



Good Shepherd Church

The Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Times

September 3, 2023



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

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

Monday, September 4

8:00AM Anastasia Polinko ~ Dr. & Mrs. Michael Washinsky

Tuesday, September 5

8:00 AM Amelia Yacowatz ~ Children

Wednesday, September 6

8:00AM Mary Wilson ~ Joe & Irene Sledobnick

Thursday, September 7

8:00AM Sophie C. Davis ~ Peter Poleshenski

Friday, September 8

8:00AM Intentions of the Damico Family

Saturday, September 9

6:00PM Kathy Zimmerman ~ Husband, John

Sunday, September 10

8:00AM Mary Lou Fetterman ~ Husband & Children

9:30AM Joseph, Theresa, & Ray Kisacky ~ Don &

Fran Kisacky

Stewardship

August 26 & 27: Loose \$953; Offertory \$3,385; Dues \$675; Care & Education of Priests \$109; Holy Days \$61; Capital Improvement \$135; Haiti \$2,948
Mass Attendance – 532



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Robert McCaul** by Wife, Pat



The **Rose for Life** this week is in memory of **Jay Tarnopolski** 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.

Faith Formation will not be held on **September 4**. Will resume **Monday, September 11** from **4:30 – 5:30PM**.

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.



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

The Valley Food Pantry will be making Thanksgiving boxes for needy families in the area. Good Shepherd has been asked to contribute medium-sized cans of yams or sweet potatoes, coffee and tea for 56 Families. **The deadline for contributions is Monday, November 13.** Thank you for your generosity!



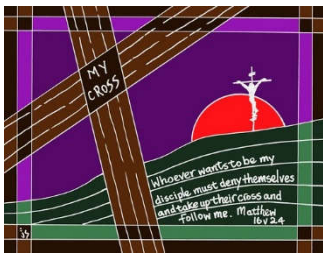
Stitches of Love Ministry is a crochet & knitting ministry that donates our work to those in need.



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.

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 Ravel 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.



Over 37 years ago he took a group of college students to Haiti to experience working with the poor. After the trip he asked the young people how their lives will change because of the trip. They boldly challenged him and threw the question back to him. He left his college position and moved to Haiti full time. Fr. Tom Hagen has worked with and for the Haitian people since that time. Fr. Tom insists that Haitians minister to Haitians. When visitors come from the States, they do not

build schools and hospitals, they teach the local folks how to build schools. Fr. Tom is empowering the people of this tiny island. His goal is to walk away one day and have the Haitians run Hands Together. I write this for two reasons. Fr. Tom has taken up his Cross to follow Jesus. Last weekend at Good Shepherd and this weekend at Immaculate Conception, I am asking YOU to take up your Cross and be generous in donating to Hands Together. As the students challenged Fr. Tom, I challenge you!



This weekend we welcome Father Binesh Kanjirakattu to our parish families. Father is a member of the Heralds of the Good News, a religious order with the charism of providing priests to missionary areas like Diocese of Scranton.

Father Binesh was born on June 28, 1983. He is from the State of Kerala in southern India. In addition to his parents, Father has three brothers and three sisters. He was ordained as priest on May 10, 2012. Father has served three years as Parochial Vicar of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Khandwa, MP and 3 Years as Province Secretary, Finance Administrator of the Minor Seminary, and school administrator. After 4 years, he was appointed as Province Finance Administrator. Father enjoys reading and traveling.

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.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISMS: Parents are expected to be registered parishioners who attend weekly Mass. Please call the parish office 570-636-3035 to arrange for the Baptism and pre-Baptismal Class. Classes are scheduled quarterly.

MARRIAGE: Diocesan Policy states that those considering reception of the Sacrament of Matrimony must meet with the Pastor at least 6 months before a desired wedding date. *No date should be set before meeting with the Pastor.* Pre-Cana Instructions are required. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK/HOSPITAL CALLS: Please notify the Parish Office of those who are sick or hospitalized. A priest will administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick when needed.

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



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✠ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✠

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

Mon. 9/4 7:00 PM
No Mass Today – Labor Day

Tue. 9/5 7:00 AM
Joseph Yencho by His Family

Wed. 9/6 7:00 AM
Stephen and Elenita Kloton by Father Mike

Thur. 9/7 7:00 AM
M/M George Sarosky and Son Robert by M/M Daniel Sarosky

Fri. 9/8 7:00 AM
Veronica Wish by Ted and Patty Horn

Sat. 9/9 4:00 PM
Agnes, Clarence, and Larry Budda by David, Sharon, and Martin

Sun. 9/10 11:00 AM
George Howanitz by His Daughter Carol



Our Community/Service Team is collecting Snack Crackers, Juice Boxes, Fruit cups, and Pudding Cups for the Food Pantry this month. We thank all who support the needy families in our community.



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.



Last Weekend:
Sunday \$3,742; Loose \$196; Dues \$899; Capital Improvement \$145; Assumption \$119; Poor Box \$74

The second collection this weekend, September 2/3, is for Hands Together for Haiti.

The second collection for next weekend, September 9/10, is for the Care and Education of Priests.

The second collection for the weekend of September 16/17 will be for the victims of the wildfire in Maui.

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of M/M George Sarosky and Son Robert by M/M Daniel Sarosky



OUR SACRISTY CANDLE is burning this week in Memory of John Dias by Virginia



Faith Formation

Faith Formation Orientation for all Parents and Students will take place on Sunday, September 10th, at 10:15 AM in the church. You will receive all information, including teachers and a calendar at this meeting.

Faith Formation Classes will begin on Sunday, September 17th, at 9:30 AM in the designated classrooms. Please make sure your children arrive on time and prepared for class.

All children MUST be registered for classes!



Our Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4th, in observance of Labor Day. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday.