

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 8, 2022

## † MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	5/7	4:00 PM	Alexander, Ann, & Thomas Zmiejko by John and Cheryl Zmiejko
Sun.	5/8	11:00 AM	Deceased Members of John and Anna Yurkanin Family by Their Children and Grandchildren
Mon.	5/9	9:00 AM	<b>TV Mass</b> Gene and Nancy Hartzel by Sally and Les
		7:00 PM	Michael Dias by Mary Lloyd
Tue.	5/10	7:00 AM	M/M John A. Ravina and Son Albert by M/M Daniel Sarosky
Wed.	5/11	7:00 AM	Terry M. Schiavone by His Wife Joyce and Children
Thur.	5/12	7:00 AM	George Sarosky by Elaine Trackim and Larry
Fri.	5/13	7:00 AM	Henry Kopczynskie by Daniel Kopczynskie
Sat.	5/14	4:00 PM	Lillian Strohl by Her Husband Oscar
Sun.	5/15	11:00 AM	Colleen Donlin by Her Parents and Brother



### Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,156.00; Loose \$239.00; Dues \$412.00; Care and Education of Priests \$600.00; Easter Flowers \$10.00; Easter \$205.00; Other \$263.00; Poor Box \$92.00.

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of Michael Plaksa by the McDermott Family.



**OUR NEXT MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS** will be at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, July 20th, in the Saint Joseph Room of Good Shepherd Church. Please register by calling the Immaculate Conception Parish Office at 570-636-3035 or the Good Shepherd 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.

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS: CONGRATULATIONS** to our First Communion Children.

Attention all 8th grade Confirmation families: The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be administered on **Saturday, June 4th, at 11:30 AM.**

**Classes resume this Sunday, May 8th, at 9:30 AM.**

On **Sunday, May 15th**, the **11:00 AM Mass** will be the **Second Grade Children's Mass.** Please help yourself to a gift from the students at the entrances of the church.

The last Faith Formation Class will be held on **Sunday, May 22nd.**



Come and Join Us!

**PARISH CLEAN UP AND SPRUCE UP** will take place on **Saturday, May 14th**, at 10:00 AM. Please bring your rakes, shovels, gloves, bulldozers, and backhoes! Thanks in advance for your help!!!



**Our Lady of Fatima Devotions** begin the year on Friday, May 13th at 6:00 PM in Holy Rosary Church. There will be Devotions, Recitation of the Rosary, and Benediction. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.



## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MIKE:



In today's Gospel Jesus says that His sheep hear His voice.

I want you to think back on the "voices" in your life that have been there for you and helped lead you to the person you are today. Obviously we think of our mothers (living and deceased). I can still hear my mother's voice saying to me: "MICHAEL JOHN PATRICK (capital letters to emote mom yelling at me), PUT THAT DOWN! Maybe you're hearing similar voices from the past.

This week I encourage you to listen to the voices in your own life. Most importantly, I ask that you listen to the voice of Jesus - He will lead you where you need to go.



### A VIEW FROM THE PEW, EASTER LEFTOVERS

While preparing the environment for Easter on Holy Saturday I saw quite a few people having their baskets blessed for Easter. The delicious aroma brought me back to my childhood. It might seem a little late, but here are some morsels of information about the tradition to chew on for next year. A largely Polish and Slavic tradition, the baskets filled with ethnic foods are a lesson about the Easter season. Bacon and ham represent the abundance of God. Kielbasa links signify the chains of death broken by Christ. Horseradish is symbolic of the Passion of Christ. Butter, shaped in the form of a lamb, represents Christ, the Lamb of God. Bread is the sign of the risen Christ. Eggs symbolize the resurrection and new life Christ brings to us. The food is tucked away under a white cloth representing the shroud that covered Christ's body. This blessing of Easter Baskets is a fantastic tradition passed down by our ancestors!

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM:** The parishes of Immaculate Conception and Good Shepherd operate a combined Parish Pastoral council to serve both parishes. This council guides and determines the direction of the parishes to fulfill the goals and mission of the Church. Would you consider sharing your gifts as a member of the Pastoral Council or do you know someone who would make a good member of the Council? The yellow insert in the entrances of the church is your invitation to nominate yourself and/or another parishioner to become a member of the Pastoral Council. Deadline for nominations is **May 16, 2022.**



**PARISH CEMETERIES** - Volunteers for the parish cemeteries ask parishioners to please remove all Christmas and Easter decorations as soon as possible from family plots in order to prepare for the upcoming Memorial Day and summer season. Please take all of your discarded items with you. Do not pile them up at the fences.



