



Immaculate Conception Parish

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2023



✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Sat. 2/11 4:00 PM
Emil Barna by His Wife Bernadine, Daughters Tina and Martha, and son-in-Law Michael

Sun. 2/12 11:00 AM
Eugene Zynel, Sr. by His Wife JoAnn and Family

Mon. 2/13 9:00 AM TV Mass
Rev. John Melnick by John and Sandy Sabo
7:00 PM
Deceased Members of the Capozzelli Family by Lorenzo Capozzelli and DJ Wychulis

Tue. 2/14 7:00 AM
Jean Iben by Her Husband John and Daughter Jessica

Wed. 2/15 7:00 AM
Eva Fogash by Her Children Pula, Carol, and Carl

Thur. 2/16 7:00 AM
Edward and David Marmello by Janet Amentler and Gene Resuta

Fri. 2/17 7:00 AM
Charles and Hilda Scott by Hugh and Catherine Maloney

Sat. 2/18 4:00 PM
M/M Michael Slank and M/M Michael Serock by John, Mary Ann, and Scott Slank

Sun. 2/19 11:00 AM
Richard J. Mladek and Thomas Mark Kopczynskie by Matthew and Debra Kopczynskie



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,174; Loose \$173; Dues \$612; Care and Education of Priests \$500; Capital Improvement \$274; Other \$105; Poor Box \$274

MEMORIAL DONATIONS were made in Memory of Marie Shovlin: \$25 by Carol Berezna; \$25 by Paul and Debra Thomas; \$25 by Jerry and Darlene Wizda; \$25 by Ann Nowaskie; \$25 by Bob and Nancy Quinn; \$25 by Roseanne Denion and Family; \$40 by Susan Steward; \$40 by the Triano Family; \$50 by Maria and Eddie Barna \$50 by Thomas and Marlene Stelmock; \$50 by Janet Hartman; \$50 by William and Charlene Shea; \$50 by Billy and Cathy Hauze; \$50 by Agnes Toccket; \$50 by Steven and Deborah Jordan; \$75 by Bill and Mary Grace Maranki' \$75 by Stacey and Jerry McLaughlin; \$100 by Demetrios and Mistilee Pasigos; \$100 by Jerome and Sharon Citro; \$100 by the Blose Family

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



OUR SACRISTY CANDLE is burning this week in Memory of Richard J. Mladek and Thomas Mark Kopczynskie by Matthew and Debra Kopczynskie

WORD AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet in the rectory on **Monday, February 13th**, after mass

PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet on **Wednesday, February 15th, at 6:30 PM** at Good Shepherd



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 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.



FORGET-ME-NOT GIFT BAGS tags are on the tree this weekend. A list of suggested items is on the pink paper. The bags are due on the altar or in the parish office no later than **March 26th.**

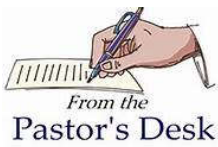


Our Community-Service Team is requesting canned soup, soup mixes, crackers, and oatmeal for February. We thank all who support those in need in our community.



RUMMAGE SALE ITEMS can be dropped off at 534 Center St. (Next to Videomania). Call Mary Lloyd at **570-578-6720** TO ARRANGE A TIME to drop your items off and for details on the rummage sale. **No furniture, clothing, or appliances.**





Message from Father Mike...

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus teaches a lesson about moving from the Old Testament to the New Testament through the 10 Commandments. There are 10 Commandments. When given to Moses from God, the reason we have 10 Commandments is that there is one for each finger. It was easier for folks to memorize the Commandments.

Jesus wants to give us a better understanding of the Commandments. In the Old Testament, if you did not kill someone you were considered a good person. Jesus wants us to go deeper. If you destroy someone's reputation via gossip, you are guilty of killing. If you look at someone with lust, you are guilty of adultery. Jesus wants us to be good people and challenges us to take that extra step beyond the surface of the 10 Commandments. Go out and become that good person Jesus wants you to be.

GO EAGLES!

DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE



ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22ND

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

7:00 AM Mass
4:00 PM Service
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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!



MARIAN FILLIES SOFTBALL PRESEASON CLINIC for girls in grades 3-8 interested in softball. Saturday, March 4th, 9AM-Noon, \$20 per player Join us for instruction, practice, throwing, hitting, fielding- and for the pure enjoyment of the sport and friendship. Participants should wear sneakers and bring personal softball equipment. Register by contacting Coach Deangelo at jdeangelo@mariancatholichs.org



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.



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Saturday, February 11

6:00PM Elizabeth Christino ~ Savattieri Family

Sunday, February 12

8:00AM Gloria Markowski ~ Bob & Judy

9:30AM Michael Shewack ~ Wife, Rose Marie & Family

Monday, February 13

8:00AM Marie Milardi ~ Mary Cressman

Tuesday, February 14

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

Wednesday, February 15

8:00AM Marie Milardi ~ Marge & Joanne Stuhura

Thursday, February 16

8:00AM Monsignor Arthur Kaschenbach ~ Tony & Marie Bellizia

Friday, February 17

8:00AM Marcel S. Calarco, Sr. ~ Joe, Michelle & Muriel Skuba

Saturday, February 18

6:00PM Kathleen Carr ~ CotJ Friends

Sunday, February 19

8:00AM Helms Buchman ~ M/M John Lonczynski

9:30AM Edward Verbonitz (5th Anniversary) ~ Wife, Marie & Sons, Richard & Robert

Stewardship

February 4 & 5: Loose \$846.75; Offertory \$3,703; Dues \$2,043.25; Holy Days \$35; Christmas \$10, Capital Improvement \$142; Annual Appeal Supplement \$115; Care & Education of Priests \$467; Latin America \$45; Ash Wednesday \$115
Mass Attendance – 492



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Gloria Markowski** by Bob & Judy



The **Rose for Life** this week in memory **Louis Beltrami** by Wife, Elaine



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 Robert & Joanne Vrablic and Michael Genetti as our newest members.

2022 Contributions: If you would like a statement of your 2022 contributions please contact the office.

Any new parishioners who did not receive raffle tickets, call or stop by the office.



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: We will be doing it again on **February 25 at 9AM**.

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.

SAINT JOHN BOSCO BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY:

Sharing the Journey "Grief Shared is Grief Diminished". The Bereavement Ministry of St. John Bosco church will provide the Spring Support Group Sessions in March that are open to all people who are grieving the death of a loved one and are having difficulty in their grief. The overall goal of the support group is to provide insight into one's grief and to help them to move toward a resolution of their grief. It is designed to be flexible. When the worst has happened and everything changes, get the support that you need to remember with more love than pain. Attending these grieving overview sessions is greatly encouraged for they not only give you some guidance now but also lay a foundation for future ongoing "Resilient Heart" sessions. The program consists of seven weekly sessions on **Monday evenings from 6 to 8 PM** in the parish multi-purpose room, beginning on **Monday, March 6**. Registration is required to assure seating and materials. If interested, please call Marie (Bereavement Ministry) at 570 455-3874 to register. Sessions are non-denominational.

Festival Corner

2023 Festival: The 2023 Festival Committee is asking for parishioner support to keep the expense down. For the month of February, we are collecting **Bottles of water**. Thank you for your support! Please check the expiration dates on all items for consumption.