



Immaculate Conception Parish

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13, 2023



✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Sat. 8/12 4:00 PM
Lillian Strohl by Her Husband Oscar

Sun. 8/13 11:00 AM
Sonia and Stanley Wilczek by Their Son Stan

Mon. 8/14 7:00 PM
Vigil Mass of the Assumption
Dave and Helen Mahon by Their Children

Tue. 8/15 7:00 AM
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Stella & Peter Amentler by John & Janet Amentler

Wed. 8/16 7:00 AM
Veronica Wish by Debbie, John, and John, Jr.

Thur. 8/17 7:00 AM
Sue Balon by M/M Robert Balon and Family

Fri. 8/18 7:00 AM
Anna Marie Kopczynskie by M/M Daniel Sarosky

Sat. 8/19 4:00 PM
Mike Bobby by His Wife Patricia and Family

Sun. 8/20 11:00 AM
Margie Serock by Her Sisters Anna and Helen



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.



TRICKY TRAY PASTA DINNER will be held on Sunday, August 27th. Take-outs will be served from 10:30 – 11:30 AM and Dine-In will be from



11:30 AM to 2:00 PM in the parish center. Tickets are available after each of the weekend masses and in the parish office. Deadline for tickets is Sunday, August 20th. Tricky Trays are needed and can be dropped off in the parish office or at masses by Friday, August 18th. **ABSOLUTELY NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!**

THE HOUR OF KINDNESS MINISTRY

will meet on Friday, August 25th, at 9:00 AM in the rectory to sign greeting cards for our treasured elderly and our homebound parishioners. Anyone with an hour to spare is welcome and encouraged to help in this wonderfully rewarding ministry.



Weekly Offering Last Weekend:
Sunday \$3,882; Loose \$387; Dues \$469; Care and Education of Priests \$588; Capital Improvement \$351; Other \$105; Poor Box \$74

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR and OUR SACRISTY CANDLE are burning this week in Memory of Mike Bobby by His Wife Patricia and Family



MEMORIAL DONATION of \$100.00 was made in Memory of Edie Carr by William and Catherine Hauze.



Faith Formation Registration for the 2023-2024 Classes is now taking place.

Registration and Invoice forms are available at both entrances to the church, in the church office, and on the parish website (www.ourladyfreeland.org). **All children must be registered prior to the start of classes.**



Our Community-Service Team is requesting laundry detergent, dish detergent, and bar soap for August.





In this weekend's Gospel the disciples were in a boat in a storm. Jesus came walking toward them on the water. They were terrified, not only because of the storm, but because they thought they were seeing a ghost. Peter challenged the situation by trying to come to Jesus on the water. He began to sink because of fear. I am sure there are times when we all have been gripped by fear. There is one cure for this kind of fear – it is FAITH. Jesus chided Peter for his lack of faith. Think back on those moments of life-gripping fear. You are reading this because you got through it. How's your faith doing?

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.



HAVE YOU BEEN ASKED TO BE A SPONSOR FOR EITHER BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION? It is an honor and a privilege to be chosen as a sponsor for either Baptism or Confirmation. Those who asked you to take on this solemn responsibility are looking to YOU to be a role model for the person receiving those sacraments.

The Roman Catholic Church has some basic criteria one must meet to be a sponsor:

1. You must be registered in the parish. This means that you have your own registration, not your parents'.
2. You must attend Church on a regular basis. If you are attending Mass on a regular basis, you are familiar with Father Mike, Father Rawel, and Deacon Jim, and they are familiar with you.

If you do not fit the above two criteria, we are unable to issue the document saying you are a *PRACTICING CATHOLIC*. This is the teachable moment. If you want to be a sponsor and are not active in the church, there is still time for you. Make an appointment with the pastor to talk about the situation. The door is always open!

PARENTS: Make sure the Godparents you choose are able to meet these two very important criteria. Being a Godparent is not just an honorary title. It is a commitment to the faith formation of your child.



TUESDAY IS THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. THIS IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. MASSES are offered on Monday (Vigil Mass) at 7:00 PM in Immaculate Conception Church and 6:00 PM in Good Shepherd Church. Mass on the actual Feast Day (Tuesday) are at 7:00 AM in Immaculate Conception Church and 8:00 AM in Good Shepherd Church.



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. Everyone should have received an email explaining how to complete your online check-in for the cruise. If you did not receive an email or if you have any questions, please call Ruth at 570-342-7860 and at the prompt, ask for Travel or email her at rejohnson @ boscovs.com.



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



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Saturday, August 12

6:00PM Mary Lou Fetterman ~ Maureen Umbriac & Patti Stoffa

Sunday, August 13

8:00AM Health & Blessings of Lawrence Generose Family

9:30AM Mary Fedor & Jim Brown ~ Don & Fran Kisacky

Monday, August 14

8:00AM Della Marnell ~ Susan Marsicano & Family

6:00PM Health & Blessings for George & Rosemarie Matusick ~ Andrea

Tuesday, August 15

8:00 AM Stephen & Nellie Budga & Robert Sukel Sr. ~ Marianne Sukel

Wednesday, August 16

8:00AM Joe Muntone ~ Theresa & Family

Thursday, August 17

8:00AM Deceased Members of Proske & Gallagher Families ~ Mary E. Proske & Family

Friday, August 18

8:00AM Casimer Lasecki ~ Freeland High Class of 1966

Saturday, August 19

6:00PM Jim Lucas & Lucas Family ~ Carol Balliet

Sunday, August 20

8:00AM Mary Jane Lombardi ~ Daughter, Kimberly & Family

9:30AM F. Jay Tarnopolski ~ Family

Stewardship

August 5 & 6: Loose \$757; Offertory \$4,182; Dues \$2,235; Capital Improvement \$237; Care & Education of Priests \$550; Holy Days \$135
Mass Attendance – 432



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for Stephen & Nellie Budga & Robert Sukel Sr. by Marianne Sukel



The **Rose for Life** this week is for Health & Blessings for **Andrea Tarnopolski** by Queen Of Our Hearts Rosary Group



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**.

Online Giving: Visit the parish website for more information or to sign up for online giving.



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. For the month of August we will meet **August 21 at 5:15PM** (Evening) and **August 14 and 28 at 1PM** (Afternoon) 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. 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.

We welcome **Brad & Megan Jeziorski** as our newest members.

Faith Formation registration forms are on the website and in the back of the church. Faith Formation will begin on **Sunday August 27** for those 7th and 8th graders who have chosen Sunday classes and on **Monday August 28** for all other students.

T&L Potato Pancake Batter Sale \$5.00 a quart after all masses this weekend. Supplies are limited!!!!