



Immaculate Conception Parish

Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 2024



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



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

Mon. 3/4 9:00 AM TV Mass
 Maria Gallagher by Rose Mattavi and Family
 7:00 PM
 Deceased Members of the Bzdil and Soroko Families by Helen Anne & Gerry, Jr.

Tue. 3/5 7:00 AM
 Deceased Members of the Poppalardo Family by Annette

Wed. 3/6 7:00 AM
 Victor and Orsala Monsarno by Their Great-Grandson John Shelly

Thur. 3/7 7:00 AM
 Anna Marie DellaCroce by the Paul Shock Family

Fri. 3/8 7:00 AM
 John Yencho by His Family

Sat. 3/9 4:00 PM
 Living and Deceased Members of the Nitka and Rapach Families by Linda Nitka-Moyer

Sun. 3/10 11:00 AM
 Richard Mladek and Thomas Mark Kopczynskie by Matthew and Debra Kopczynskie



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every third Monday at 6:00 PM before evening mass. The next devotion will be this Monday, March 18th. Exposition will also take place at 6:00 PM before each of the 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent.

EASTER BINGO will be held on Sunday, March 17th, in our Parish Center. Early Birds and Specials are \$1.00 each. The kitchen opens at 12:00 PM. Early Birds start at 12:30 PM. Regular Bingo starts at 1:00 PM; \$35 Cash Prize Per Game 4 Specials with a \$50 prize each Last Special \$100 prize. Tricky Trays Will Be Available!!



FREELAND SONS OF ERIN ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY BANQUET will be held on Saturday, March 16th, with a parade starting at noon. This year's banquet will be held at Sand Springs in Drums starting at 3:00 PM with cocktails; dinner will follow at 4:00 PM. Entertainment will be DJ Rockin' Ray. Honored guests will be: Citizen of the Year Ben Evancho and the Sons of Erin Irishman of the Year Award Winner Jeff Murphy, The Main Speaker will be State Representative Mike Cabell. The program and dancing will follow dinner. Tickets are \$60.00 which includes beer, wine, and soda. To purchase tickets, call Bear Brogan at 570-650-7630 or Chris Flanagan at 570-582-3503. For table reservations, call Janet Brogan at 570-710-7330. Tickets must be purchased by Sunday, March 10th.

Offering Envelopes



Sunday \$3,403; Loose \$169; Dues \$1,408; Care and Education of Priests \$5; Capital Improvement \$105; Initial Offering \$40; Other \$109; Poor Box \$145.56

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR is burning in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Bzdil and Soroko Families by Helen Anne and Gerry, Jr.



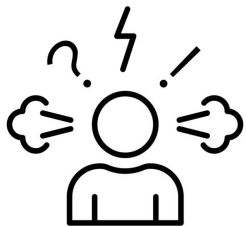
OUR SANCTUARY CANDLE is burning in Memory of the Living and Deceased Nitka and Rapach Families.



The Freeland Fire Department will be holding a potato cake sale on March 8th and March 22nd at the fire station from



3:00 to 6:00 PM or until sold out. The cost will be \$1 each. This will be a first come, first served event with no pre-orders.



I get angry a lot. Just small stuff like when a driver does not use a turn signal or when I do something stupid. I have a great Spiritual Director who helps me get past these "anger moments." In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus gets mad at those selling items outside of the Temple (when you came to the Temple you had to offer a sacrifice like a turtle dove. These folks were selling the items at inflated prices). They showed no respect for the Temple. His anger was justified. Anger itself is not a sin, how we HANDLE the anger could be sinful. Think about the times you've gotten angry. Is it justified? How did you react? Was it appropriate? Have you asked for forgiveness if you've acted inappropriately? Lent is a time to deal with your anger. Please don't get angry at me for challenging you to do this (LOL).

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.

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.**

A Charismatic Mass and Healing Service will be held at St. John Bosco Church, Conyngham on Tuesday, **March 19th at 7PM**. Fr. Neftali will preside, and Fr. Sudhir will concelebrate. Sue Shaw will begin her Music Ministry at 6:45PM. Any questions, please call Arlene at 570-788-3643.

A Deanery Lenten Penance Service will be hosted by Father Kevin Miller at the Church of Saint Gabriel on **Thursday, March 21st at 6:30 PM**. There will be several Priests available to hear confessions in both English and Spanish.

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, 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

Monday, March 4

8:00AM Connie Mervine ~ Andrea Tarnopolski

Tuesday, March 5

8:00 AM Joanne Marsicano ~ The Bazewicz Family

Wednesday, March 6

8:00AM Eugene R. Sobolewski ~ Jay & Jamie Passon

Thursday, March 7

8:00AM Jose Jardim ~ Robert & Joanne Katarsky

Friday, March 8

8:00AM Esther Zelenak ~ Elaine Beltrami

Saturday, March 9

6:00PM Mark Bergamo ~ Dr. & Mrs. Michael Washinsky

Sunday, March 10

8:00AM Margaret Kostanesky ~ Kostanesky Family

9:30AM Patrick Donahue ~ Dr. & Mrs. Michael Washinsky

Stewardship

February 24 & 25: Loose \$776; Offertory \$3,837; Dues \$640; Holy Days \$34; Easter \$77; Flowers \$388; Care & Education of Priests \$32; Capital Improvement \$127; Eastern Europe \$58; Annual Appeal Supplement \$55; Latin America \$10; Ash Wednesday \$145; Rice Bowl \$10; Catholic Relief \$5
Mass Attendance – 481



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Margaret Generose** by Louis & Sharon Turse



The **Rose for Life** this week in memory of **Jude Pastorella** by Grandmother, Janet Gaskill



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**.

Women of Good Shepherd will meet on Monday **March 11 at 6PM** in the St. Joseph Room.



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 **545 PM (Evening)** on **March 4th** 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!

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!



Breakfast with the Easter Bunny is this Sunday, March 3, at Good Shepherd Church Hall. The menu includes sausage, bacon, eggs to order, potatoes, pancakes, pastry, yogurt, orange juice, coffee, tea, and chocolate milk. The cost is \$9.00/adult and \$4.00/child. Serving time is from **8 AM until 11PM**.