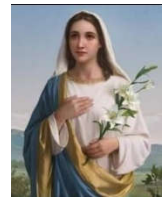


Immaculate Conception Parish

Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 31, 2022



✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday 7/30 4:00 PM
Michelle Branz by M/M Joseph Branz and Family

Sunday 7/31 11:00 AM
Helen Fedorshak by Anna Plaksa & Family

Monday 8/1 7:00 PM
David and Edward Marmello by Janet Amentler and Gene Resuta

Tuesday 8/2 7:00 AM
M/M Angelo Delese by Their Children

Wednesday 8/3 7:00 AM
60th Wedding Anniversary of Joseph & Jean Branz

Thursday 8/4 7:00 AM
Helen Howanitz by Dolores Repetz

Friday 8/5 7:00 AM
Nathan Biggan from Our Parish Family

Saturday 8/6 4:00 PM
M/M Frank Lutz and M/M Michael Roth by M/M Brian Lutz

Sunday 8/7 11:00 AM
Michael & Veronica Plaksa by Anna Plaksa & Family



*Happy 60th
Wedding Anniversary to
Joseph and Jean Branz!
May God continue to
bless You with good
health, peace, love, and
joy! Our parish family is
remembering you in our
prayers.*



BACKPACKS FOR KIDS IN NEED are being collected by the Messengers of Hope Ministry. A list of supplies needed is on the yellow paper at the entrances of the church. **Backpacks are available at no charge in the church office during regular hours.** The backpacks are due on the altar steps by Sunday, August 7th.



Last Weekend:
Sunday \$2,286; Loose \$117;
Dues \$877; Care and Education
of Priests \$30; Poor Box \$106

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR
are in Memory of M/M Frank Lutz and M/M Michael Roth by M/M Brian Lutz



OUR SANCTUARY LAMP is burning this week in Memory of M/M Angelo Delese by Their Children.



SUMMER FRIDAY EVENING CONCERTS will be held inside the Freeland Pavilion on Front Street. This week, Friday, August 5th, at 6:30 PM will be St. Ann's Band. Come out and enjoy a wonderful show!



PARISH MASS/PICNIC IN THE PARK is scheduled for Sunday, September 25th, at noon. Additional information will be provided as plans are developed and finalized.



A Message from Father Mike...

Last weekend I wrote about winning the lottery jackpot and my humble plans to spend the money helping others, assisting my family and getting new mud flaps for my car – no lottery winnings, no helping others or my family with lots of money and no new mud flaps for my car. Don't worry, I'll survive.

This weekend's Gospel answers the question of why I did not win the lottery. I was trying to "...store up treasures on earth," by depending on lottery winnings. Here is what God is telling me and, hopefully, all of us: You do not need money to assist your family, help the poor, or get material things! We all have a spiritual bank account. Do good works and you will have treasures in heaven for an eternity.



Anyone wanna get in with me on lottery tickets? LOL – just kidding



Parking Lot Masses: All weekend Masses at **Good Shepherd Church** are available over your car radio. **We ask that you park in the lower lot** and tune your car radio to **FM 98.3**. You will be able to listen to the Mass over your radio in the comfort of your car and remain socially distant. At the end of Mass, an Extraordinary Minister will come to the parking lot to distribute Holy Communion. If you bring your envelopes, those will also be collected.



PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Please be aware the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation require our children to attend 2 years of Faith Formation. If they have not attended the required 2 years, they will be moved appropriately to fulfill the requirement.



Any homebound parishioner from either parish who would like to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist can schedule a visit from Father Rawel by calling the parish office at Immaculate Conception 570-636-3035 or Good Shepherd 570-788-3141.



