



Immaculate Conception Parish

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2024



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

- Sat. 2/10 4:00 PM
Emil Barna by His Wife Bernadine and Daughters Tina and Martha
- Sun. 2/11 11:00 AM
Shirley Nitka by Her Daughter Linda
- Mon. 2/12 7:00 PM
Eugene Zynel, Sr. by His Wife Joann and Family
- Tue. 2/13 7:00 AM
Robert Williams by His Parents
- Wed. 2/14 7:00 AM Ash Wednesday
Jean Iben by Her Husband John and Daughter Jessica
- 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday
Mary Ann McGeehan by Fran and Stan Wysocki
- Thur. 2/15 7:00 AM
Susan Balon by Her Husband Al and Family
- Fri. 2/16 7:00 AM
Anne Marie Ceriani by Ellen Day
- Sat. 2/17 4:00 PM
John and Irene Komishock by the Turriss
- Sun. 2/18 11:00 AM
Larry Romanelli by the Stefanick and Zahay Families



Remember Your Offerings
Sunday \$3,869; Loose \$235; Dues \$427; Care and Education of Priests \$639; Capital Improvement \$273; Other \$158; Poor Box \$126



OUR SACRISTY CANDLE is burning this week in Memory of Shirley Nitka by Her Daughter Linda

MEMORIAL DONATIONS in Memory of Ann Marie DellaCroce: \$100 from Monica and Richard Weidich; \$100 from Mary and Andy Postupack; \$50 from Madelyn and Tom Franek; \$50 from Tom and Mary Lynn Crofcheck; \$50 from Melba Grenfel; \$25 from Wally and Theresa Golab; \$10 from Pauline Stefanik

This Wednesday, February 14th, is **ASH WEDNESDAY**. Masses will be at 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM with a Prayer Service at 4:00 PM. This Is a Day of Fast and Abstinence.



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT every third Monday at 6:00 PM before evening mass. The next devotion will be on Monday, February 19th.

Exposition will also take place before the evening Stations of the Cross from 6:00 to 6:50 PM. Why not stop by and spend some time with your Savior.



Our Community-Service Team is requesting red beets, vinegar, and baked beans for February. We thank all our parishioners who support those in need in our community.



FORGET-ME-NOT GIFT BAGS are due on the altar by Sunday, March 17th. If you haven't called to register your bag, please do so as soon as possible. Even if you took a picture of your tag on your phone, please call and register it.



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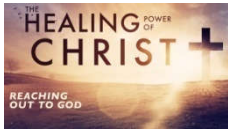
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Many years ago on one of my Mission trips to Ecuador, I was assigned to volunteer at a leper section of a hospital in Tegucigalpa. The ward had about 30 residents. There was a cut in the bottom of the door where food trays were shoved through. These folks were segregated from everyone. I found peace there. In spite of being segregated they were loving and caring. For one week we bonded (each patient was medicated and were not contagious). I asked the question: Why were they not allowed in society? Misunderstanding and prejudice! The same thing took place in this weekend's Gospel: misunderstanding and prejudice. The lepers in this weekend's Gospel were not the only ones in need of healing, those who judged them need healing too. How about you? What kind of healing do you need?

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

7:00 AM Mass

4:00 PM Service

7:00 PM Mass

GOOD SHEPHERD

8:00 AM Mass

12:00 PM Service

6:00 PM Mass

ST. PATRICK

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.**

Lenten Scripture Series at Good Shepherd Church

Rev. Connell A. McHugh, Pastor Emeritus of Good Shepherd, will for the 18th consecutive year offer a series of Scripture presentations in the church hall for 5 consecutive Wednesdays beginning on **February 21**. The presentations will begin at **9 AM** and Fr. McHugh's topic will be the Gospel of Mark. He will treat the identity of Mark, sources and date composition of the Gospel, major themes, Jesus' healing ministry, titles of Jesus in Mark, the original and added ending of the Gospel, theological ideas in the Gospel, The Messianic Secret, etc. Father McHugh will show how Mark's Gospel stresses the humanity of Jesus more than any other Gospel, his Passion Narrative, the most sorrowful and how Mark is the chief source for the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. A special session will be held on Mark's Passion Narrative. The scripture sessions are open to the public free of charge. Because of the large attendance at these sessions, we ask that you register since notes will be provided. You may register by calling the office at 570-788-3141 or by stopping in the office.

OUR ROAD TO RESURRECTION RETREAT will be held **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26th to THURSDAY, February 29th**. Mass will be celebrated each evening at **6:30 PM** at Saint Joseph Church in Hazleton. The service for each evening will be livestreamed, beginning at 6:30 PM, on our website (sscmparish.com.). It will remain posted there throughout the entire Lenten Season for those who would like to view it again or later.

MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS will be at **6:00 PM** on **Thursday, April 11th**, in the lower level of Immaculate Conception Church. Use the Chestnut Street entrance (through the garden). 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.



Our Lady of Fatima council 8613 will have a council church drive on **February 17 and 18** at Good Shepherd Church after **all Masses**. The Knights would like to invite all parish men to consider joining the Knights of Columbus as we demonstrate the goals and objectives of our council, Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Please consider this opportunity to help your parish and community with spiritual interest and charitable donations to those in need. Helping others in need is what we do, but the more men we have the more we can help.

