

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

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| Sat. | 9/4 | 4:00 PM | Deceased Members of the Kuznicki Family by Their Family | |
| Sun. | 9/5 | 11:00 AM | Joseph Yencho by His Family | |
| Mon. | 9/6 | 7:00 PM | John Lapchak by His Wife Mary and Family | |
| Tue. | 9/7 | 7:00 AM | Andrew and Stella Kopczynskie by Their Daughter-in-Law Anna Marie and Family | |
| Wed | 9/8 | 7:00 AM | Joseph Carsia by the Monahan Family | |
| Thur. | 9/9 | 7:00 AM | Raymond Nesler by Jeff and Lisa | |
| Fri. | 9/10 | 7:00 AM | George Howanitz by His Daughter Carol | |
| Sat. | 9/11 | 4:00 PM | Lillian Strohl by Her Husband Oscar | |
| Sun. | 9/12 | 11:00 AM | Hannah Solarek by Her Sister Anna Marie | |



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,372.00; Loose \$100.00; Dues \$462.00; Care and Education of Priests \$30.00; Assumption \$61.00; Haiti \$1,987.50; Poor Box \$145.00

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of John Lapchak by His Wife Mary and Family



OUR SANCTUARY LAMP is burning in Memory of Andrew and Stella Kopczynskie by Their Daughter-in-Law Anna Marie and Family



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. All children who attend will receive a coupon for a free sundae. For more information, please stop in or call the parish office.



Our Parish Community-Service Coordinating Team is requesting boxed foods like Hamburger Helper and Tuna Helper and pasta and sauce for the month of September. Items are to be placed in the food pantry container by September 19th. Thank you for any donations you can provide to assist those individuals and families in need in our community.



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 be livestreamed and the Parking Lot Masses at Good Shepherd will continue.



A Message from Father Mike...

In this weekend's Gospel, we hear a classic miracle of Jesus. A man unable to speak properly or hear at all was cured by Jesus. Imagine the man who was cured hearing for the first time! Imagine him being able to speak plainly! Because of his encounter with Jesus, these things were able to happen. Each weekend we have the opportunity to have an encounter with Jesus through Scripture and the Eucharist. Our ears are opened by the word of God to love others others compassionately. Our tongue is loose so that we can go out and spread the word of God. Take a few moments this week to ponder on the man who was cured in today's Gospel. His life was forever changed because of an encounter with Jesus. Will your life change because of your encounter with Jesus?



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, COMFORTING WORDS.

"He will either shield you from suffering or will give you strength to bear it. Be at peace and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations." St. Francis de Sales. Appropriate words for a chaotic world.



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.

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 14th.



TUESDAY NIGHT BINGO AT GOOD SHEPHERD 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.

GOOD SHEPHERD RUMMAGE SALE - Saturday, September 18th, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM 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.



PROFIT FROM OUR BINGO WAS \$1894.00. Sincere thanks to everyone who participated, donated food and baked goods, and helped in any way to make our bingo such a terrific success. We appreciate you!

HALLOWEEN DANCE - If you had purchased tickets for the Oldies Dance which was cancelled due to the pandemic, please contact the parish office for replacement tickets for our upcoming dance.





FAMILY FUN DAY AT KNOEBELS - As part of our Year of the Family observance, the Office for Parish Life is sponsoring a Family Fun Day at Knoebels Amusement Resort on Saturday, September 18th. Groups or individuals are welcome to enjoy all that Knoebels has to offer from 12pm to 8:00 PM and take advantage of our discounted ticket offer! You can choose from a **Lunch and Ride Package** (\$25 per person includes a bagged lunch and \$20 worth of ride tickets) or a **Discounted Tickets Only** option (\$20 worth of ride tickets for \$17). Regardless of the package you choose, you are welcome to take advantage of our reserved pavilion for lunch or to simply gather with your family and friends. To purchase tickets by credit card visit our website at www.dioceseofscranton.org. All orders must be paid in advance. The deadline to place orders is September 16th.



LET'S GO TO ALASKA! There will be a meeting for new bookings only for anyone interested in traveling as a group from our parishes to Alaska for the summer of 2022. The meeting will take place in the Good Shepherd parish hall on **Wednesday, September 22nd, at 6:00 PM**. If you have already booked your trip, you need not attend this meeting.



HALLOWEEN DANCE: Good Shepherd and Immaculate Conception parishes will host a joint Halloween Dance on **Saturday, October 30th**, in the Good Shepherd parish hall. Doors open at 6:30 PM with music by Fr. Mike and His Heavenly Delights until 9:30 PM. This is the first joint social gathering for the two parishes. Tickets are \$20 per person. Although the event is "BYOB," the

ticket price includes chili, pizza, and other food items as well as door prize tickets. Raffle tickets for your chance to win a 50" flat screen TV or gas grill will be on sale at the event (3 tickets for \$5). Costumes are optional, but prizes will be awarded. Tickets can be purchased by calling either parish office at 570-788-3141 or 570-636-3035. Table reservations will also be accepted. The deadline for reservations is Sunday, October 17th.

