



Good Shepherd Church



Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK+

Saturday, April 27

6:00PM Kovatch – Prochko Families ~ Daughter, Carol Balliet

Sunday, April 28

8:00AM Victor F. Greco, MD ~ Theresa & Gary Allabaugh

9:30AM Joseph D ~ Wife, Josemarie

Monday, April 29

8:00AM Deceased Members of the Borofski & Rizzo Families ~ Sylvia Borofski

Tuesday, April 30

8:00 AM Lorraine Anderson ~ Friend, Josemarie

Wednesday, May 1

8:00AM Joe & Irene Slebodnick 70th Wedding Anniversary

Thursday, May 2

8:00AM Helen Koval ~ Rich & Henrietta

Friday, May 3

8:00AM Deceased Members of the Cameron & Dennish Families ~ Tony & Ann Cameron

Saturday, May 4

6:00PM Frances Cabi ~ Diane, Desiree & Shawn Anderson

Sunday, May 5

8:00AM Frank Skawinski ~ Wife, Anna, Children & Grandchildren

9:30AM Morgan Karlick ~ Jackie & Mark Gorski

Stewardship

April 20 & 21: Loose \$1,500; Offertory \$3,248; Dues \$530; Easter \$230; Capital Improvement \$289; Care & Education of Priests \$28; Holy Thursday \$15; Good Friday \$15; Mother's Day \$20; Holy Day \$5; Ash Wednesday \$15; Home Missions \$10; Catholic Relief \$17; Rice Bowl \$12
Mass Attendance – 580



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Joe & Irene Slebodnick - 70th Wedding Anniversary**



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.

Stitches of Love Ministry is a crochet & knitting ministry that donates our work to those in need. All are welcome. Our next meeting is Monday at **545 PM (Evening)** on **April 29th** 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.

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.

The Sugarloaf/Valley Chapter of Church Women United invite you to join us for May Friendship Day **on Friday, May 3, 2024** at St. John's UCC Church. The service begins at **1PM** and light refreshments will follow. We will celebrate the Fellowship of the Least Coin. Please remember to wrap you pennies. If you plan to attend call Andrea at 570-788-2002 by April 29th.

We welcome **Raymond Yurista Sr. & David Jr, Page, David III, Isabella, Gianna and Madelyn Quinn** as our newest members.



Growing up outside of Philly, we had a very old home surrounded by blueberries, sour cherries, plums, pears, currents, peaches and a very tough

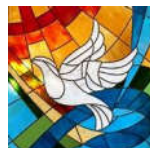
grape vine. These were sour purple grapes. Not the kind you would eat off the vine. My mom was resourceful. She made a jelly out of those nasty grapes. Years later it was time for the sour grapes to go. I dreaded pulling all those vines away from the fence. Mom was brilliant. She found the two main vines going into the ground, cut them off at the bottom and one week later the vines were dead and easy to pull out. All of this came to mind while reading this week's Gospel. The grapes were turned into something wonderful. The grape wine we use on the altar is turned into something wonderful. Being cut off from the main branch meant certain death to the vines. Being cut off from Jesus means certain damnation. Thanks, Mom, for the life lessons.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION - Please consider giving your children a Catholic Education. Our parishes support Holy Family Academy in Hazleton. For more information on Holy Family Academy (Pre-K to 8th grades) please call 570-455-9431 or go to website:

www.holyfamilyacademy.info

There are openings in all grades for the 2024-2025 school year.

PARISH DIRECTORY: The deadline for parishioners to register to be included in the joint parish directory is this Sunday, **April 28, 2024**. Registration forms are available in our church entrances and can be returned in the collection baskets or at either church office.



PENTECOST IS THE WEEKEND OF MAY 18TH & 19TH. PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR RED IN HONOR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

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.

REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS, who in the VA hospital in Wilkes-Barre and in the Gino Merli Veterans' Center, who could use a boost from our grateful citizens. **Immaculate Conception Parish** is collecting Forget-Me-Not bags for about 100 Veterans starting this Sunday and running through Memorial Day. There are 4 ways in which you can contribute:

1. Create a bag of Personal Hygiene/Comfort items which are listed below. Please include ALL of the items in your bag. Bags and tissue paper are available free of charge in their parish office.
2. Create a bag of Recreational Activity Items which are listed on the back of this flyer. Please include ALL of the items in your bag. Bags and tissue paper are available free of charge in their parish office.
3. Purchase some of the items and place them in the bins in the back of their church marked Veterans. One bin is marked Personal Hygiene and the other is marked Recreational.
4. Make a monetary donation and the Messengers of Hope will do the shopping for you.

If you are donating a bag, please place it on the altar steps or bring it to the parish office by Memorial. Let's let no Veteran be forgotten! [Check the OLIC Parish Website for a list of items needed.](#)



Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish April 28, 2024



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



- Sat. 4/27 4:00 PM
James Breznitsky by His Wife Frances and Sons
- Sun. 4/28 11:00 AM
John Moyer by His Wife Janice and Son
- Mon. 4/29 9:00 AM TV Mass
Thelma Gallagher by Joe, Molly, and Kevin
7:00 PM
Angela Fulk and Mary Ann Smith by Their Family
- Tue. 4/30 7:00 AM
Deceased Members of the Nemchik Family and Steve Kloton by Liz and Rich
- Wed. 5/1 7:00 AM
George and Donna Sonderschafer by the Ambrose Family
- Thur. 5/2 7:00 AM
James McDermott by Anna Plaksa and Family
- Fri. 5/3 7:00 AM
James McDermott by the Pavlick Family
- Sat. 5/4 4:00 PM
Marie and Buddy Shovlin and Jenny Bereznak by Dan Ravina
- Sun. 5/5 11:00 AM
Michael and Veronica Plaksa by Anna Plaksa and Family

Offering Envelopes



Sunday \$3,404; Loose \$460; Dues \$849; Care and Education of Priests \$53; Easter \$75; Easter Flowers \$10; Capital Improvement \$150; Other \$; Poor Box \$77

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Nitka and Rapach Families



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every third Monday at 6:00 PM before evening mass. The next devotion will be on Monday, May 20th. Why not stop by and spend some time with your Savior.

ROSARY DEVOTIONS are being said every Saturday morning at 8:30 AM and after each of the weekday masses. This is a special time to increase your devotion to our Blessed Mother.



Every month the HOUR OF KINDNESS ministry sends out greeting cards to our treasured elderly and homebound parishioners and also remembers them on their birthdays. If you would like to be added to our list or if you know someone whose day would be brightened by a cheerful greeting, please call the parish office at 570-636-3035 Monday through Thursday from 9:00 until 12:00 or drop a name and address in the collection basket. We will be most happy to include you or your loved one.

SAVE THE DATE: OUR ANNUAL OLD-FASHIONED SUNDAY AFTERNOON PARISH MASS AND PICNIC IN



THE PARK is scheduled for Sunday, June 9th, in the Freeland Park Pavilion, with Mass at noon and the picnic immediately after. Additional information will be provided as plans are developed and finalized.



FORGET-ME-NOT BAGS for our veterans are available in the parish office. All bags are due on the altar steps or in the parish office by Memorial Day. Two bins are at the back entrance of the church for donations.