



# Good Shepherd Church

## The Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Times

### August 20, 2023



#### † MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK†

**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

**Monday, August 21**

**8:00AM** Dorothy Haraschak ~ Mike & Ann Haraschak & Family

**Tuesday, August 22**

**8:00 AM** Sophie C. Davis ~ Dr. Edward & Jessica Poleshinski

**Wednesday, August 23**

**8:00AM** Health & Blessings for Andrea Tarnoposki ~ A Friend

**Thursday, August 24**

**8:00AM** Grace DeLorenzo ~ Carl DeLorenzo & Family & Carol

**Friday, August 25**

**8:00AM** Rose Lombardi ~ Niece, Kimberly & Family

**Saturday, August 26**

**6:00PM** Michael & Julia Stanek ~ Mr. & Mrs. Richard Stanek

**Sunday, August 27**

**8:00AM** Marissa Tait ~ Mother, Jeanette Tait

**9:30AM** Kathleen Carr ~ Family

#### Stewardship

**August 12 & 13:** Loose \$996; Offertory \$5,134; Dues \$828; Care & Education of Priests \$176; Holy Days \$74

Mass Attendance – 500



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for the **Lombardi family** by Kimberly and family.



The **Rose for Life** this week is for **Special Intentions**.



**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. For the month of August, we will meet on **August 21 at 5:15PM** (Evening) and **August 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](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. We 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.

**Faith Formation** registration forms are on the website and in the vestibule 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.

We welcome **Paul & Marlene Rashko** as our newest members of Good Shepherd Parish.



Last weekend's Gospel focused on Faith, specifically Peter's lack of Faith. This weekend's Gospel again focuses on Faith, but from a different perspective. A Canaanite woman came to Jesus and asked Him to heal her daughter. Because she was a foreigner and a woman, Jesus should neither have even listened to her nor healed her daughter. There was, however, the element of Faith. Unlike Peter, who showed little Faith, this woman showed great Faith. This Faith in Jesus came from a most unlikely place. We have the Apostle of Jesus, who should have been filled with faith up against a woman who should have had little Faith. Think about the times in your life when you have been Peter and the times you have been the woman. Above all, have FAITH!

**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 and envelopes, 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.

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



# Immaculate Conception Parish Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 20, 2023



## † MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat. 8/19 4:00 PM  
Mike Bobby by His Wife Pat and Family  
Sun. 8/20 11:00 AM  
Margie Serock by Her Sisters Anna and Helen  
Mon. 8/21 9:00 AM TV Mass  
Anna Marie Kopczynskie by Dan Kopczynskie  
7:00 PM  
Deceased Members of the Evanochick Family by  
Lorenzo Capozzelli and DJ Wychulis  
Tue. 8/22 7:00 AM  
Donald Rogusky by Joe and Joan Laganosky  
Wed. 8/23 7:00 AM  
Mary and Thomas Bradley by E. Bradley  
Thur. 8/24 7:00 AM  
Sue Balon by Carol and Michael Marhon  
Fri. 8/25 7:00 AM  
Robert, Jean, and John Iorio by Susan, Janet,  
and Ruth  
Sat. 8/26 4:00 PM  
James Breznitsky by His Wife Frances and Sons  
Sun. 8/27 11:00 AM



**BACKPACKS FOR OUR  
FREELAND KIDS IN NEED**  
will be distributed on  
Saturday, August 26th, from  
9:00 – 11:00 AM in the church  
basement.



**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 this 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.



**Last Weekend:**  
Sunday \$3,035; Loose \$198; Dues \$1,520; Care and Education of Priests \$122; Capital Improvement \$85; Poor Box \$139

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of James Breznitsky by His Wife Frances and Sons



**OUR SACRISTY CANDLE** is burning this week in Memory of Michael Dias by His Mother Virginia



**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 under the tab "CCD". **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.



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.