



Immaculate Conception Parish

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 14, 2022



† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat. 8/13 4:00 PM
Lillian Strohl by Her Husband Oscar

Sun. 8/14 11:00 AM
David and Helen Mahon by Their Children

Mon. 8/15 7:00 PM
Edward and Virginia Chocolas by Pauline Stefanick

Tue. 8/16 7:00 AM
Peter & Stella Amentler by Janet & John Amentler

Wed. 8/17 7:00 AM
Eleanor Gandarella by M/M Robert Balon

Thur. 8/18 7:00 AM
Margie Serock by Her Sisters Anna and Helen

Fri. 8/19 7:00 AM
Mary Kopczynskie by Joyce & Mike Desmond

Sat. 8/20 4:00 PM
Andrew and Mary Shovarsky by Their Daughters
Christine and Andrea

Sun. 8/21 11:00 AM
Edward and Philomena Nitka by Their
Granddaughter Linda Nitka-Moyer



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$4,312; Loose \$218.80; Dues \$619;
Care and Education of Priests \$554; Other \$100;
Poor Box \$126

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in
Memory of David and Helen Mahon
by Their Children.



OUR SANCTUARY LAMP is burning
this week in Memory of Margaret Dominic
by JoAnne

MEMORIAL DONATION of \$100 was made in
Memory of Vic and Alice Piazzi by Robert and
Janet Tucker.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
every third Monday at 6:00 PM before
evening mass. The next devotion will be
on **Monday, August 15th**. Why not stop
by and spend some time with your Savior.

ATTENTION LECTORS: The 2023
Lector Workbooks are in the front
sacristy. Please pick up your copy at
your earliest convenience.



In observance of Suicide Awareness Month, Bishop
Bambera will celebrate a **Mass for Suicide Healing
and Remembrance**. The Mass will serve to
remember loved ones lost to suicide, and to promote
healing for those who grieve their passing.
**The Mass will be held on Sunday, September 18,
2022 at 12:15PM at the Cathedral of St. Peter,
Scranton.** All are welcome.



Our Community-Service
Coordinating Team is
requesting Lunch Box

Snacks: Cereal Bars, Rice Krispy Treats,
Fruit Roll-Ups, Etc. Thank you to all of
our parishioners who continue to support
those in need in our community.



Do you have a loved one
or know of someone
who is elderly and would
like to get a monthly
greeting card and also a birthday card
to let them know that they are being
remembered and prayed for? Please call
the parish office at 570-636-3035 to register.



**Would you like to be involved in a
ministry at church, but you just
can't commit a lot of time?** Then the
Hour of Kindness Ministry is just
right for you! We meet once a month and write out
greeting cards for our elderly parishioners. That's it
— just one hour. And the rewards are tremendous.
These cards brighten the day of so many people!
Won't you consider joining us on **Saturday, August
27th, at 9:00 AM in the rectory.** Use the Chestnut
Street door. We hope to see you there!



The Mass of Remembrance will be
held our parish on **Sunday, November
6th, at 5:00 PM**. If you have lost a loved
one from October 15, 2021 to October 1,
2022 and you plan to attend this service, please
complete the following information and return in
the collection basket by October 15, 2022.



Your name _____

Deceased's name _____

How many will be coming _____



A Message from Father Mike...

This weekend's Gospel is a bit disturbing. Jesus claims He is coming not to bring peace, but division. Hey, Jesus, what's up? Division instead of peace? We need some background.

In the early Church there WAS division! Jewish families were separated in their belief in Jesus. Some accepted Him, other did not. Mom/Dad against children, etc. The bottom line is: sometimes the cost of discipleship is demanding and forces us to make difficult decisions.

We may not be called to make such dramatic decisions, but we are challenged on a daily basis to make sacrifices. Do you really need to stay and listen to that off-colored joke? Do you really need to take those few things home from the job site? Do you really need to change the prices at the supermarket? Do you really need to snap out on your children or spouse?

Do you really.....?



