



# Immaculate Conception Parish Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 30, 2023



## ✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

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

Mon. 7/31 7:00 PM  
John Urban by His Wife Margaret

Tue. 8/1 7:00 AM  
Michael Delese by His Brothers and Sister

Wed. 8/2 7:00 AM  
David and Edward Marmello by Janet Amentler and Gene Resuta

Thur. 8/3 7:00 AM  
60th Anniversary of Joseph and Jean Branz

Fri. 8/4 7:00 AM  
Kaylin Rodriguez by John Rodriguez and Ruth Mason

Sat. 8/5 4:00 PM  
Theresa Macovitch by Her Cousins Helen and Anna

Sun. 8/6 11:00 AM  
Robert and Theresa McNulty by Their Children



*Happy 60th  
Wedding Anniversary to  
Joseph and Jean Branz!  
August 3, 2023*

*May God continue to bless  
You with good  
health, peace, love, and  
joy! Our parish family is  
remembering you  
in our prayers.*



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 weekday masses.



### Last Weekend:

Sunday \$2,666; Loose \$171; Dues \$912; Care and Education of Priests \$45; Capital Campaign \$120; Poor Box \$104

### Weekend of July 15/16:

Sunday \$4,053; Loose \$167; Dues \$1,787; Care and Education of Priests \$68; Capital Campaign \$24; Other \$72; Poor Box \$84



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



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



**IMPORTANT MEETING** on Monday, July 31st, at 7:30 PM in the choir room. We are looking for anyone who is interested in helping with our tricky tray pasta dinner to be held on Sunday, August 27th.



**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of Robert and Theresa McNulty by Their Children.



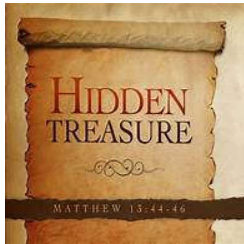
**OUR SACRISTY CANDLE** is burning this week in Memory of Michelle Branz by Her Mom and Dad, Joe and Jean Branz.

A MEMORIAL DONATION of \$50.00 was made in Memory of Theresa McNulty by a Friend.

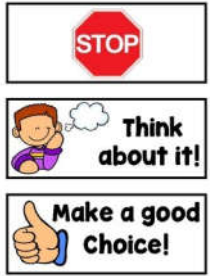
**THE HOUR OF KINDNESS MINISTRY** will meet on Saturday, July 29, at 9:00 AM in the rectory to sign greeting cards for our treasured elderly and homebound parishioners.



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



In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus teaches about the importance of making the right choices to gain the Kingdom of Heaven. Much will be required of us – It will be like the person who sells everything he has to buy a field with hidden treasure and a pearl of great value. These folks made the choice to sacrifice for the Kingdom of Heaven. We must be willing to sacrifice whatever is necessary to gain salvation and eternal life with God. The root meaning of the word “sacrifice” is to make something sacred: to make it a holy gift to God! We do this whenever we choose good over evil; the truth instead of the lie; the beautiful instead of the grotesque. What sacrifices will you make this week to gain the Kingdom of Heaven?



**MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS** will be at 6:00 PM on Thursday, October 12th, in the lower level of Immaculate Conception Church. Please use the Chestnut Street entrance (through the garden). 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



If you were at the Good Shepherd Festival, we thank you for joining us! We are compiling a list of volunteers for next year. If you’d like to join us, please fill out the slip below and put it in the collection basket.

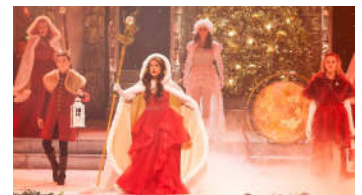
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cook/serve food         | <input type="checkbox"/> Serve as a supply runner                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare halupki/haluski | <input type="checkbox"/> Be a part of the festival planning committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work at kids’ games     | <input type="checkbox"/> Help set up                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sell tickets            | <input type="checkbox"/> Help break down/clean up                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parking lot patrol      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work in the beer tent   |   |



**LET’S GET READY TO CRUISE!!!** There will be meeting for everyone who will be going on the Parish Cruise on WEDNESDAY, 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.

**CHRISTMAS IS IN THE AIR** – It is not too early to be thinking about a Christmas Bus Trip. Saint John Bosco Parish is sponsoring our annual trip to American Music Theater in Lancaster for the 2023 Christmas Show, “The First Noel”. Witness the magic and splendor of their holiday celebration. Enjoy also the marvelous vocal talent from across the country. It is scheduled for Friday, November 10, 2023, at 3:00 PM. A smorgasbord lunch will be served prior to the show at Shady Maple. Cost of the trip is \$110. Full payment is due to secure your reservation. Bus fills up quickly. For reservations call Marie at (570) 455-3874.



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



# Good Shepherd Church

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Times

### July 30, 2023



#### † MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

**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

**Monday, July 31**

**8:00AM** Helen Penkala ~ Liz Turse & Family

**Tuesday, August 1**

**8:00 AM** Anthony J. Umbriac ~ Jim & Barbara Faust

**Wednesday, August 2**

**8:00AM** Brian Kearney ~ Joe & Josemarie Dvornicich

**Thursday, August 3**

**8:00AM** Francis Pelot, Daughter, Mary Frances

**Friday, August 4**

**8:00AM** Pasquale & Genevieve DiSpirito ~ Barbara  
Wydock

**Saturday, August 5**

**6:00PM** Bernard Stratchko ~ Wife, Cathy, Daughters &  
Granddaughters

**Sunday, August 6**

**8:00AM** Mary Lou Fetterman ~ Elizabeth Zaremba

**9:30AM** Patrick Donahue ~ Wife, Debbie

#### Stewardship

**July 22 & 23:** Loose \$759; Offertory \$3,584; Dues \$530; Capital Improvement \$106; Care & Education of Priests \$31; Peter's Pence \$5  
Mass Attendance – 571



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Bernard Stratchko** by Wife, Cathy



**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**.

We welcome Frank & LeeAnn Bogacik as our newest parishioners.

Next Sunday is Breakfast Sunday from **8 to 11 AM**. Hope to see you there.



**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 meeting will be **Monday, July 31** at **1 PM** in the St. Joseph Room. For the month of August we will meet **August 7 and 21 at 5:15PM** (Evening) and **August 14 and 28 at 1PM** (Afternoon). 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 added more places to our donation list. Any other suggestions are welcome. 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. All are welcome to join us. Hope to see there.

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.