



# Good Shepherd Church

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Times

### July 23, 2023



#### † MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

**Saturday, July 22**

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

**Sunday, July 23**

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

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

**Monday, July 24**

**8:00AM** Lou Mariano ~ Lee & Jo Robbins

**Tuesday, July 25**

**8:00 AM** Health & Blessings for Lenny & Kathleen  
Mumie ~ George & Rosemarie Matusik

**Wednesday, July 26**

**8:00AM** Robert J. Opdyke ~ Jerry & Dorothy Beozzo

**Thursday, July 27**

**8:00AM** Mary Leonard, Gary Leonard & Mary Breslin  
~ Daughter, Maureen

**Friday, July 28**

**8:00AM** Stanley Lobitz Jr. ~ Wife, Mary Ellen &  
Children

**Saturday, July 29**

**6:00PM** Health & Blessings for Rich & Kayla Riccuitti  
~ Family

**Sunday, July 30**

**8:00AM** Kathleen Carr ~ Joe & Judi Yamulla

**9:30AM** Steve Michalochick ~ Carol Ferrari

#### Stewardship

**July 15 & 16:** Loose \$848; Offertory \$2,916; Dues \$602; Capital Improvement \$148; Care & Education of Priests \$12

Mass Attendance – 415



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



The **Rose for Life** this week is in memory of **Susan Seprish** by Husband, Joe



**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.

Signed copies of Father McHugh's poetry book, **Kaleidoscope of the Heart**, will be available for purchase in the church office for \$23.00 during normal business hours.



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



**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.



Stitches of Love Ministry is a crochet & knitting ministry that donates our work to those in need. All are welcome to join us. Our next 2 meeting will be **Monday, July 24** at **5:15 PM** and **Monday, July 31** at **1 PM** in the St. Joseph Room. If interested or for more information please call the office at 570-788-3141 or email the church at [gsch@ptd.net](mailto:gsch@ptd.net). We are also accepting donations of yarn, crochet hooks and knitting needles, patterns, stitch markers, etc. Items can be dropped off in the tote in the cry room. All are welcome to join us. Hope to see there.

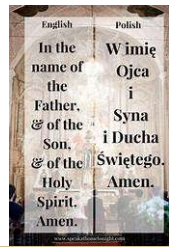


**Coffee Companions** is hosting a bus trip with Father Rawel to the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception** and the **Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land** in Washington, DC on Friday, **September 15, 2023**, the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. The cost per person is \$75.00. 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. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd Church. Stop in the office for 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.



For the second week in a row, Jesus uses the image of a farmer and sowing seeds. This week there is a sinister visitor in the garden – the weed. Weeds are normal in a garden (all you have to do is look at my garden behind the church), but these weeds were sown by an enemy of the farmer. We have two problems: the enemy and the weed. The type of weed Jesus describes looks just like wheat when it first sprouts up. Pull it up the weed and you might pull up the wheat. As the wheat matures its appearance will be different from the weed.

The second problem is the enemy. We all have those folks in our lives who will criticize us and not see the good. For whatever reason they have become our enemies. Continue to do the good you do. Focus on the “wheat” in your life. God will take care of the weeds (enemies). BTW, if you’re looking to know the difference between a weed and a plant, you’re welcome to help me weed my garden.



There will be a Mass in Polish at St. Ann's Basilica in Scranton, PA on Wednesday, July 26th at 1:30 PM in celebration of the Feast Day of Saints Joachim and Ann (grandparents of Jesus) and the concluding day of the Solemn Annual St. Ann's Novena, held at the Basilica and Passionist Monastery grounds. This year's Polish Language Mass is being coordinated with the help of the Polish community of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Pocono Pines. The main celebrant will be Fr. Marek Sobczak, C.M., a Vincentian provincial from Connecticut.

**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!



**LET’S GET READY TO CRUISE!!!** There will be meeting for everyone who will be going on the Parish Cruise on **THURSDAY, AUGUST 16TH, AT 6:00 PM** in Good Shepherd Parish Hall. This is a very important meeting because you will be completing your on board registration.



**MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL BLUE & GOLD CLUB RAFFLE TICKETS!!** WIN 2 Tickets to see the Defending NFC Champions Philadelphia Eagles vs Cleveland Browns on Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 7:30 PM, at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia. Club Box Tickets--the very best VIP tickets in the stadium! A reserved parking pass is included! The package value is over \$650.00!----Donation: \$10.00. Drawing Date: Saturday, August 12, 2023. You can contact the school at 570-467-3335.



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



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#### ✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

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

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

Mon. 7/24 9:00 AM TV Mass  
Philip Voystock by Matt, Missy, and Willy  
7:00 PM  
Deceased Members of the Sabo ad Sando Families by John and Sandy Sabo

Tue. 7/25 7:00 AM  
George and Donna Sonderschafer by the Ambrose Family

Wed. 7/26 7:00 AM  
Donald Rogusky by Charles and Sonia Balon

Thur. 7/27 7:00 AM  
Susan Balon by Her Husband Al

Fri. 7/28 7:00 AM  
David Kopczynskie by Daniel Kopczynskie

Sat. 7/29 4:00 PM  
Alexander, Ann, and Thomas Zmiejko by John and Cheryl Zmiejko

Sun. 7/30 11:00 AM  
Michelle Branz by Her Mom and Dad, Joe and Jean Branz



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 FREELAND KIDS IN NEED** are due on the altar steps or in the parish office



by Sunday, August 6th. Backpacks are still available in the parish office if you would like to fill one!

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



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



**Weekly Offering**  
**Last Weekend:**  
Sunday \$; Loose \$; Dues \$; Care and Education of Priests \$; Capital Campaign \$; Other \$: Poor Box \$

**MEMORIAL DONATION** of \$25 was made in Memory of Theresa McNulty by Deacon Jim and Sally Rebarchick

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of David Kopczynskie by Daniel Kopczynskie



**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.



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.



**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.

