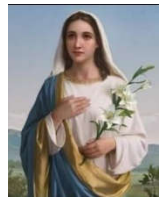




# Immaculate Conception Parish Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 2, 2023



## ✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Sat. 7/1 4:00 PM  
James Eisenhart, Sr. by Jim and Michalene Eisenhart

Sun. 7/2 11:00 AM  
Josephine Christina by Her Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

Mon. 7/3 7:00 PM  
Joe and Agnes Falatko by Their Children and Grandchildren

Tue. 7/4 7:00 AM  
God Bless America!

Wed. 7/5 7:00 AM  
Eugene Zynel, Sr. by His Wife JoAnn and Family

Thur. 7/6 7:00 AM  
Anna Marie Kopczynskie by Cheryl and Jack Turri

Fri. 7/7 7:00 AM  
Joseph Delese by His Brothers and Sister

Sat. 7/8 4:00 PM  
Corey Feickert by Angie Dwyer

Sun. 7/9 11:00 AM  
Terry Schiavone, Sr. by His Wife Joyce and Children

**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 the parish office by Sunday, August 6th.



**2024 MASS INTENTION BOOK** will open on this MONDAY, JULY 3RD. Forms were included in last week's bulletin and are also available in the parish office. 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. This year we are also offering the opportunity to dedicate the bread and wine for each week for \$50.00. Because we are four parishes combined into one, you are asked to combine as many masses as possible.

Good Shepherd Parish is in need of volunteers to help out at their festival. If you have time to spare, there all kinds of help needed. You can sit or stand! If you would like to help, call their parish office at 570-788-3141.



**Last Weekend:**  
Sunday \$2,940; Loose \$168; Dues \$650; Care and Education of Priests \$17; Peter's Pence \$508; Capital Improvement \$5.00; Poor Box \$69

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of Joe and Agnes Falatko by Their Children and Grandchildren



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

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, JULY 4TH, IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY.**





Ralph was a young man I worked with many years ago at Scout Camp. He was a hard worker and loved being at camp. Ralph also had an addiction issue. We did not know it at the time. His use of drugs led him down a very dark road and he ended up in prison. Fast forward some 30 years and I am working as a prison chaplain. You guessed it! Ralph was an inmate. He told his story of how he ended up incarcerated. But he also told the story of how prison saved his life. Ralph had a monkey on his back he could not shake off. After being sentenced and given 20-to-30 years for his crime, he was at a cross roads: either get help or die. He got help in a recovery program at the prison. Ralph replaced the monkey on his back with the Cross of Christ on his shoulder. Prison is not easy for him and he has hard time to do. But he awakes each day knowing that he will get through because he has chosen the Cross of Christ rather an addiction. How will you carry the Cross of Christ this week?

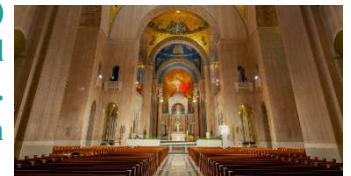


**MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS** will be at 6:00 PM on Thursday, July 13th, in the St. Joseph Room at Good Shepherd Church. Please register by calling the Immaculate Conception Parish Office at 570-636-3035 or the Good Shepherd Parish Office at 570-788-3141. Please plan to attend the Baptismal 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, now that Lent is over, Baptisms may once again be scheduled.



Coffee Companions are hosting a bus trip with Father Rawel to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC on Friday, September 15, 2023, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrow. The cost per person is \$75.00.

Lunch is on your own (restaurant is within a 5 minute walk from the Basilica) or bring your own to eat in the cafeteria. A release form will need to be signed at the time of payment. All checks should be payable to Good Shepherd Church. Stop in the office for the form at either church. For more details, please call Ann at 570-788-5655 or Pat at 570-788-0457. We hope you will come along with us.



