



Good Shepherd Parish

Palm Sunday

The Passion of the Lord

April 2, 2023



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

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

Monday, April 3

8:00AM Casimir Lasecki ~ Lectors of Good Shepherd Church

Tuesday, April 4

8:00 AM Rose D. Bachman ~ Ronald & Lawrence Marchetti

Wednesday, April 5

8:00AM Miriam Heverline ~ Elaine Beltrami & Family

Thursday, April 6

7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 7

1:00PM Service of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 8

8:00PM Solemn Vigil of Easter

Sunday, April 9

8:00AM Jim Bertolini ~ Dennis James

9:30AM Deceased Members of the Lindsay, Molle & Vitale Family ~ Bill & Diane Lindsay

Stewardship

March 25 & 26: Loose \$1,045; Offertory \$3,607; Dues \$1,492; Holy Days \$10; Easter \$75; Flowers \$270, Capital Improvement \$82; Care & Education of Priests \$422; Catholic Relief \$34; Mission Sunday \$5; Rice Bowl \$61; Ash Wednesday \$20, Holy Land \$30
Mass Attendance – 526



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week in memory of **The Good, Marcinko & Snyder Families** by Donna & Debbie

The **Rose for Life** this week is in memory of **The Good, Marcinko & Snyder Families** by Donna & Debbie



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**.

Volunteers Needed for Admission at Bingo from **4:30 – 6:00 PM**. Contact Diane Green at 570-788-4084 if interested.

We welcome Sonja Smith & Kevin, Valerie, Alexander & Joshua Pongrazzi as our newest members.



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.

Festival Corner

2023 Festival: The 2023 Festival Committee is asking for parishioner support to keep the expenses down. For the month of **April**, we are collecting **first week – ketchup, second week – mustard, third week – relish and fourth week – bbq sauce**. Thank you for your support! Please check the expiration dates on all items for consumption.

Orders will be taken for Good Shepherd tee shirts for April.

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.

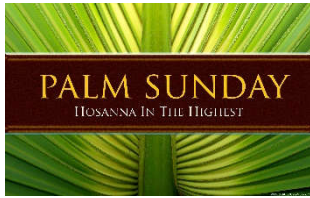
If any new parishioners wish to receive raffle tickets, call or stop by the parish office.

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

Thank you to everyone who provided dessert for the fish fry. It was very much appreciated! Andrea Tarnopolski and Connie Marcino.

Stitches of Love Ministry will meet again **Monday, April 3 at 5:30PM** in the cry room. We are looking for interested crocheters, knitters or those wanting to learn. You can work on your own projects or help with items we wish to create and donate wherever there is a need. All are welcome. If interested or for more information please call the office at 570-788-3141 or email the church at gsch@ptd.net. Thank you.

If you or someone else you know in our parish is homebound or in a nursing/personal care home please let the office know so they can be added to our Shepherd Hand's Ministry list. Thank you.



It has begun! With the commemoration of Palm Sunday, we begin the holiest week of the year. I can imagine those folks along the road as Jesus came into Jerusalem laying their palm branches at His feet. They heard about Him and were overjoyed that He came to their town. BUT (and I purposely use capital letters), things would change from joy to sorrow. The Last Supper, the Garden, the arrest, the trial, the carrying of the Cross, the Crucifixion, the death, the pain of His death, placing Him in the tomb, and the rock over the entrance of the tomb are all part of this most sacred week. There is one difference between now and then. When Jesus died and was put in the tomb, most people thought it was over. Even His disciples were scattered (no, they were not waiting in the upper room telling one another: “Just hang out here until He rises from the dead”). WE know what will happen; we know He rose from the dead.

Here's what I'm asking all of you to do this week. Be in the moment of this week's events: Go to confession, come to Mass on Holy Thursday, be in church on Good Friday and meditate on the events, come to the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday (yes, I know it's a long liturgy, but it tells His story). Don't be a bystander, but join in the story of our salvation history.



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.



Divine Mercy Reparatory Service Will Be Held on Sunday, April 16th, at 3:00 PM at Immaculate Conception Church. 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



GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH will have Living Stations on Palm Sunday, April 2nd, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. This will be a drive through presentation. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH will have Living Stations on Good Friday, March 31st, at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.



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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 Bereznak by His Wife Carol

Mon. 4/3 7:00 PM
Frank and Mary Balas by Their Daughter Margaret

Tue. 4/4 7:00 AM
Mary Maloney Santorski by Hugh and Catherine Maloney

Wed. 4/5 7:00 AM
Marie Shovlin by Pauline Stefanik

Thur. 4/6 7:00 PM Holy Thursday
Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Scranton

Fri. 4/7 7:00 PM
Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Scranton

Sat. 4/8 8:00 PM
Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Scranton

Sun. 4/9 7:30 AM Easter Sunday
Mary and Edward Harvilla by Sally and Les Shupp

11:00 AM Easter Sunday
Michael Pshar and Anna Barna Pshar by Their Daughter Elsie Pshar



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.



Eucharistic Adoration Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every third Monday at 6:00 PM before evening mass. The next devotion will be on Monday, April 17th. 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 \$3,924; Loose \$104; Dues \$723; Care and Education of Priests \$43; Rice Bowl \$117; Catholic Relief \$172; Easter flowers \$581; Capital Improvement \$236; Poor Box \$96.45

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Walter Temposki by Dan Ravina



BLESSING OF THE BASKETS will take place at NOON on Holy Saturday, April 8th, in both parishes.



EASTER FLOWERS AND FORGET-ME-NOT GIFT BAGS for Our Beloved Elderly and Homebound Parishioners were delivered this weekend. Sincere thanks to everyone who donated gift bags. Your generosity and remembrance of our parishioners is so greatly appreciated. Special thanks to our Community-Service Team for delivering to our homebound parishioners and Paula Gallagher, Mary Lloyd, Michele Kimmel, and Anna Marie Kufro for delivering to the nursing homes.



HOUR OF KINDNESS MINISTRY will meet on Saturday, April 29th, at 9:00 AM in the rectory to sign greeting cards for May. If you have an hour to spare, this is the perfect ministry for you! Everyone is welcome!