



Immaculate Conception Parish

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2023



✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Sat. 8/26 4:00 PM
James Breznitsky by His Wife Frances and Sons

Sun. 8/27 11:00 AM
Henry and Mary Kopczynskie by Daniel Kopczynskie

Mon. 8/28 7:00 PM
Deceased Members of the Cherone Family by Rose Mattavi and Family

Tue. 8/29 7:00 AM
Marie Shovlin by M/M Robert Ayers

Wed. 8/30 7:00 AM
Living and Deceased Members of the Nitka and Rapach Families by Linda Nitka-Moyer

Thur. 8/31 7:00 AM
Mary Gombeda by Shawn and Maggie Dawson

Fri. 9/1 7:00 AM
Sue Balon by Elaine Beltrami

Sat. 9/2 4:00 PM
Carrie Fallon and Russell Smith by Carol Blasko and Children

Sun. 9/3 11:00 AM
Sonia and Stanley Wilczek by Their Son Stan



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.

THE HOUR OF KINDNESS MINISTRY

will meet on Saturday, September 30th, 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.



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 our parish website under the tab "CCD". All children must be registered prior to the start of classes.



Weekly Offering

Last Weekend:
Sunday \$3,406; Loose \$83;
Dues \$1,245; Care and

Education of Priests \$70; Assumption \$705
Capital Improvement \$40; Poor Box \$99

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR and OUR SACRISTY CANDLE are burning this week in Memory of Henry and Mary Kopczynskie by Daniel Kopczynskie



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is every third Monday at 6:00 PM before the evening mass. The next devotion will be on Monday, September 18th.



BACKPACKS FOR OUR FREELAND KIDS IN NEED were distributed this Saturday.



Saturday. The happy faces of both the kids and their parents were amazing. Sincerest thanks to everyone who filled the backpacks and helped to give our Freeland kids a wonderful start to their school year!



I often get questioned by many of my non-Catholic friends concerning Reconciliation (Confession). They say they tell their sins to God directly – no middle man needed. They will say that only God can forgive sins. It's a challenge to defend why we "katlicks" go to confession. From Scripture this weekend, we have the basis for this Sacrament of healing: "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." I can defend our Confessional system all day long and even quote Scripture to non-Catholics. The BEST way to defend and state why we go to Reconciliation is YOU! GO to Confession. Tell others about your positive experience with the Sacrament. Let them know that they can even go to Reconciliation as early as 5:45 AM. Jesus gave Peter and His church the power to forgive sins in the name of God. God is waiting for you to celebrate this Sacrament. Well, what are you waiting for?

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.



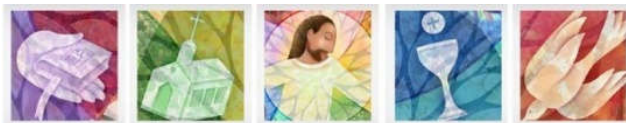
HAVE YOU BEEN ASKED TO BE A SPONSOR FOR EITHER BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION? It is an honor and a privilege to be chosen as a sponsor for either Baptism or Confirmation. Those who asked you to take on this solemn responsibility are looking to YOU to be a role model for the person receiving those sacraments.

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.



Faith Formation

Faith Formation Classes resume at Good Shepherd on Sunday, August 27th, and Monday, August 28th. Classes begin at Immaculate Conception on Sunday, September 17th.

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



Good Shepherd Church

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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

Monday, August 28

8:00AM Victor Arnold ~ Grandson, John Shelley

Tuesday, August 29

8:00 AM Marcel S. Calarco Sr. ~ M/M David Mishinski & Family

Wednesday, August 30

8:00AM Mary Wilson ~ Mary & Dave Cressman

Thursday, August 31

8:00AM Helen Penkala ~ Joe & Josemarie Dvornicich

Friday, September 1

8:00AM Mary Louise Perilla ~ Florence Barnum

Saturday, September 2

6:00PM Agnes Sotack ~ Joanne & Marge Stahura

Sunday, September 3

8:00AM Marissa Tait ~ Mother, Jeanette Tait

9:30AM Robert McCaul ~ Wife, Pat

Stewardship

August 19 & 20: Loose \$766; Offertory \$3,875; Dues \$717; Care & Education of Priests \$27; Holy Days \$733; Capital Improvement \$543
Mass Attendance – 536



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Marissa Tait** by Mother, Jeanette Tait



The **Rose for Life** this week is in memory of **Kathleen Carr** by Family



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.

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 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.



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



Stitches of Love Ministry is a crochet & knitting ministry that donates our work to those in need. Our next meeting will be on **August 28th at 1PM** (Afternoon) in the St. Joseph Room. September meetings will be at **1PM** (Afternoon) on **11th and 25th** and at **5:45PM** (Evening) on the **18th** 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. We hope to see there.



Please remember these recently departed and their grieving loved ones in your prayers - Cletus Spaide, Marilyn Tedesco and Genevieve Krasko. May they rest in our Savior's arms!

Pastoral Council Nominees: The parishes of Good Shepherd and Immaculate Conception operate a combined Parish Pastoral Council (six members from each parish) to serve both parishes. The Parish Pastoral Council guides and determines the direction of the parishes to continue to fulfill the goals of our Pastoral Plan and the mission of the Church. We are happy to announce that Jule Greco and Mary Proske have been nominated to fill Good Shepherd's one open seat on the Council for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Both have a long history of involvement with the parish and we are honored that they have expressed an interest in being a part of the Parish Pastoral Council. As is customary with Council nominations, we issue this notification to all parishioners for two weeks prior to voting. Ballots for voting will be available at all masses on **September 2** and **3**.

Coffee Companions is hosting a bus trip with Father Rawel to the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception** and the **Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land** in Washington, DC on Friday, **September 15, 2023**, the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. The cost per person is \$75.00. Lunch is on your own (restaurant is within a 5 minute walk from the Basilica) or bring your own to eat in the cafeteria. A release form will need to be signed at the time of payment. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd Church. Stop in the office for form at either church. For more details please call Ann at 570-788-5655 or Pat at 570-788-0457. We hope you will come along with us.

A final count is needed by **August 30** for the bus trip to the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**. Please register as soon as possible. Thank you.