



Good Shepherd Parish

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Saturday, March 4

Saturday, March 18

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

Sunday, March 19

8:00AM Margaret Kostanesky ~ Kostanesky Family

9:30AM William & Dorothy Nitka ~ Mr & Mrs Joseph Clatch

Monday, March 20

8:00AM Irene Bogansky ~ Amber & Erick

Tuesday, March 21

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

Wednesday, March 22

8:00AM Mary A. Wilson ~ Joseph & Maureen Umbriac

Thursday, March 23

8:00AM Mary & Gary Leonard & Mary Breslin ~ Daughter & Sister & Granddaughter, Maureen

Friday, March 24

8:00AM John Kalinovich ~ Family

Saturday, March 25

6:00PM Dolores Ratchko ~ Family

Sunday, March 26

8:00AM Nellie & Stephen Bugda, Mildred Mayernick & Robert Sukel, Sr. ~ Marianne Sukel

9:30AM John Kalinovich ~ Nancy Bertolini

Stewardship

March 11 & 12: Loose \$518; Offertory \$3,141; Dues \$1,825; Holy Days \$2; Easter \$2; Flowers \$125, Capital Improvement \$30; Care & Education of Priests \$75; Catholic Relief \$30; Eastern Europe \$10; Rice Bowl \$165; Ash Wednesday \$2, Annual Appeal \$20
Mass Attendance – 426



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week in memory of **Michael & Lena Formica** by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Stanek.



The **Rose for Life** this week is in memory of **Frederick R. Proske** by Mary, Allison & Richard.



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**.



Please remember in your prayers these recently departed souls and their grieving loved ones:

Wallace Heller, John Alouisa, Marguerita McLaughlin, Mary Louise Fetterman, and Agnes Sotack.
May they rest in peace with our Lord!



The **Valley Food Pantry** helps those in need. 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.

The **Valley Food Pantry** will be making **Easter boxes** for needy families in the area. Good Shepherd has been asked to contribute Easter candy for the boxes. **The deadline for contributions is Tuesday, March 29.** Thank you for your generosity!

Festival Corner

2023 Festival: The 2023 Festival Committee is asking for parishioner support to keep the expenses down. For the month of March, we are collecting **Cans of soda such as Coke, Diet Coke, 7Up or Sprite.** Thank you for your support! Please check the expiration dates on all items for consumption.

The co-chairs for this year's Bake Sale are Connie Marcino (570-788-6216) and Andrea Tarnopolski (570-788-2002). Please call them if you would like to donate. They're asking for the baked items to be dropped off on **Friday, July 14th.** The bake sale will take place on Saturday and Sunday of the festival.

The Tricky Tray co-chairs are Cathy Penkala (570-436-5017) and Aniela Ross (570-582-5623). More information will follow from them.

If any new parishioners wish to receive raffle tickets, call or stop by the parish office.

Halupki Rolling: We will be rolling halupki again on **April 22 at 9AM.** Please join us if you can.



Fish Fry will be held on **Friday, March 24** from **4:30PM to 7:30 PM.** **Baked goods** are needed for the fish fry on **March 24.** If you can help, call Connie Marcino at 570-788-6216 or Andrea Tarnopolski at 570-788-2002.

Lenten Scripture Sessions: The Rev. Connell A. McHugh's Lenten Scripture is on **Wednesday, March 22 at 9AM.** This week's topic is New Testament Apocalyptic.

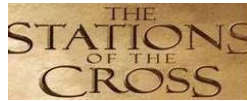
Due to winter weather, **The Women of Good Shepherd** postponed last week's **Game Night.** We will now meet on **Monday, March 20, at 6:00PM** in the church hall. We hope to see you there!



Message from Father Mike...

This weekend is known as Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent. The main celebrant is in a rose-colored Vestment. It's the church's way of telling us that in the darkness of Lent we have something to look forward to.

