



Good Shepherd Church

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK†

Saturday, March 16

6:00PM Mr. & Mrs. Edward Stanek ~ Mr. & Mrs. Richard Stanek

Sunday, March 17

8:00AM Patsy Belusko ~ Barbara Deaton

9:30AM Judith A. Zellner ~ Don & Linda Veglia

Monday, March 18

8:00AM Patrick Donahue ~ Money Counting Group

Tuesday, March 19

8:00 AM George Porpiglia ~ Thomas & Georgina

Wednesday, March 20

8:00AM Bob Maso, Birthday, Health & Blessings ~ Wife, Annette & Sons, Bobby & Matt

Thursday, March 21

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

Friday, March 22

8:00AM Cecilia & Clifford Bobb & Catherine & Frank Olshefski ~ Al & Veronica Olshefski

Saturday, March 23

6:00PM John Kalinovich Sr. & John Kalinovich Jr. ~ Louise Kalinovich & Family

Sunday, March 24

8:00AM Dolores Ratchko ~ Family

9:30AM Catherine & Henry Galucci ~ Dolores Clatch & Family

Stewardship

March 9 & 10: Loose \$941; Offertory \$4,513; Dues \$890; Holy Day \$20, Easter \$85; Flowers \$85; Capital Improvement \$45; Care & Education of Priests \$155; Catholic Relief \$306; Ash Wednesday \$5; Rice Bowl \$86; Holy Thursday \$40; Good Friday \$45
Mass Attendance – 464



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **George Marcinko** by daughter, Donna



The **Rose for Life** this week is in honor of **Roy Klinger** by Wife, Jean



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**.



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.

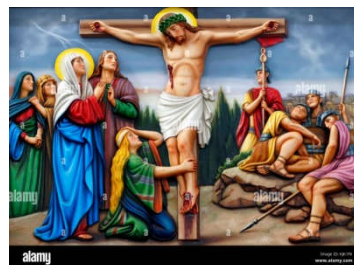
The Valley Food Pantry will be making **Easter boxes** for needy families in the area. Good Shepherd has been asked to contribute brown sugar, coffee and regular tea for the boxes. The deadline for contributions is **Wednesday, March 20**. Thank you for your generosity!

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 18th** in the **CRY 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.

We welcome **Joan Woitko** as our newest member.

Women of Good Shepherd – Our 2024 Women of Good Shepherd Scholarship applications are due no later than **Friday, May 31**. Please visit the Good Shepherd website to download the application. Only completed applications that meet requirements and are submitted on time will be considered.



UPDATE- Stations of the Cross for **Friday, March 22** will be as follows: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will be from **3:30 – 4:25PM** and Stations of the Cross will

follow at **4:30PM** to allow the children to participate in the narration and music.



Most of us, myself included, give up something or do some-

thing for Lent. As a homage to my childhood, I try to give something up for Lent. As an adult, I try to do something extra for Lent. The exact "give up" and "do something extra" is not important. What is important is that each of these challenge us to change. Just look at our Lenten theme: *How will you be Transformed – Darkness to Light?* This weekend the challenge for us is deeper. Jesus knows that he has surrendered himself completely.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name."

In these last two weeks of Lent, how will you surrender yourself?

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.

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.

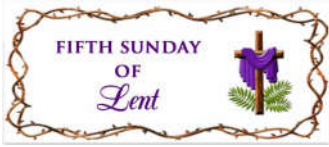
MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS will be at **6:00 PM** on **Thursday, April 11th**, in the lower level of **Immaculate Conception Church**. Use the **Chestnut Street** entrance (through the garden). Register by calling the **Immaculate Conception Parish Office at 570-636-3035** or the **Good Shepherd 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.**



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.



Immaculate Conception Parish

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

- Sat. 3/16 4:00 PM
Daniel Chitswara by the Chitswara Family
- Sun. 3/17 11:00 AM
Sons of Erin
- Mon. 3/18 7:00 PM
Deceased Members of the Evanochick Family
by Lorenzo Capozzelli and DJ Wychulis
- Tue. 3/19 7:00 AM
Michael T. Pshar and Deborah Bonner Pshar
by Wife and Mother Elsie T. Pshar
- Wed. 3/20 7:00 AM
Raymond Dugan by Nicollette Scheitrum and
Ryan Dugan
- Thur. 3/21 7:00 AM
Ann Yagalla by Dolores Repetz
- Fri. 3/22 7:00 AM
Robert and Joseph Baran by Mary Baran and
Family
- Sat. 3/23 4:00 PM
Deceased Members of the Batcha and
Ceriani Families by JoAnne and Barbara
- Sun. 3/24 7:30 AM PALM SUNDAY
Sonia and Stanley Wilczek by Their Son Stan
- 11:00 AM PALM SUNDAY
Stephanie Iben Delese by Her Father John
and Sister Jessica



ROSARY DEVOTIONS are being said after each of the weekday masses and on Saturdays at 8:30 AM. This is a special opportunity to increase your devotion to our Blessed Mother. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate.



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. Why not stop by and spend some time with your Savior.



The Freeland Fire Department will be holding a potato cake sale on Friday 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.



Our Community-Service Team will be collecting napkins, toilet paper, paper plates, and paper towels for the month of March. We thank all who support those in need in our community.



Offering Envelopes



Sunday \$3,726; Loose \$280; Dues \$849; Care and Education of Priests \$97; Capital Improvement \$215; Catholic Relief \$399; Easter Flowers \$130; Ash Wednesday \$3; Poor Box \$167

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Thelma Gallagher by Linda Stegena



OUR SACRISTY CANDLE is burning this week in Memory of Rita Rebarchick by the Legion of Mary



EASTER LILIES / FORGET-ME-NOT BAGS: Our Community-Service Team will be delivering Easter lilies and Forget-Me-Not Gift Bags and Palm to our beloved elderly and homebound parishioners on Saturday, March 23rd, beginning at 10:00 AM. If no one is home, the items will be placed outside.

