



# Immaculate Conception Parish

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### July 16, 2023



#### † MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat. 7/15 4:00 PM  
Deceased Members of the Leo Ravina Family by Their Family

Sun. 7/16 11:00 AM  
Bruce Kopczynskie by Daniel Kopczynskie

Mon. 7/17 7:00 PM  
Marie Biasi by Mary

Tue. 7/18 7:00 AM  
Deceased Members of the Bzdil and Soroko Families by Helen Anne and Gerry, Jr.

Wed. 7/19 7:00 AM  
Shirley Nitka by Daughter Linda

Thur. 7/20 7:00 AM  
Peter and Stella Amentler by John and Janet Amentler

Fri. 7/21 7:00 AM  
Fr. Joseph Matthey by Jim and Michalene Eisenhart

Sat. 7/22 4:00 PM  
Lillian Strohl by Her Husband Oscar

Sun. 7/23 11:00 AM  
MSG Paul Karpowich by Judy Lutz



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.

**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 listed on the pink paper in this Parish Office. 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.**



**OUR 2024 MASS INTENTION BOOK is now open.** Forms are available in the parish office.



**Weekly Offering**

**Weekend of July 1/2:**  
Sunday \$3,164; Loose \$118; Dues \$289; Care and Education of Priests \$535; Capital Campaign \$222; Other \$84; Poor Box \$147.10

**Last Weekend July 8/9:**  
Sunday \$3,024; Loose \$172; Dues \$417; Care and Education of Priests \$146; Peter's Pence \$15; Capital Improvement \$86; Poor Box \$71

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Michael Dias by His Mother Virginia**



**OUR SACRISTY CANDLE is burning this week in Memory of Bruce Kopczynskie by Daniel Kopczynskie**



**MEETING REMINDER:** There will be a meeting of all lectors next Sunday, July 23rd, immediately after the 11:00 AM mass. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.



Our Community/Service Team is collecting Pop Tarts, Rice-a-Roni, and Chicken Helper Style Meals for the Food Pantry this month. We thank all who support the needy families in our community.



**THE HOUR OF KINDNESS MINISTRY** will meet on Saturday, July 29, at 9:00 AM in the rectory to sign greeting cards for our treasured elderly and homebound parishioners.



Anyone with an hour to spare is welcome and encouraged to help this wonderfully rewarding ministry.



**SAVE THE DATE:** On August 27th, our parish will be having a Meatball and Pasta Dinner and a Tricky Tray Event. Tricky Trays Will Be Needed!!! Details will follow in future bulletins.





There is nothing like that first tomato from the garden each summer. If you look behind the church you can see the rectory garden filled with all sorts of veggies (by the way, there is a camera just in case someone tries to go shopping...lol). I have my eye on this one large green tomato waiting for it to ripen. Gardens can be very therapeutic.

In this weekend's Gospel, the farmer places the seed in the ground and (hopefully) it grows. God is the farmer and we are the seed. He wants all of us to grow as good, loving, and caring Catholics. This week try a self-assessment. God has given you gifts and talents (all were in that seed at your Baptism). Are you using those God-given gifts to the best of your ability? Do you come to church on a regular basis? Do you reach out to help others? Being Catholic is not just a name but a way of life.

I am waiting for that green tomato to become red. God is waiting for you to live daily the life of a good Catholic.



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.**



Tickets are \$12.00 for field reserve seats. Payment is due at registration. Registration in both parishes will take place at the weekend masses of July 16th and 23rd. An email address must be provided as tickets will be sent electronically. Hope to see you at the game!

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



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**Saturday, July 15**

**6:00PM** Edward Verbonitz ~ Wife, Marie & Sons,  
Richard & Robert

**Sunday, July 16**

**8:00AM** Agnes Marie Sotack ~ The Magulla Family

**9:30AM** Charles Zaremba ~ Family

**Monday, July 17**

**8:00AM** Marcel Calarco ~ Wife, Lois & Children

**Tuesday, July 18**

**8:00 AM** Mary Lou Fetterman ~ Husband and Children

**Wednesday, July 19**

**8:00AM** Mary Wilson ~ George & Anna Marie Yatsko

**Thursday, July 20**

**8:00AM** Grace DeLorenzo ~ Linda Weible & Family

**Friday, July 21**

**8:00AM** Intentions of the Damico Family

**Saturday, July 22**

**6:00PM** Ann Monaghan ~ Anne Amerise

**Sunday, July 23**

**8:00AM** Mary Lou Fetterman ~ Family

**9:30AM** Casimer Lasecki ~ Andrea Tarnopolski

#### Stewardship

**July 1 & 2:** Loose \$916; Offertory \$5,023; Dues \$1,769; Capital Improvement \$102; Care & Education of Priests \$352; Peter's Pence \$35; Mass Attendance – 525

**July 8 & 9:** Loose \$852; Offertory \$4,278; Dues \$1,478; Capital Improvement \$44; Care & Education of Priests \$116; Home Mission \$5; Holy Days \$17  
Mass Attendance – 499



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for Special Intentions



The **Rose for Life** this week is in memory of **Kathy Zimmerman** by Sister, Elaine



**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 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.

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



Please remember in your prayers these recently departed souls and their grieving loved ones: Marie Lobitz, Nancy Gabala, Dorothy Stoffa, Mildred Krzywicki and Julie Marchetti. May they be with their Savior in heaven!



**Rose for Life:** Requests for 2024 are now being accepted. If you are unfamiliar with the Rose for Life, the Good Shepherd Pro-Lifers will place a red rose for life near the altar each week. Anyone can request the rose in honor of or in memory of someone by filling out the request form below and placing it, with a donation of \$10.00 minimum, in an envelope marked "Rose for Life" and putting it in the collection basket at Mass. The request may also be dropped off at the parish office. Any money left over after the purchase of the roses will be used for Pro-Life activities. Please pick an alternate date in case your first choice is taken. Include your phone number in case both dates are taken. The rose is for one week, from Saturday to Friday. The red rose is a known symbol for life. *Having the rose near the altar reminds us that all life is precious.* If you have any questions, please call Jean Klinger at 570-788-3958.