

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 22, 2021

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat. 8/21	4:00 PM	Michael Delese, Sr. by His Sister and Brothers
Sun. 8/22	11:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Evanochick Family by the Capozzelli Family
Mon. 8/23	7:00 PM	Gerard Plesce by His Wife Josephine
Tue. 8/24	7:00 AM	Skippy Rish by M/M Edmund Krull and Jason Krull
Wed 8/25	7:00 AM	Hannah Solarek by Her Sister Anna Marie and Family
Thur. 8/26	7:00 AM	Henry Kopczynskie by His Son Dan
Fri. 8/27	7:00 AM	Mary Kopczynskie by Dan Kopczynskie
Sat. 8/28	4:00 PM	Rocco and Katherine Lutz by Their Family
Sun. 8/29	11:00 AM	Jack and Elaine Brogan by Jay, Sarah, and Stella Brogan



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$4,370.00; Loose \$80.00; Dues \$2,555.00; Care and Education of Priests \$177.00; Other \$1,049.00 Poor Box \$70.05

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Gerard Plesce by His Wife Josephine



***** **SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend if to aid relief efforts in Haiti. *****



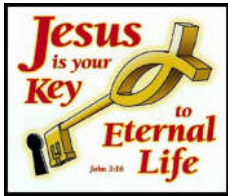
REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION CLASSES for the 2021-2022 school year is now taking place. Registration and Invoice forms are available at both entrances to the church and in the church office. All children must be registered prior to the start of classes. There will be a Welcome Back Orientation for Parents and Students on Sunday September 12th, at 10:15 AM in the church and classes begin on Sunday, September 19th, 9:30 to 10:45 AM in the parish center. For more information, please stop in or call the parish office.



FORTIES FLASHBACK DANCE - Friday, September 3rd, 6:00 - 9:00 PM in the Freeland public Park Pavilion. Music by the Hazleton Philharmonic Big Band. Admission is Free. Concession stand will be open. To reserve a table, contact Mary Lloyd 570578-6720 or Frank Balon 570-436-0604. Leave a message.



A Message from Father Mike...



This weekend's Gospel is a tough one. There was a whole group of people who did not believe in Jesus. They said He was too much for them and they walked away. Imagine what Jesus felt like? Yes, He was the Son of God, but He was also human. He came to earth to bring folks back to God and He was rejected. During the exchange, Jesus asked His Apostles if they too wanted to go. Peter said: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life." At least His Apostles believed in Him.

We have had a very difficult 17 months dealing with the pandemic. It has taken a toll on so many. There are some who cannot come back to church because they are with God. There are some who are unable to come back to church for health reasons. There are some who just are not coming back for whatever reason. Jesus *DOES* have the words to everlasting life. If you are reading this and have not been back - the door is open. If you are reading this and you have been back - thank you. Let's not disappoint Jesus.

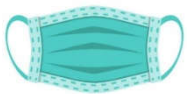
A VIEW FROM THE PEW, RIDICULOUS.



"Unless you are willing to do the ridiculous, God will not do the miraculous." Mother Angelica. Obviously, Mother Angelica wasn't implying to do something clown-like on a street corner. The "ridiculous" might mean getting out of your comfort zone. Putting your neck out and getting involved in your parish, volunteering, or maybe something as simple as living your faith and getting back to church, all of which might look "ridiculous" to today's world. So, get out there and do the "ridiculous" and God will take care of the "miraculous".



MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS will be at 6:00 PM on Thursday, September 9th, in the Saint Joseph Room at Good Shepherd Parish. Please register by calling the Immaculate Conception Parish Office at 570-636-3035 or the Good Shepherd Parish office at 570-788-3141.



MASKS IN CHURCH are no longer required if you have been fully vaccinated. But we strongly urge everyone to wear a mask for your own protection.



Just a reminder that the **OBLIGATION TO ATTEND WEEKLY MASS HAS BEEN REINSTATED** by the bishop except for those who are seriously ill, have a serious health risk, or have a significant fear of being in a crowd. All masses / services will continue to livestreamed: The link for all services is as follows: [YouTube.com/channel/UCRogmn_HRMsPzAq4XSysm3w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRogmn_HRMsPzAq4XSysm3w). The Parking Lot Masses at Good Shepherd will continue.



Our Parish Community-Service Coordinating Team is requesting boxes of cereal, fruit cups, and fruit wraps for the month of August. Items are to be placed in the food pantry container by this weekend. Thank you for any donations you can provide to assist those individuals and families in need in our community.



What's Happening

TUESDAY NIGHT BINGO IS BACK! Bingo at Good Shepherd Church resumes on **Tuesday, September 7th**. The kitchen opens at 5:00PM and our Early Bird game begins at 6:00PM. If you would like to volunteer, call the parish office. At 50-788-3141.



RUMMAGE SALE - Saturday, September 18th, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM Good Shepherd Church will hold a second Community Flea Market/Rummage Sale in their parking lot. A table and space is \$20.00; just a space is \$10.00. No donations at this time. The Women of Good Shepherd will also be having a bake sale. Contact Diane Lindsay at 570-599-7626 or Cathy Penkala at 5570-436-5017 for more information.



SCRIPTURE SESSIONS AT GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH:
Fr. Connell A. McHugh will conduct Scripture sessions on the Resurrection Narratives for 5 consecutive Tuesdays from 9:00 - 10:30AM beginning September 14.th Father McHugh will offer an overview of the Resurrection Narratives and treat them in each of the 4 Gospels separately. He will discuss similarities and differences in the Resurrection Narratives, and treat the appearances and empty tomb stories in each Gospel. The main characters in the different Resurrection Narratives such as Peter, the Beloved Disciple, Thomas, Mary Magdalene, etc. will be discussed and their reactions to the resurrection compared. Fr. McHugh will discuss the original ending of Mark 16:1-8 and the need to add verses 9-16 to the original ending in order that the Gospel not conclude on a negative note. He will also speak regarding how chapter 21 was added to John's Gospel as an appendix which does not really flow from chapter 20. The sessions are free of charge and open to all faiths. To register, call the parish office at 570-788-3141.



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