



Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish May 5, 2024



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sat. 5/4 4:00 PM
Marie Shovlin and Jenny Berezna by Dan Ravina

Sun. 5/5 11:00 AM
Michael and Veronica Plaksa by Anna Plaksa and Family

Mon. 5/6 7:00 PM
George and Verna Soltis by Their Daughter Mary

Tue. 5/7 7:00 AM
Deceased members of the Banyas and Feschuk Families by John and Kathy Feschuk

Wed. 5/8 7:00 AM
Raymond Dugan by M/M Gary Paulshock
7:00 PM Ascension Vigil
Thelma Gallagher by JoAnn Oressie

Thur. 5/9 7:00 AM Ascension
Mike Tulanowski by Paul Thomas

Fri. 5/10 7:00 AM
Anne Marie Ceriani by Joe and Susan Stefanick and Family

Sat. 5/11 4:00 PM
Terry M. Schiavone, Sr. by His Wife Joyce

Sun. 5/12 11:00 AM
Robert Hludzik by Mary Ann



Sunday \$3,696.25; Loose \$220.95; Dues \$921; Care and Education of Priests \$72; Home Missions \$425; Easter \$165; Other \$65; Capital Improvement \$45; Poor Box \$79.10



CANDLES ON THE ALTAR and Our SANCTUARY CANDLE are in Memory of George and Verna Soltis by Their Daughter Mary and Family



FEAST OF THE ASCENSION is Thursday, May 9th. The Vigil Mass on Wednesday, May 8th, is at 7:00 PM and the Ascension Day Mass is Thursday at 7:00 AM. *** THIS IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. ***



FIRST COMMUNION WEEKEND – Our Second Grade Faith Formation Class, Jase Branz, Grayson Collins, Isabella Figueroa, Matthew Krone, Jace Pienkowski, Gladys Ramirez Tula, and Martin Ramirez Tula are receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time this Sunday. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.



MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION SALE at both masses on Mother's Day Weekend,

May 11th and 12th, is being sponsored by the Hazleton Chapter of the Pennsylvanians for Human Life. This Chapter has taken the lead throughout NEPA in its innovative efforts in the defense of life. The cost per carnation will be \$1.00.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY to Martha Lesko on May 11th. Your parish family is remembering you with love, prayers, and best wishes on your special day! God's blessings on you today and always!



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.



Our Community-Service Team will be collecting snack foods such as: chips, pretzels, crackers, and dips (no glass containers) for the month of May. We thank all who support those in need in our community.



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. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate.





I remember her well from my first parish. Betty stood outside the door each morning waiting for the door to open. She never responded to my "Good Morning." She

went to her pew, knelt down and said her prayers. I soon found out she did not like the "new" priest. He didn't know how to celebrate the Mass, he gave his homilies away from the pulpit and they were way too short. Betty loved the Lord but disliked the priest. This weekend's Gospel is about love. Jesus challenges us to "love one another as I have loved you." Hopefully we all love God, that's easy. Most love family members BUT Jesus is calling us to love EVERYONE, including the "Betty's" in our lives. Betty, thanks for making me a better priest.

Catholic Social Services has positions available for a Case Manager and Residential Support Staff in our Bridge to Independence Program, both full time and part time. For information on these opportunities, please call 570 450-7891 and ask for Ashley.



Festival Tricky Trays – Thanks to so many generous parishioners and friends from both church communities. The tricky trays have become a big part of our summer festival! We are once again asking for tricky tray donations, which can be dropped off at Good Shepherd Church during office hours (**M-F 8AM to 12PM**) starting **Monday, May 20th**. We are grateful for any donation you can give. (Filled basket, gift cards, gift certificates, etc.) Thank you in advance for your kindness. If you would like your name/family included on the tricky tray, please leave your name with your donation. If you have any questions, please call Cathy Penkala (570-436-5017) or Aniela Ross (570-582-5623). Due Date for tricky trays is Monday, July 8th.

The next **Charismatic Mass and Healing Service** at St. John Bosco, Conyngham will be **Tuesday, May 21, at 7PM**. Father Naftali will preside, and Sue Shaw will begin her music ministry at 6:45PM. Any questions, please call Arlene at 570-788-3643.



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

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.

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.



Good Shepherd Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK†

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

Monday, May 6

8:00AM Larry Sidari ~ Tony & Gina Beltrami

Tuesday, May 7

8:00 AM Alexander Martin (33rd Birthday) ~ Mom, Dad, Rob & Desiree

Wednesday, May 8

8:00AM George Leitner ~ Mike Wizda & Family

6:00PM Dorothy Rimshaw ~ BML Ladies

Thursday, May 9

8:00AM Janice Zola ~ Janice Knight

Friday, May 10

8:00AM Anastasia Lasecki ~ Mom

Saturday, May 11

6:00PM Mothers Day Intentions

Sunday, May 12

8:00AM Mothers Day Intentions

9:30AM Mothers Day Intentions

Stewardship

April 27 & 28: Loose \$1,151; Offertory \$3,386; Dues \$545; Easter \$25; Capital Improvement \$72; Care & Education of Priests \$31; Holy Day \$20; Home Missions \$524; Communications \$5
Mass Attendance – 570



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Morgan Karlick** by Jackie & Mark Gorski



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 **1 PM (Afternoon)** on **May 6th** 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.

Next weekend, **MAY 4th & 5th**, the **VOICE of JOHN** ministry and the Hazleton Chapter of the **Pennsylvanians for Human Life** will join together for the annual *Mother's Day Carnation Fund Raising Event* in our area churches. All proceeds will be used for the educational efforts and family support ministries as we stand in defense of the dignity of every human life. Flowers will be available at all weekend masses and the cost per carnation will be \$1.00.