Generosity holds the power to re-humanize the World - by Matthew Kelly
Tom Pandolfi - Knights of Columbus 8613 - Our Lady of Fatima

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. 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.



Good Shepherd Church

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† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK†

Saturday, February 10

6:00PM John Ratchko ~ Family

Sunday, February 11

8:00AM Elizabeth A. Christino ~ Infusion Girls

9:30AM Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus of the Hazleton Area

Monday, February 12

8:00AM Souls of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Purgatorial Society

Tuesday, February 13

8:00 AM Judith A. Zellner ~ Marilyn DeLosh & Liz Brutosky

Wednesday, February 14

8:00AM Felix & Christine Kusiak ~ Robert & Lee Kusiak

12:00 PM Prayer Service (with ashes)

6:00 PM Mary Ellen Lobitz ~ Elaine Beltrami & Family

Thursday, February 15

8:00AM Health & Blessings for Ruth Sauers ~ Andrea Tarnopolski

Friday, February 16

8:00AM Rita Young ~ Daniel Miscaviage

Saturday, February 17

6:00PM Robert Correll ~ The Shepherd's Hands

Sunday, February 18

8:00AM Helen Penkala ~ Lectors of Good Shepherd Church

9:30AM Edward Verbonitz ~ Wife, Marie & Sons, Richard & Robert



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.

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 **February 12th** in the St. Joseph Room. We hope to see there. 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!

Sacred Heart of Jesus Purgatorial Society

The next monthly mass is **Monday, February 12 at 8 AM**, it will be the **second Monday of each month for 2024**. Our Friday rosary is offered for our loved ones prior to the mass at **7:30AM**. Please join us if you can. If you have not already done so you can enroll your loved ones, simply by submit their names and your loved ones will be permanently enrolled. There is no charge and you are not obligated to become an active member. **Forms to enroll your loved ones are on the table in the vestibule.**

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.

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

Women of Good Shepherd will meet on Monday, **February 12 at 6 PM** in the St. Joseph Room. Light refreshments will be served. As always, new members are welcome.

The Hazleton Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life will be opening space at St Gabriel's Church to help "Families in Need" with material goods for babies and toddlers. We are in need of diapers of all sizes and are asking the parishioners of Good Shepherd if they could help with this by having a Diaper Drive. All you would need to do is purchase some diapers and return them to Good Shepherd Church by **Sunday, March 9**. There will be a box in the vestibule. As a prolife community while it is extremely important to educate on the horrors of abortion it is also important that we help those in need who chose life. Any assistance with this would be greatly appreciated. God bless. Carol Matz, President Hazleton Chapter, Pennsylvanians for Human Life. Thank you!

Stewardship

February 3 & 4: Loose \$809; Offertory \$5,139; Dues \$2,608; Holy Days \$15; Christmas \$40; Ash Wednesday \$142, Easter \$20; Easter Flowers \$192; Care & Education of Priests \$474; Capital Improvement \$200; Latin America \$88; Annual Appeal Supplement \$130
Mass Attendance – 550



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Glen Rinehimer** by Wife, Patsy & Family



The **Rose for Life** this week in memory of **Susan Seprish** by Husband, Joseph



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**.

2023 Contributions: If you would like a statement of your 2023 contributions please contact the office.



FESTIVAL CORNER – UPDATE

The 2024 Festival Committee is asking for parishioner support to keep the expense down. For the month of February, we are collecting **Bottles of water and Cans of soda i.e. Coke, Diet Coke, 7Up or Sprite.** For the month of March we will be collecting paper products. Thank you for your support! Please check the expiration dates on all items for consumption.

Help is needed... Waitresses & Waiters are needed for Breakfast Sundays as well as people to set up and clean tables. Call Barbara at 570-436-6596. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE

Our spring rummage sale will be on **June 8 & 9**. If you are spending time this winter cleaning out and purging, the rummage sale committee will gratefully accept your donations. Call Cathy Penkala (570-436-5017) or Diane Lindsay (570-599-7626) with any questions. Information about renting spaces and/or tables will be posted in April.

Let's Ride the Rails and Sail the Seven Seas

Later this year we will be running **two parish** trips:

One to the Grand Canyon which will include 3 days via train.



The other a seven-day cruise to the Caribbean.



There will be a live information meeting for each of these trips on **Thursday, February 22nd**, in the Good Shepherd Hall. The Caribbean meeting will be from **5:30 – 6:30 PM**. The Grand Canyon Rail Trip meeting will be from **6:30 – 7:30 PM**.



Are you aware that we have a poor box? These funds are used to help the less fortunate and also people in emergency situations.

Your generosity is appreciated!

Holy Hour and Vespers with Bishop Bambera

The annual, deanery-wide Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration and Vespers will be celebrated at Most Precious Blood Church, Seybert and Fourth, Hazleton, on **Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 7:00 PM**. Bishop Bambera will be the homilist for the hour of worship of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The Faithful of the Hazleton area are encouraged to come and pray with Bishop Bambera during this time of Eucharistic Renewal.

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Shine Women's Center is in need of help. Valerie White, the center director, will be retiring. They need to fill her position. This is a part-time 20 hour per week position. If you or someone you know is interested there are details about the job requirements posted on our bulletin board. You can also contact Valerie White at 570-582-6840 with any questions or recommendations. Thank you for your attention and prayers. In addition, they are also recruiting for a receptionist.



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