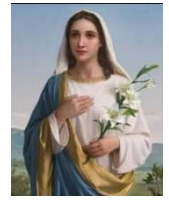




Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish

June 16, 2024



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sat. 6/15 4:00 PM
William, Julia, and Camille Turri by the Turris

Sun. 6/16 11:00 AM
Andy and Anna Prokopovich by Jim and Michalene Eisenhart

Mon. 6/17 7:00 PM
Lucy & William Kuklis, Sr. by Sandra & Bill Kuklis

Tue. 6/18 7:00 AM
Mike Tulanowski by Joan Sarosky

Wed. 6/19 7:00 AM
Anna Marie Dellacroce by Feussner Ford

Thur. 6/20 7:00 AM
David Kulina by John and Donna Vercusky

Fri. 6/21 7:00 AM
Bruce Hopeck by His Wife, Children, & Family

Sat. 6/22 4:00 PM
Lillian Strohl by Her Husband Oscar

Sun. 6/23 11:00 AM
Alexander, Ann, and Thomas Zmiejko by John and Cheryl Zmiejko

BACKPACKS FOR OUR KIDS IN NEED – The Messengers of Hope are collecting backpacks filled with school supplies for our needy children in our Freeland community. Backpacks are free of charge and available in a variety of colors in our parish office. Please stop by, pick one up, and fill it with the supplies on the pink paper in this week’s bulletin. Let’s not let any of our kids start school without the supplies they need. Backpacks are due on the altar steps or in the parish office by Sunday, Aug 11th.



2025 MASS INTENTION BOOK will open on MONDAY, JULY 1ST. Things you should know: the stipend for each mass remains at \$10.00; candles on the altar remain at \$15.00; sanctuary lamp remains at \$25.00. Because we are four parishes combined into one, you are asked to combine as many masses as possible.



Sunday \$3,131.25; Loose \$152; Dues \$1,254; Care and Education of Priests \$189; Capital Improvement \$135; Other \$20; Poor Box \$74



Our Community-Service Team will be collecting paper plates, utensils, napkins, iced tea mix, and lemonade mix for the month of June. We thank all who support those in need in our community.



CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Scott Branz by John Stefanik, Jr. by His Wife Kathy and Children



Rummage SALE
PARISH RUMMAGE SALE – Donations are being accepted from 9:00 to noon in the parish basement.



Every Saturday at 8:30 AM and after each of the daily masses, the Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Mother will be said in Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mary by the Legion of Mary.



MEMORIAL DONATION in the amount of \$50.00 was made in Memory of Mary Baran by William and Mary Grace Maranki

HOUR OF KINDNESS Ministry will meet on Saturday, June 29th, at 9:00 AM in the rectory to sign greeting cards.



Confirmation and Communion Pictures are available for pick up in the parish office at your earliest convenience.



Good Shepherd Parish will be selling Philly pretzels before and after all masses this weekend. They are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. We are fundraising for our Shepherd Hand's ministry.



Enclosed in this week’s bulletin is an enrollment form for Good Shepherd Church’s Sacred Heart of Jesus Purgatorial Society. Since we are limited in masses, this is an opportunity to enroll your loved ones in the purgatorial society. They get 12 masses a year and it doesn't cost anything. Additional loved ones can be added as needed.



Each spring with the help of parishioners, I plant a garden. My Spiritual Director advised me many years ago to plant a garden for two reasons: 1. Bountiful veggies; 2. The Spiritual nature of the seed. I find it therapeutic to see the seeds and the plants go into the ground, the daily watering and the weekly weeding. I have to be honest, some years I did not do a good job of taking care of the garden. I kept saying: "I'll get to it." The lack of effort on my part showed with a weed-filled garden and low produce. The same is true of faith. The seed of faith was planted in us at Baptism, nurtured by our parents and took solid root at Confirmation. Work on your faith. The best way to get rid of the weeds of sin is to celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Stop by, the door is always open.



ALTAR SERVERS' APPRECIATION EVENT

will be held **Friday, June 21, 2024 at 5:30 PM** at Good Shepherd Church in the Saint Joseph's Room. Altar Servers please R.S.V.P. by June 17th.

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.

Father O'Rourke's 25th Anniversary will be on Sunday, June 23

Mass will be at 10:15 at St. Patrick's, White Haven

Father will celebrate 25 years of priesthood. A covered dish reception will take place after mass in the parish hall. Please call if you plan to attend.