**HOMEBOUND AND NURSING HOME REQUESTS:** If you have a loved one who is homebound, in a nursing home, or in a senior living community, please let the parish offices know. Often times people just assume we know about their loved one's placement, when, in fact, we do not. Please just give us a call and let us know. Also, if your loved one would like a visit from Father Rawel, please call the parish offices at 570-636-3035 (Immaculate Conception) or 570-788-3141 (Good Shepherd).



**SAVE THE DATE – Friday, August 4th, is Faith and Family night** when the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Rail Riders baseball team hosts the Rochester Red Wings at PNC Field in Moosic. The game starts at 6:30 PM and concludes with a fireworks display. Parishioners of Good Shepherd and Immaculate



Conception are invited to attend the game and enjoy an evening of socialization with fellow parishioners. Additional information regarding registration and tickets will be published in upcoming church bulletins.

**OUR SEXUAL ABUSE POLICY IS AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCES OF OUR CHURCHES AND IN THE PARISH OFFICES.**



# Good Shepherd Church

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Times

### July 2, 2023



#### † MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

**Saturday, July 1**

**6:00PM** Anthony Gunzerath ~ Sister, Lorraine

**Sunday, July 2**

**8:00AM** Matthew R. Grieco ~ Grieco & Mellon Families

**9:30AM** Frank & Anna Brown ~ Don & Fran Kisacky

**Monday, July 3**

**8:00AM** Frank, Anthony & Mary (Bonnie) Umbriac ~ Brother, Joseph

**Tuesday, July 4**

**8:00 AM** Irene Gallagher ~ M/M Leo Thomas

**Wednesday, July 5**

**8:00AM** Susan Firley ~ Anna Crofcheck

**Thursday, July 6**

**8:00AM** Lynn Kotch ~ Frank & Mary Tedesco

**Friday, July 7**

**8:00AM** Dorothy Marcinko ~ Daughters, Donna & Debbie

**Saturday, July 8**

**6:00PM** Gerald Soroko ~ Helen Anne & Gerry

**Sunday, July 9**

**8:00AM** Monica Kelly ~ Al & Ronnie Olshefski

**9:30AM** Morgan Karlick ~ Chris, Ava, Amelia, Jackie, Mark, Ilia & Brianna

#### Stewardship

**June 24 & 25:** Loose \$640; Offertory \$3,455; Dues \$668; Capital Improvement \$124; Care & Education of Priests \$60; Communications \$5; Peter's Pence \$164; Holy Days \$20  
Mass Attendance – 463



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week in memory of **Dorothy Marcinko** by Daughters, Donna & Debbie



The **Rose for Life** this week is in memory of **Dorothy Marcinko** by Daughters, 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 **6PM**.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion photos are available for pickup in the St. Joseph Room.



The Valley Food Pantry helps those in need. We have been asked to collect items for children: canned pasta, cookies, crackers, and Pop Tarts in addition to bar soap. 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 **June**, we are collecting **Wine** for the wine wheel. Thank you for your support! Please check the expiration dates on all items for consumption.

**June:** Volunteer signup sheets are in the St. Joseph Room and will continue to be through the month.

#### CALLING ALL BAKERS

**Your help is needed for the bake sale. If you haven't done so already please call...**

Connie Marcino (570-788-6216) or Andrea Tarnopolski (570-788-2002). 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.

Tricky Tray Updates:

We appreciate your tricky tray donations. To date, we have received **45** tricky trays. Don't forget to leave your name on the donation so we may acknowledge your kindness. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Penkala (570-436-5017) or Aniela Ross (570-582-5623). All donations are due by **Wednesday, July 12**. Thank you!

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

#### PLEA FOR HELP

We'd like to thank all those who have already signed up to work this year's festival. That being said, we are falling short of volunteers in many areas and shifts. We are blessed to have the Parish Priest Patrol handling most of the parking. They did an awesome job last year. This year, Keystone Job Corps students have volunteered to work all three days, but there are certain areas where we need adults. So please check your calendars and see if there's a timeframe where you could help.