



Good Shepherd Church

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK†

Saturday, February 24

6:00PM Mary Ellen Lobitz ~ Judi & Joe Yamulla

Sunday, February 25

8:00AM Mary Lou Fetterman ~ Husband & Children

9:30AM Barry Fogleman ~ George & Anna Marie Yatsko

Monday, February 26

8:00AM Patrick Donahue ~ Theresa Holly

Tuesday, February 27

8:00 AM Jerry Meholick ~ Jeff, Ruthie, Chris & Matt Jones

Wednesday, February 28

8:00AM Gladys Haganey ~ Tom & Bernie Mitchell

Thursday, February 29

8:00AM Dorothy Melnick ~ The Ustonofski Family

Friday, March 1

8:00AM Dolores Assenmacher ~ Linda Mantz

Saturday, March 2

6:00PM Margaret Generose ~ Louis & Sharon Turse

Sunday, March 3

8:00AM Marie Yackanich ~ Nick & Sandra Dellarcipreta

9:30AM Agnes Marie Sotack ~ Albert & Ava Javage

Stewardship

February 17 & 18: Loose \$522; Offertory \$3,234; Dues \$515; Holy Days \$25; Christmas \$40; Flowers \$120; Care & Education of Priests \$70; Capital Improvement \$256; Campaign for Human Development \$20; Eastern Europe \$40; Annual Appeal Supplement \$256; Retired Religious \$20; Latin America \$66; Ash Wednesday \$30

February 14 Ash Wednesday: Loose \$110; Offertory \$472

Mass Attendance – 492



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Bernard Stratchko** by Cathy, Tina & Amy



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.



The Valley Food Pantry helps those in need. We have been asked to collect: vegetable soup, Manwich or sloppy joe mix, and canned carrots. Thank you for your donations. If you wish to send a monetary donation, the address is: Valley Food Pantry, PO Box 187 CUCC, Conyngham, PA 18219. Also, to the anonymous donors who have been sending money we greatly appreciate your generosity.

The Valley Food Pantry will be making **Easter boxes** for needy families in the area. Good Shepherd has been asked to contribute brown sugar, coffee and regular tea for the boxes. The deadline for contributions is **Wednesday, March 20**. Thank you for your generosity!

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 26th** in the St. Joseph Room. We hope to see there. We delivered **110 soap mitts, 25 hats, 11 scarves and 15 fingerless gloves to Divine Providence Shelter in Hazleton.** 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!

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.

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!

Church Women United invites you to attend World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 1st at 2PM. Come join us and our friends at Providence Place to celebrate this day of prayer. Any questions call Andrea at 570-788-2002.



I remember the first time I went on a mission trip to Haiti. I thought I was going to a Caribbean Country – instead I was transported back in time to a place of unbearable poverty. Every sight was new: we walked out of the terminal and there were hundreds along a large fence asking for money. Locals were trying to grab our bags to carry them for money. Fr. Tom Hagen noticed the American with the short high-top haircut. He gathered our group together and we made it to the van. Everywhere we looked there was poverty: women and children in ragged clothing, wrecked vehicles along the side of the road, a young man pushing a wheel barrel with an elderly person in it. We had been transported to a different world! Those 10 days in Haiti were transforming. I saw more poverty and death than I had ever seen in my life. We had gone with the false hope that we would transform Haiti. Haiti had transformed us! In this weekend's reading Jesus Transformed himself into his divine nature in the presence of his disciples.

HOW WILL GOD TRANSFORM YOU THIS LENT?

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 the next 4 consecutive Wednesdays. The presentations will begin at **9 AM** and Fr. McHugh's topic will be the Gospel of Mark. 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 (sscparish.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.**



CALVARY CEMETERY

Diocese of Scranton

Attention Lot Holders

Notice of Spring Clean Up

Spring clean up will take place on Monday, March 4, 2024. Please remove any and all desired items from graves prior to March 4. Any remaining items left on graves on March 4 will be removed and discarded by cemetery personnel. Any questions can be directed to the cemetery office at 570-788-2150.

