her life. When she first began her ministry to the poor in the streets of Calcutta, the first person that she ministered to was a dying Hindu man in the streets. She could do little for him other than to hold him as he died. It was a very humble act on her part. She was often known to give up her first class seat on an aircraft and give it to someone else. She cared more about others than she did for herself.

I challenge you this week to use those wonderful cell phones of yours and look up the Beatitudes. Read them once or twice this week and see how you can put them into action. I often joke about being someone who loves a big old piece of pie. Maybe this week a bigger piece of humble pie.

DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE



FEBRUARY 22ND

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

7:00 AM Mass
4:00 PM Service
7:00 PM Mass

GOOD SHEPHERD

8:00 AM Mass
12:00 PM Service
4:00 PM Service

ST. PATRICK

8:00 AM Mass
6:00 PM Mass

Just a Reminder: Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. Everyone ages 18-59 should fast by eating only one full meal, and everyone ages 14 and older must abstain from eating meat. **Every Friday during Lent is a day of abstinence from eating meat.**



Pastoral Plan Survey – The combined Pastoral Council is asking for your input regarding the implementation of our Pastoral Plans. Each parishioner is asked to please complete a short survey. A link to this survey can be found on the websites of both parishes (or it can be reached directly at <https://forms.gle/eNEUmbHVQQBD84u98>). Or you can complete the paper copy inserted in the bulletin. Paper copies can be returned in the collection basket next weekend. Thank you for your input and cooperation!



Good Shepherd Parish

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Saturday, January 28

6:00PM Angie & John Yancus ~ Mary Jo & Bob

Sunday, January 29

8:00AM Helms Buchman ~ Rich & Juneann Stanek

9:30AM Frank Corrao ~ Pat & Fran Menighan

Monday, January 30

8:00AM Irene Kempchinsky ~ Eleanor Pollack

Tuesday, January 31

8:00 AM Rita Rockosky ~ Mary Lou & Emil Siroki

Wednesday, February 1

8:00AM Joseph J. Falatko ~ Jim & Anna McDermott

Thursday, February 2

8:00AM Dominic Yacowatz ~ Children

Friday, February 3

8:00AM Irene Boganski ~ Karen Sarosky

Saturday, February 4

6:00PM Marcel Calarco ~ Wife, Lois & Children

Sunday, February 5

8:00AM Pina & Renato Castiglione ~ Family

9:30AM John Ratchko ~ Family

Stewardship

January 21 & 22: Loose \$804; Offertory \$2,758; Dues \$525; Holy Days \$5; Capital Improvement \$105; Care & Education of Priests \$40; Latin America \$328.50
Mass Attendance – 521



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Angie & John Yancus** by Mary Jo & Bob



The **Rose for Life** this week is in **Thanksgiving for the overturn of Roe-V-Wade** by Jean Klinger



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**.

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.

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We welcome Joseph & Mary Jane Lombardi as our newest members.



The **Valley Food Pantry** helps those in need of food, paper products, and hygienic articles. We have been asked to collect powdered drink mix, canned chili and beef stew and tissues. 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 Rolling: A HUGE thank you to all who came to help. We will be doing it again on **February 25 at 9AM**.

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

Lenten Scripture Sessions: Rev. Connell A. McHugh, will offer a Lenten Scripture series in Good Shepherd hall beginning on **Wednesday, March 1 at 9AM** and continuing throughout the month of March for 5 consecutive Wednesdays at the same time. Reservations for the series are encouraged by calling the office at 570-788-3141. The sessions are open to the public free of charge. Fr. McHugh will present the following topics: **March 1** – The Letter to the Hebrews, **March 8** – Apocryphal Writings, **March 15** – Lost or False Gospels, The Formation of the New Testament Canon, **March 22** – New Testament Apocalyptic and **March 29** – Mary in the New Testament. Notes will be provided. Topics will be highlighted in the Parish bulletin the weekend before the presentation. Join an established Scripture group which has been meeting for over 15 consecutive years.

Shepherd Hands: Shepherds Hands is a service ministry within our parish that involves service to our homebound and nursing home parishioners, pro-life activities, community needs (Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, Catholic Social Services, Divine Providence Homeless Shelter, etc.) and whatever parish activity may need our assistance. Our next meeting is on **Thursday, February 2 at 3PM** in the St Joseph's Room. New members are welcome.

Salvation Army Soup Kitchen: Twice a month our parishioners donate, prepare and serve a hearty hot meal at the Hazleton Salvation Army Soup Kitchen. The Soup Kitchen is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11AM to 12 noon and provides a meal to anyone in need. We currently serve around 45-50 meals per day. May God bless all those who support this parish service project with their prayers, time, cooking talents, monetary and food donations. Our next meal will be **Wednesday, February 1 and Wednesday, February 8**. Team members who are serving are asked to be at the Soup Kitchen from **10:30AM – 12:15 PM**. If you are interested in more information on this parish ministry, please contact the parish office or Dorothy Beozzo at 570-764-6359.

Coffee Companions will meet **Thursday, February 2 at 3PM** in the St Joseph's Room. The Coffee Companions social will follow First Friday Mass on **February 3**. All are welcome.