



Immaculate Conception Parish

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023



✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

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 Puzzetti and Family by Jim and Michalene Eisenhart

Mon. 3/27 9:00 AM TV Mass
Marie Shovlin by Joe and Joan Laganosky
7:00 PM
Michael T. and Deborah Pshar Bonner by Wife and Mother Elsie T. Pshar

Tue. 3/28 7:00 AM
Eugene Sacco by Frank Pancerella and Family

Wed. 3/29 7:00 AM
Marie Shovlin by M/M Daniel Sarosky

Thur. 3/30 7:00 AM
Marie Shovlin by M/M William Maranki

Fri. 3/31 7:00 AM
Living and Deceased Members of the Nitka and Rapach Families by Linda Nitka-Moyer

Sat. 4/1 4:00 PM
Margie Serock by Her Sisters Anna and Helen

Sun. 4/2 7:30 AM Palm Sunday
Sonia and Stanley Wilczek by Their Son Stanley
11:00 AM Palm Sunday
Andy Berezna by His Wife Carol



SIGN-UP SHEETS For Adoration/Visitation On Holy Thursday Are At Both Entrances Of The Church. Won't You Consider Keeping Jesus Company Before His Passion On Good Friday?



EASTER LILIES AND FORGET-ME-NOT BAGS will be delivered by our Community/Service Team to our beloved elderly and homebound parishioners on

Saturday, April 1st, beginning at 10:00 AM. If no one is home, the items will be placed outside.



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.

FORGET-ME-NOT GIFT BAGS are due on the altar **THIS Sunday.**



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!!!



Last Weekend:
Sunday \$3,142; Loose \$156; Dues \$1,328; Care and Education of Priests \$53; Capital Improvement \$22; Rice Bowl \$84; Catholic Relief \$572; Poor Box \$127

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Marie Shovlin by M/M Daniel Sarosky



OUR SACRISTY CANDLE is burning this week in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Batcha and Ceriani Families and Steve Korol by JoAnne and Barbara



SIGN-UP SHEETS For Holy Thursday Washing Of The Feet Are At Both Entrances Of The Church. Remember what Jesus said to Peter, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every third Monday at 6:00 PM before evening mass. The next devotion will be on Monday, April 17th. 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!



Message from Father Mike...

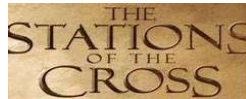
In this weekend's Gospel Jesus raised his friend Lazarus from the dead. Lazarus was in the tomb for three days, he was confined by death and the grave. Jesus called to him, and he came out of the tomb alive to the amazement of all around him.

There are many people in tombs today. Some are held in tombs beyond their control, while others enter into tombs on their own. And whatever your ailment, disability, relationship status, addiction, mental illness, etc., Jesus is calling you from that tomb. Jesus want you to be alive again.

You have two challenges this week: if you know someone in a tomb, do what you can to help bring them out. Secondly, if you are in the tomb, and want to come out turn to Jesus, and he will show you the way. Jesus loved his friend Lazarus and did not want him to be in the tomb. Jesus loves you and is calling you for us from the tomb.



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.



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



Divine Mercy Reparatory Service Will Be Held on Sunday, April 16th, at 3:00 P.M. Services Will Include Exposition Of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, Recitation of the Chaplet Of Divine Mercy, Recitation of the Holy Rosary. Benediction, and Mass. This Mass Fulfills Your Weekly Obligation.



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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† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

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

Monday, March 27

8:00AM Susan Balon ~ Donna

Tuesday, March 28

8:00 AM Agnes Sotack ~ Marguerite Benderavich

Wednesday, March 29

8:00AM Marcel S. Calarco Sr. ~ David & Carol DeLessio

Thursday, March 30

8:00AM Thomas Chuckra ~ John Iben

Friday, March 31

8:00AM Charles Reczkowski ~ Lex Reczkowski & Family

Saturday, April 1

6:00PM Amelia Yacowatz ~ Children

Sunday, April 2

8:00AM Gloria Markowski ~ Husband & Family

9:30AM Marie Knelly ~ Sister & Brother-in-law

Stewardship

March 18 & 19: Loose \$661; Offertory \$4,431.19; Dues \$1,110; Holy Days \$10; Easter \$40; Flowers \$243, Capital Improvement \$362; Care & Education of Priests \$70; Catholic Relief \$222; Eastern Europe \$25; Rice Bowl \$133; Ash Wednesday \$23, Annual Appeal \$20
Mass Attendance – 505



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week **For Peace in the World** by Vic & Aggie



The **Rose for Life** this week is in honor of **ALL our homebound and personal care home parishioners** by the Shepherd Hands Ministry.



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**.

Lenten Scripture Sessions: The Rev. Connell A. McHugh's Lenten Scripture is on **Wednesday, March 29** at **9AM**. This week's topic is Mary in the New Testament.



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 28.** 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.

New Ministry: Crochet/Knitting Group - An organizational meeting will be held **Monday, March 27** at **5:30PM** in the cry room to get a consensus of days and times that are good for members to meet as well as to discuss what we will be working on. Bring your suggestions and ideas. All are welcome. Hope to see you there!