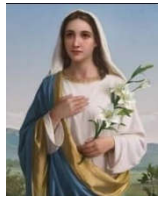




Immaculate Conception Parish

First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023



✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Sat. 2/25 4:00 PM
Andrew Blasko, Sr. by Paula

Sun. 2/26 11:00 AM
Michael Plaksa and Vera Roby by His Wife Anna Plaksa and Family

Mon. 2/27 7:00 AM TV Mass
Marie Shovlin by Joe and Joan Laganosky
7:00 PM
Frank and Mary Solarek and Pearl Persevich by Margaret Urban

Tue. 2/28 7:00 AM
Claire Karpowich by Kathleen and David Bartosevich and Family

Wed. 3/1 7:00 AM
Deceased Members of the Charnigo and Lapchak Families by John and Kathy Feschuk

Thur. 3/2 7:00 AM
Jean Iorio by Her Daughters Susan, Janet, and Ruth

Fri. 3/3 7:00 AM
Marie Shovlin by the Mattavi and Cherone Families

Sat. 3/4 4:00 PM
Helen Sherban Howanitz by Her Children and Grandchildren

Sun. 3/5 11:00 AM
Joseph and Anna Falatko by Anna Falatko Plaksa



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,544; Loose \$76; Dues \$2,423; Care and Education of Priests \$24; Capital Improvement \$5; Other \$180; Poor Box \$130.05

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Charnigo and Lapchak Families by John and Kathy Feschuk



OUR SACRISTY CANDLE is burning this week in Memory of Steve Korol by Dan Ravina

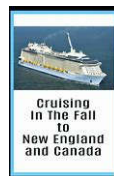
MEMORIAL DONATIONS in Memory of Marie Shovlin: \$25 by John and Lynn Jastremsky; \$25 by Dorothy and Mary Ann Ondrey; \$50 by Raymond Eroh; \$100 by JoAnne and Barb

FORGET-ME-NOT GIFT BAGS tags are due on the altar or in the parish office no later than **March 26th.**



Eucharistic Adoration Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every **third Monday** at 6:00 PM before evening mass. The next devotion will be on **Monday, March 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.



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.

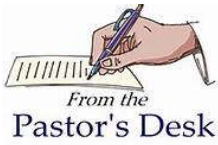
RUMMAGE SALE ITEMS can be dropped off at 534 Center St. (Next to Videomania). Call **Mary Lloyd** at 570-578-6720 **TO ARRANGE A TIME** to drop your items off and for details on the rummage sale. No furniture, clothing, or appliances.



ROSARY DEVOTIONS are being said after each of the weekday masses. This is a special time to increase your devotion to our Blessed Mother. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate.

EASTER BINGO will be held on Thursday, March 30th, in our Parish Center. Watch the bulletin for more details!





Message from Father Mike...

This past Ash Wednesday you received a wood coin imprinted with four different words: Abstinence, Almsgiving, Fasting and Prayer. During the next four weeks we will focus on each one of these words.

ABSTIENENCE: Many of us will Abstain from something during the Lenten Season. As children we probably gave up candy, sugar and sweets. We Kloton Kids gave up ice cream – ironically, because ice cream was expensive, we rarely got it.

This Lent you are encouraged to move from candy, sugar and sweets to abstaining from hate, gossip and slander. Lent is a time for us to make important changes in our lives. This first week, you are encouraged to do a little self-searching and practice appropriate Abstinence.



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!



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

Stations of the Cross Fridays at Noon
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction from 6:00 to 6:55 PM
and Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM



GOOD SHEPHERD:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction from 3:00 to 3:55 PM
and Stations of the Cross at 4:00 PM



ST. PATRICK'S:

Friday at 6:00 PM

OUR ROAD TO RESURRECTION RETREAT will be held **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27th to THURSDAY, MARCH 2nd**. Mass will be celebrated each evening at 6:30 P.M. at Saint Joseph Church in Hazleton. The service for each evening will be live streamed, beginning at 6:30 P.M., 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



If you have scheduled a weekend mass and you wish to take the gifts up, please tell an ambassador.

The Confirmation classes from Immaculate Conception, Good Shepherd, and St. Patrick's will be holding a children's gift card bingo on Sunday March 12th. There will be tricky trays, food, and great prizes! If any parishioner would like to donate a tricky tray or a gift card to their bingo please contact Katie Ventra (570) 956-4481.



OUR SEXUAL ABUSE POLICY is available at the entrances to the church.



Good Shepherd Parish

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2023



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Saturday, February 25

6:00PM William Amerise & Rita Amerise ~ Siblings & Children

Sunday, February 26

8:00AM Aniello DeCocinis ~ Wife, Children & Grandchildren

9:30AM Monsignor Arthur Kaschenbach ~ Good Shepherd Pro-Lifers

Monday, February 27

8:00AM Mary Ellen Angelo ~ Gallucci Family

Tuesday, February 28

8:00 AM Irene Kempchinsky ~ Feussner Family

Wednesday, March 1

8:00AM Mary Wilson ~ Anna Skawinski

Thursday, March 2

8:00AM Marcel S. Calarco Sr. ~ Diane & John Smulligan

Friday, March 3

8:00AM Kathleen Carr ~ Marge Ward

Saturday, March 4

6:00PM Alexander Martin ~ Grandparents, Mary Jane & Joseph Lombardi

Sunday, March 5

8:00AM Thomas J. O'Neill ~ Bob, Lisa & Kayla Kelly

9:30AM Mary Ann Smith ~ Niece, Kathy

Stewardship

February 18 & 19: Loose \$1,044; Offertory \$2,605; Dues \$1,245; Capital Improvement \$256; Annual Appeal Supplement \$38; Care & Education of Priests \$37; Ash Wednesday \$35
Mass Attendance – 554



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Monsignor Arthur Kaschenbach** by Good Shepherd Pro-Lifers



The **Rose for Life** this week is to remind everyone that **Babies Lives Matter** by Vic & Aggie



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 **Angelica Huerta** and **Steven Andrade** as our newest members.

Son of the Father - A Men's Retreat Sponsored by Be a Catholic Man, Inc. **March 31** and **April 1** beginning at **6PM**. Cost is only \$75.00. Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center 1000 Seminary Rd., Dalton, PA. Spiritual Guidance given by: Bishop Joseph Bambera, Msgr. John Esseff, Fr. Pio Mandato, Fr. Kevin Miller, and Jesse Martin. Info at beacatholicman.com or call (570) 351-6256.



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

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

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. Interested persons are to call the church office 570-788-3141.

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.

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

Lenten Scripture Sessions: Rev. Connell A. McHugh's, Lenten Scripture series beginning on **Wednesday, March 1** at **9AM**. This week's topic is The Letter to the Hebrews.

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 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.

Church Women United invites you to celebrate World Day of Prayer on **March 3** at Providence Place at **2PM** in the dining hall. The theme of this celebration is "I Have Heard of Your Faith". Please join us in prayer and song as we visit with our friends and neighbors at Providence Place. Light refreshments will be served. If you wish to attend, call Andrea at 570-788-2002 by **February 27**. Church Women United is an international, ecumenical group of women. Our local group represents all the valley churches in Drums and Sugarloaf. We meet three times a year. Our focus is sharing our faith through ecumenisms, prayer and good works. All women are welcome to join.