**PROFIT FROM OUR RUMMAGE SALE WAS OVER \$1,000.00. SINCERE THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED ITEMS, WORKED AT THE SALE, AND BOUGHT OUR TREASURES.**

**MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSION**, Monday, June 6th from 5:30-7:00 PM. Come take a tour of the school, meet some students and staff, and get all your questions answered. Transfer grants available for incoming sophomores & juniors. Please call or email Mary Milosh to RSVP: [mmilosh@mariancatholichs.org](mailto:mmilosh@mariancatholichs.org) / 570-467-3335 Ext. 116

# Church EVENTS

**PARISH CASH BINGO** will be held on **Thursday, June 16th**, in the parish center. Kitchen opens at 4:30 PM. Early Birds start at 5:30 PM. Regular Bingo starts at 6:00 PM. There will be 15 regular games with a pay-out of \$35 each, 3 Early Birds with a pay-out of \$10 each, 4 Specials with a pay-out of \$50 each, and one Last Special with a pay-out of \$100. Admission is \$10 for 15 games. Donations of Baked Goods and Tricky Trays are most welcome and appreciated.



**ARE YOU READY TO RUMMAGE?** On **Saturday, May 14th**, from **8:00AM to 3:00PM**, Good Shepherd Church will hold its annual Community Flea Market/Rummage Sale in our parking lot. We will supply the place and tables for a fee. A table and space is \$20; just a space is \$10.

Donations to the Good Shepherd table will be accepted from 8:30AM to 2:00PM on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in the church basement starting May 9<sup>th</sup>. Drop-offs in the downstairs vestibule after hours should be placed on the cart or the floor near the cart. Please don't block the door. We will not be accepting donations of books, clothing, or drinking glasses. Help will be needed for set-up starting **Wednesday, May 11**, and on the day of the sale.

Food will be available for purchase and The Women of Good Shepherd will be hosting a bake sale. The Drums Garden Club will be having a plant sale. Contact Diane Lindsay at (570) 599-7626 or Cathy Penkala at (570) 436-5017 for more information or to reserve your spot.

## TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

### WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!

In August it will be three years since the parishes of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and Good Shepherd have been linked. It has also been a few years since our councils have been reorganized and Pastoral Plans have been implemented. Both parishes will be conducting a survey

May 15th through the 31st asking for your opinions regarding our Pastoral plans, if we are accomplishing our goals, and your thoughts on the linkage between the two parishes. The survey is only five questions and will be available in the weekly bulletins and at the entrance of both churches. Completed surveys can be dropped in the collection baskets. The survey can also be completed online @ <https://forms.gle/26SBonaRHSiPLfMD6>. We encourage you to participate in this brief survey as the information will be used to continue to build successful & vibrant parishes. Thank you in advance for your participation! The survey is included as an insert in our bulletin.



**Let your voice be heard!**

**Dear Deacon Jim,**

*Is there a prayer you are supposed to say at the Gospel? Some people make the sign of the cross 3 times.*

❖ **Response**

In addressing your question of making the sign of the cross at the Gospel, the answer can be found in the rubrics (the red color instructions) in the Roman Missal which is the large book that guides our liturgical worship. The rubrics instruct us that we are to make the sign of the Cross using our thumb on our **forehead, lips, and heart** just before the reading of the Gospel. This gesture contains much symbolism.

While making this gesture of signing ourselves with the Cross one should also interiorly say a brief prayer **"May the Lord be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart."** It is said before the reading of the Gospel as a way of prayerfully inviting Christ to come to us as His sacred Word is proclaimed. The hearing of the Gospel should change our minds, it must be proclaimed by our lips, and it must affect our hearts. By heart, we especially mean our will, affections, emotions, and passions.

So, by making this gesture of tracing the sign of the cross and the interior brief prayer before the Gospel, we are opening ourselves up to the words of Jesus Christ.

*Deacon Jim*

Parish Survey 2022

QUESTION 1: In your opinion, how has the parish been doing towards the goal of encouraging increased participation by all parishioners, including students, young adults and seniors; increased participation in devotions; and expanding various lifelong formation opportunities?

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QUESTION 2: In your opinion, do you believe that there has been a deeper appreciation of and greater participation in the liturgy, enhanced environment, increased participation in family-based liturgies, and the introduction of additional forms of devotional services in our parish community?

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QUESTION 3: COVID has made efforts to promote social events difficult. Have the social events held and attempts at community outreach been effective in attracting new or inactive parishioners back to the parish? Please name two other social events the church does not currently engage in, but you feel would be a great opportunity to be considered.

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QUESTION 4: Improving communication has been a work in progress. Work has begun on a joint bulletin; we are in the process of improving our websites; and a joint calendar has been initiated. Have we been effective in improving communication or does more work need to be done? Any suggestions, ideas?

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QUESTION 5: June will be the third anniversary of the linkage of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and Good Shepherd parishes. Overall, name three things you find successful about the linkage. Name three things you would improve.

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