Both Good Shepherd Church (www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdChurchDrums) and Immaculate Conception (www.facebook.com/ImmaculateConceptionFreeland) have Facebook pages. If you are on Facebook, please follow the pages! If you would like something posted on the page, please email Kelly at kmmk1@ptd.net

Cremation and Burial: Did you know? The Catholic Church's attitude toward cremation has changed dramatically over time. The Church has changed its stance saying Resurrection is possible regardless of the method of final disposition. The process of cremation does in hours what nature does over hundreds of years. Cremation is an alternative method of burial. When it comes to burial and existing graves, most cemeteries allow for the burial of up to four cremated remains in an existing grave. What this means is this: if you have a family plot of 6 graves and each grave has a full body in it, you can place 4 cremated remains on top of those graves. A family plot of 6 graves that appears to be full can now accommodate an additional 24 urns. Families do not have to purchase additional graves. This method of burial may not work for everyone. The Cemetery Committee felt it was important for you to know that you do have options.

Catholic Diocese of Sunyani – On **June 29 & 30**, Rev. Stephen Kow Bosomafi of St. Thomas More Parish, Lake Ariel, on behalf of the Catholic Diocese of Sunyani, West Africa, will conduct their annual Mission Appeal at Good Shepherd and Immaculate Conception Parishes. The Catholic Diocese of Sunyani, West Africa is mostly situated in poor rural areas. The faithful are mainly young families who are mostly first and second generation Christians. The diocese believes in the holistic development of the human person. Part of its mission is to provide some basic development projects. Thus, it focuses on the following areas: primary evangelization, provision of safe drinking water, quality healthcare delivery, and education. Some of the funds we raise in both parishes would be used to support the mission of the Diocese including training of priests and religious. Additionally, funds raised in both parishes will enable them to better serve the people of God in their local churches. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you!

Parish Pastoral Council: Our parishes operate a combined Parish Pastoral Council to serve the members of both parishes. The Parish Pastoral Council guides and determines the direction of the parishes to fulfill the goals of our pastoral plans and the mission of the Church. Would you consider sharing your gifts as a member of the Pastoral Council? Do you know someone who would make a good member of the Pastoral Council? Nomination forms are available at the entrances to both churches and can be returned in the collection basket or to the parish office. Nominations will be accepted through **June 30**.

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

Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Times

June 16, 2024



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK†

Saturday, June 15

6:00PM Father's Day Intentions

Sunday, June 16

8:00AM Father's Day Intentions

9:30AM Father's Day Intentions

Monday, June 17

8:00AM Miriam Heverline ~ Sandy & Jim
Tomasura & Family

Tuesday, June 18

8:00 AM Shirley Ann Novitsky ~ Mary & Charles
Fendrick

Wednesday, June 19

8:00AM Betty Wydock ~ Leo Wydock & Family

Thursday, June 20

8:00AM Neil Lamana ~ Wife, Angel & Daughter,
Mary Ann Iezzoni

Friday, June 21

8:00AM Mary Ellen Lobitz ~ Brother, Joseph
Yanek

Saturday, June 22

6:00PM Rita Barkus ~ Rebecca & Mark Knock

Sunday, June 23

8:00AM Thomas & Clare Fetterman ~ Gerald
Fetterman

9:30AM Dorothy Stoffa ~ Pat & Fran Menighan

Stewardship

June 8 & 9: Loose \$835; Offertory \$4,706; Dues \$1,358; Capital Improvement \$105; Care & Education of Priests \$154; Holy Day \$30; Peter's Pence \$55
Mass Attendance – 550



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Glen Rinehimer** by Wife, Patsy & Family.



The **Rose for Life** this week is for **all fathers living and deceased** by Mary Cressman



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: spaghetti o's, peanut butter and poparts. 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.

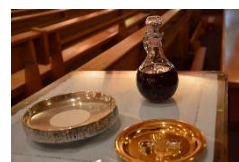
Stitches of Love Ministry is a crochet & knitting ministry that donates our work to those in need. All are welcome. Our next meeting will be Monday at **5 PM (Evening)** on **June 17th** in the **Cry Room** because the festival meeting is in the St. Joseph Room. We hope to see you there. We accept donations 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! **Stitches of Love recently donated 25 hats and 8 blankets to the Shine Women's Pregnancy Center in West Hazleton. They will be distributed to their clients. They were very well received.**

Signed copies of Father McHugh's poetry book, **Kaleidoscope of the Heart**, will be **ON SALE** for **\$15.00. \$5.00** from the proceeds will go towards the parish festival. Books are available now in the office during normal business hours and will also be available at the festival.

Shepherds Hands: We serve a meal once a month at the Divine Providence Homeless Shelter and will be serving a meal on **Sunday, June 16th**. For more information on how you can participate, please contact the parish office or Dorothy Beozzo at 570-764-6359.



There is a **Philly soft pretzel sale** for **Father's Day this weekend (June 15th and 16th)** before and after all the masses. **They will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5.**



Parishioners are always welcome and invited to take the gifts up during our weekend masses. If the mass intention is for your loved one or you sponsored the mass for someone or you would just like to volunteer, please let the ambassadors on duty know.