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.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2021



HAPPENING IN HARRISBURG ... The PA March for Life will take place in Harrisburg on September 19th. We will be running a bus to this event. We will leave from the upper parking lot of St. John Bosco Church 573 PA-93 Sugarloaf PA at 8:30am. (you may leave your car parked in the upper lot). For those interested, there will be an 8am Mass at St. John Bosco. To register for this trip send an email to prolifehazleton@gmail.com or call Carol Matz at 570-956-0817. Cost has not been determined at this time, but please do

not let money stop you from going, please let us know if you have a financial hardship because we always have people who offer sponsorships. For those who are unable to attend but would want to sponsor someone or make a donation to help offset the cost of this bus trip please send your donation to Pennsylvanians for Human Life PO Box 83 Harleigh PA 18225.



MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS will be at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 9th, in the Parish Center of Immaculate Conception Church. 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.

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Up & Over Middle School Retreat: The Up & Over Jr. High School Retreat is a weekend of fun, friendship, and faith for 6th – 8th grade students at the beautiful wooded Camp Orchard Hill in Dallas. You will spend time outdoors, meet new friends and learn how your God-given gifts can be used when you work with others as a team! There will also be a number of fun activities and events, including a movie, free time and an outdoor obstacle course. Students are guaranteed to have a great time, meet new friends and grow closer to their faith! Registration will open on August 1st on the Diocese of Scranton's website dioceseofscranton.org. The registration fee is \$180, and includes all meals, lodging, a t-shirt, and other retreat materials. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Kowalski 570-207-2213 or skowalski@dioceseofscranton.org.



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August 13 & 14, 2022



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Saturday, August 13

6:00PM Edward & Mary Stanek ~ M/M Richard Stanek

Sunday, August 14

8:00AM Helms F. Buchman ~ Carmella & Jim LaBuz

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

Monday, August 15 – The Assumption

8:00AM Donna Generose ~ Ralph & Patricia DeJoseph

Tuesday, August 16

8:00 AM Thomas Murmello ~ Richard & JoAnn Chura

Wednesday, August 17

8:00AM Leonard Gunzerath ~ Daughter, Lorraine

Thursday, August 18

8:00AM Stanley A. Lobitz, Jr. ~ Family

Friday, August 19

8:00AM Fred Olshefski ~ Al & Ronnie Olshefski

Saturday, August 20

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

Sunday, August 21

8:00AM Marie Yackanich ~ George & Anna Marie Yatsko

9:30AM Alexander Martin ~ Grandparents, Joseph & Mary Jane Lombardi

Stewardship

August 6 & 7 - Offertory \$4,142; Loose \$696; Dues \$2,464; Holy Days \$70; Capital Improvement \$117; Care & Education of Priests \$342
Mass Attendance -420



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Edward Verbonitz** by his Wife Marie and Sons Richard & Robert.

Attention Lectors: The 2023 lector workbooks are in the St. Joseph Room on the side table. Please pick up your copy at your earliest convenience.



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.



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, spaghetti sauce, and canned tomatoes, drink mixes, baked beans, ramen noodle 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.*



Blood Drive: Good Shepherd Church is hosting a Red Cross blood drive on **Thursday, August 25, from 1:00 until 6:00PM** in the church hall. Anyone who is at least 17 years old, weighs at least 105 pounds, and is in general good health is eligible to give blood. To make an appointment, call the Red Cross at 1-800-REDCROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org. Walk-ins are welcome.

Parish Library: Good Shepherd Church provides a nice selection of faith-based books as well as books related to loss and grieving for use by parishioners. You may borrow a book to read at home and then return it when finished, or you may choose to sit and read in the library during open church hours and before the weekend Masses. The library is accessed through the door on the right-hand wall just before the confessional.

The **Mass of Remembrance** will be held at Good Shepherd Church on **Friday, November 4th, at 6:00 PM.**



If you have lost a loved one during November 1, 2021 to October 31, 2022 whose funeral was not held from Good Shepherd, please complete the following information and return in the collection basket by October 31, 2022. Questions can be directed to Marie Bellizia at 570-401-9720.

Your name _____

Deceased's name _____

Date of passing _____ Your phone # _____

Do you plan on attending the Mass? _____