Let's Get Ready to Rummage Again! On **Saturday, September 17, from 8AM to 3PM**, Good Shepherd Church will hold a rummage sale in the church parking lot. Sellers can rent spaces and/or a table to sell their items in the church parking lot. A table is \$10; a table and a space is \$20. Donations to the Good Shepherd tables will be accepted from 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday starting September 12th. Drop-offs in the hall vestibule after hours should be placed on the cart or floor near the cart. Please do not block the doorway. **WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING BOOKS, CLOTHING, OR DRINKING GLASSES.** At this event, food will be available for purchase. The Women of Good Shepherd will have a bake sale with proceeds going toward their scholarship fund. Help will be needed for set-up starting on Wednesday, September 14, at 9AM, as well as on the day of the sale. Contact Diane Lindsay (570-599-7626) or Cathy Penkala (570-436-5017) for more information or to reserve a spot.



MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS will be at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 9th, in the Parish Center (basement) of Immaculate Conception Parish. Please register by calling the Immaculate Conception Parish Office at 570-636-3035 or the Good Shepherd 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.



Good Shepherd Parish

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30 & 31



✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, July 30

6:00PM Ann Monaghan ~ Anne Amerise

Sunday, July 31

8:00AM Beth Ann Mussoline ~ Family

9:30AM Robert Kobilis, Jr. ~ Rob & JJ Barkus

Monday, August 1

8:00AM Departed Souls & the Grieving ~
Companions on the Journey

Tuesday, August 2

8:00 AM Patrick M. Donahue ~ Jerry & Dorothy
Beozzo

Wednesday, August 3

8:00AM Mark Bergamo ~ Josemarie Dvornicich

Thursday, August 4

8:00AM Judy Justofin ~ Marie & Tony Bellizia

Friday, August 5

8:00AM Bernard Stratchko ~ Wife, Cathy &
Daughters & Granddaughters

Saturday, August 6

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

Sunday, August 7

8:00AM Helms F. Buchman ~ Good Shepherd Lectors

9:30AM Steve Michalochick ~ Joe & Irene
Slebodnick

Stewardship

July 23 & 24 - Offertory \$3,868; Loose \$685; Dues \$1,200; Holy Days \$7; Capital Improvement \$211; Care & Education of Priests \$41; Peter's Pence \$5
Mass Attendance - 504



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Bernard Stratchko** by his wife, Cathy, and daughters and granddaughters.



The **Rose for Life** this week is in memory of **Anna Herbinko** by her daughter, Mary Ann.



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 6:00PM.

We welcome Mr. & Mrs. Mark Gombeda and family as our newest members of Good Shepherd Parish.



The Valley Food Pantry helps those in need of food, paper products, and hygienic articles. We have been asked to collect tomato products such as ketchup,



FEED THE HUNGRY

spaghetti sauce, and canned tomatoes, drink mixes, baked beans, ramen soup, and bar soap. *If you wish to send a monetary donation, the address is: Valley Food Pantry, PO Box 187 CUCC, Conyngham, PA 18219.*

Feeding The Needy: Twice a month, our parish donates, prepares, and serves a hearty meal to approximately 35-40 people at the Hazleton Salvation Army Soup



Kitchen located at the rear of Broad and Mine Streets (by Giant Supermarket). The Soup Kitchen is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11:00AM to 12:00PM and offers a free meal to anyone who is in need of food and fellowship. In July, we served chicken fajitas, shrimp scampi with linguine, tossed salads, bananas, and our famous ice cream sundaes. Our next meals will be on **Wednesday, August 3, and Wednesday, August 10.** Team members are asked to arrive by 10:30. Special thanks go to all those parishioners and friends of the parish who support this parish service project with their prayers, time, cooking talents, and monetary and food donations. Together, we are making a difference!!! For more information on how you can participate, please contact the parish office or Dorothy Beozzo at 570-764-6359.



The Shepherd's Hands: This ministry within our parish assists with services to our homebound parishioners, Pro-Life activities, the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, and community projects to name a few. Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 4, at 3:00PM** in the St. Joseph Room. New volunteers are always welcome and do not have to attend the meetings to be part of this ministry.

The Women of Good Shepherd: We will have our next meeting on **Wednesday, August 10, at 6:00PM** at the Honey Hole Winery. PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE, as the winery is closed on Mondays. We are looking forward to seeing old and new members as we reorganize for the upcoming year! Lots of fun things are planned, but we also need your ideas, help, and input. We hope to see you at the winery!