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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FOR THE WEEK

Sat. 2/24 4:00 PM
Russell and Carrie Smith by Carol and Family

Sun. 2/25 11:00 AM
Anthony Delucca by His Children

Mon. 2/26 7:00 PM
Gerald Soroko by the Ambrose Family

Tue. 2/27 7:00 AM
Jean Iorio by Her Daughters Susan, Janet, & Ruth

Wed. 2/28 7:00 AM
Mary Arnold by Her Grandson John Shelly

Thur. 2/29 7:00 AM
Rocco and Elizabeth Bellezza by Steven and Mary Rushen

Fri. 3/17:00 AM
John McDermott by the Stefanick Family

Sat. 3/2 4:00 PM
Andrea L. Marsicano by the Ambrose Family

Sun. 3/3 11:00 AM
Deceased Members of the John Barna and John Brezina Families by Their Family

Offering Envelopes



Sunday \$2,334; Loose \$210; Dues \$1,753; Care and Education of Priests \$15; Capital Improvement \$25; Eastern Europe \$190; Ash Wednesday \$463; Poor Box \$129

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Bzdil and Soroko Families by Their Family



OUR SACRISTY CANDLE is burning this week in Memory of Deceased Members of the John Barna and John Brezina Families by Their Family

FORGET-ME-NOT GIFT BAGS are due on the altar or in the parish office no later than March 17th. Please register your bag. WE HAVE 28 UNREGISTERED TAGS. THAT'S 28 PEOPLE WHO MAY OR MAY NOT RECEIVE A GIFT BAG.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR UPDATED ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS EVEN IF NOTHING HAS CHANGED IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD. YOU CAN ALSO CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO UPDATE.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS in Memory of Mary Jacko: \$100 by Thomas and Marlene Stelmock; \$100 by James and Marilyn Perchak; \$100 by William and Catherine Hauze; \$100 by Daniel Ravina; \$100 by Dennis Scatton; \$50 by JoAnne Korol; \$50 by Ronald and JoAnn Rosato; \$50 by David and Lee Lynn and Family; \$50 by David, Lynn, and Carly Schaaf; \$50 by John Chuckra; \$25 by Barbara Batcha; \$25 by John and Anita Hreha; and \$25 by Nancy Maylath

EASTER BINGO will be held on Sunday, March 17th, in our Parish Center. Early Birds and Specials are \$1.00 Each. Kitchen opens at 4:30 PM. Early Birds start at 5:30 PM. Regular Bingo starts at 6:00 PM. \$35 Cash Prize Per Game. 4 Specials with a \$50 prize each. Last Special \$100 prize. Tricky Trays Will Be Available!!



Eucharistic Adoration Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every third Monday at 6:00 PM before evening mass. The next devotion will be this Monday, February 19th.

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

JUST A REMINDER: Every Friday during Lent is a day of abstinence from meat. Everyone ages 14 and older must abstain from eating meat.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be offered every Friday during Lent at noon and again at 7:00 PM. The evening Stations will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sacrament and Benediction from 6:00 to 6:55 PM and Stations at 7:00 PM

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is offered Monday evenings before the 7:00 PM mass (6:00-6:50 PM); every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday morning from 6:15-6:50 AM; and Saturday afternoon from 3:00-3:30 PM. Father Mike is leaving the light on for you!



Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

RECTORY, SET, COOK!



FEED MY LAMBS FEED MY SHEEP



Catholic
Social
Services

Start your Lent off right by adding your name to the donor walls of the Diocese of Scranton's largest anti-hunger/anti-homelessness fundraiser before 5 p.m. on March 26. Scan QR code at right or visit dioceseofscranton.org to vote for your favorite pastor chef!



"What you do for the least among you, you do for Jesus." - Matthew 25:34-40



- 1 Click on the **OUR CHEFS** tab. On mobile devices, find this tab by scrolling down to the bottom of the page, past the sponsor logos, to see the pastor chef pages and view the videos.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR THOSE USING PHONES:

If you cannot see the videos, click **VIEW**, then "Read More" (under the small rectangular image beneath "Donate to Vote") to reveal the **PLAY** key.

- 2 Click on a chef's (or team of chefs') page, select **DONATE NOW** and make at least a \$10 gift to cast one vote. Cast as many votes as you wish as often as you wish for as many chefs as you wish!

- 3 Watch your name appear on our donor walls and your pastor chef's/chefs' page! (Or check the anonymous option when donating.)



PASTOR CHEF: Fr. Mike Klton, pastor, Good Shepherd Parish, Drums, and Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Freeland; administrator, St. Patrick Parish, White Haven.

THE DISH: CHICKEN PAPRIKASH

Fr. Mike Klton says he cooks seven days a week, one meal each day, for the three guys sharing rectory living space with him. He likes to mix up his proteins, so he does chicken two days per week, pork two days per week, and beef two days per week. On the seventh day, he does not rest; he just tries to be creative and "mix things up from the fridge." So Sundays are always a tasty surprise.

Chicken Paprikash is one of his favorite simple slow-cooker recipes because he calls it a classic family comfort food that reminds him of childhood and Mom. This is an Americanized Hungarian dish, he says, noting, "Mom used to make it all the time because it was cheap and fed a lot of people." The full recipe appears in the Rectory, Set, Cook! 2024 cookbook available for purchase.