In the Gospel this weekend is a man who was born blind. Back in Jesus' day, if you were born like that, it was punishment from God. Sadly, that's what the people thought. The real tragedy of this encounter between Jesus and the leading religious leaders of the day is twofold: They blamed Him for doing something good on the Sabbath. And they called the blind man a sinner. How ironic! The Pharisees and Sadducees had eyes wide open, but they could not see the good that Jesus did. The blind man's eyes were closed, and he could see clearly who Jesus was. The challenge for all of us this week is to fully open our eyes to the people around us. Do not judge and do not condemn. Then close your eyes and pray to God the word that you see on the banner this weekend in church.



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 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 6:00 PM



MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS will be at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 20th, at Immaculate Conception Church. Please 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. Please note, we do not preform Baptisms on healthy infants during the Lenten season. As such, Baptisms should be scheduled after Easter, April 9, 2023.



FIFTH ANNUAL DIOCESE OF SCRANTON CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE *Refresh Your Faith...With the Holy Spirit* is being held on Saturday, June 10th, at Marywood University. Our Mission is to invigorate and enrich the faith of our sisters in Christ, including the next generation of Catholic women. For more information on how to register, please visit our website <http://www.cwcnepa.com>.

The next Charismatic Mass and Healing Service at St. John Bosco Church, Conyngham will be Tuesday, March 21st at 7:00 PM. Fr. Naftali and Fr. Sudhir Toppo will concelebrate. Sue Shaw will begin her music ministry at 6:45 PM. Any questions, please call Arlene at 570-788-3643.



OUR SEXUAL ABUSE POLICY ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCES OF OUR CHURCHES

MAINTENANCE POSITION is available at Holy Redeemer High School Monday-Friday 7-3 PM. This full-time, salaried position includes benefits and a competitive salary. Send resume to: Holy Redeemer High School Attn: Doreen Dougherty 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd. Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701. Questions? Call 570-829-2424 or email ddougherty@holyredeemerhs.org





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Sat. 3/18 4:00 PM
Joseph J. Adams by Sandra and William Kuklis

Sun. 3/19 11:00 AM
Daniel Chitswara by the Chitswara Family, Pilar, Nieces, and Nephews

Mon. 3/20 7:00 PM
Deceased Members of the Evanochick Family by Lorenzo and DJ

Tue. 3/21 7:00 AM
Marie Shovlin by Ronald Feussner

Wed. 3/22 7:00 AM
Glenn Malloy by His Sister Karen Malloy Moffitt

Thur. 3/23 7:00 AM
Stephanie Iben Delese by Her Dad and Sister Jessica

Fri. 3/24 7:00 AM
Gloria Gabrielle by Jim and Carole Quinn and Family

Sat. 3/25 4:00 PM
Deceased Members of the Batcha and Ceriani Families and Steve Korol by JoAnne and Barbara

Sun. 3/26 11:00 AM
Angie Puzetti and Family by Jim and Michalene Eisenhart

EASTER BINGO will be held on Thursday, March 30th, 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 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.

LOOKING FOR SUMMER WORK? This summer we are looking for a crew to help with the weed trimming around the tombstones in our cemeteries in Freeland. Competitive salary and flexible hours. If interested call the office of any of our parishes and leave your name and address. Benefits are out of this world!



Last Weekend:
Sunday \$4,137; Loose \$106; Dues \$1,796; Care and Education of Priests \$271; Capital Improvement \$126; Rice Bowl \$226; Other \$249; Poor Box \$135



CANDLES ON THE ALTAR and OUR SACRISTY CANDLE are burning this week in Memory of **Stephanie Iben Delese**



CHILDREN'S COATS are on sale now that spring is in the air. If you would like to purchase coats for our needy kids in Freeland, please drop them off at the parish office and we will take care of them until our coat giveaway in October. Please keep our needy kids in your prayers.



Our Community-Service Team is requesting baked beans, vinegar, red beets, and canned pineapple for March. We thank all who support those in need in our community.



FORGET-ME-NOT GIFT BAGS tags are due on the altar or in the parish office **THIS Sunday, March 26th.**

