



**Immaculate Conception Parish
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10, 2023**



Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



Sat. 9/10 4:00 PM
Agnes, Clarence, and Larry Budda by David,
Sharon, and Martin

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

Mon. 9/11 7:00 PM
John Lapchak by His Wife Mary and Family

Tue. 9/12 7:00 AM
Edward and David Murmello by Janet Amentler
and Gene Resuta

Wed. 9/13 7:00 AM
Donald Rogusky by Marge Ellis and Family

Thur. 9/14 7:00 AM
John J. Smith by His Family

Fri. 9/15 7:00 AM
Susan Balon by Mrs. James Breznitsky

Sat. 9/16 4:00 PM
Lillian Strohl by Her Husband Oscar

Sun. 9/17 11:00 AM
Andrew Blasko, Jr. and Robert Williams by Gail
and Stephanie



Last Weekend:
Sunday \$3,815.75; Loose \$221;
Care and Education of Priests
\$670; Capital Improvement \$302;
Other \$24; Haiti \$1,901; Poor Box
\$69.15

Second collection next weekend, September
17/18, is for the victims of the wildfires in Maui.

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



OUR SACRISTY CANDLE is burning this
week in Memory of Anna Marie Kopczynskie
by M/M Daniel Sarosky.

MEMORIAL DONATION of \$100 was made in
Memory of Steven Adams by Mark Adams



Faith Formation

Faith Formation Orientation for all Parents
and Students will take place this 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 next
Sunday, September 17th, at 9:30 AM in the
designated classrooms. Please make sure your
children arrive on time and prepared for class.

If you did not register your children, please
pick up a registration form and invoice at the
entrances to the church, in the parish office, or
from the parish website ourladyfreeland.org
under CCD.



ICE CREAM SUNDAES: Sunday,
September 17th, is the first day of
classes for the Faith Formation
Program. The community-Service
Team will be making ice cream
sundaes for the students and the staff
that morning. We wish them success,
happiness, and spiritual growth
during the year.

ROSARY BEADS were found in
the Church last weekend. If you
think they may be yours, please
contact the parish office.



**PROFIT FROM OUR PASTA
DINNER AND TRICKY TRAY
EVENT WAS \$2,528.** Sincere
thanks to our extraordinary team
for putting together such an
excellent dinner and to everyone
who supported our event.





There are so many levels to this weekend's Gospel: how to deal with someone who sins against you; whatever you bound on earth is bound in heaven; and where two or three are gathered in the name of Jesus, He will be there.

Disagreements are inevitable. The Bible tells us how to deal with these situations. Go first and talk to the other person. If that does not work, take others with you. But it must be done in the name of love.

That "bounding on earth" stuff! There needs to be a level of "I'm sorry" and "I forgive you." Which of these do you need to work on this week?

Gathering is so important! You need to be part of a community of worshipers, not a stand-alone listener. Do you come to church on a regular basis?

You have your walking message for the week.

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.



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (formerly RCIA, now OCIA): Do you want to become Catholic or know someone else who does? Are you a Baptized Catholic who still need the sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation or know someone else who does? Do you want to grow deeper and enrich your knowledge of Catholic faith? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, the OCIA program is for you! This program is being offered jointly between Good Shepherd, Immaculate Conception, and Saint Patrick's Parishes. All Adults who have been baptized or not baptized are welcome! Please contact the parish office for any questions and to register for new classes that are forming and will begin shortly by calling the parish office at (570) 788-3141 (Good Shepherd), (570) 636-3035 (Immaculate Conception) or (570) 433-9777 (Saint Patrick's).

The next Charismatic Mass and Healing Service at St. John Bosco, Conyngham will be Tuesday, September 26th at 7PM. Fr. Naftali Sena and Fr. Sudhir Toppo will concelebrate, and Sue Shaw will begin her music ministry at 6:45PM. Any questions, please call 570-788-3643.

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, 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

Monday, September 11

8:00AM Albert Antolick ~ Doris Sypek

Tuesday, September 12

8:00 AM Thomas Shane Sr ~ Patty & Bob

Wednesday, September 13

8:00AM Harry Blamire ~ Family

Thursday, September 14

8:00AM Health & Blessings for Marilyn Williams ~
Barbara Wydock

Friday, September 15

8:00AM Joseph Panzarella ~ Wife, Mary Ann & Sons,
Joseph & Jeffrey

Saturday, September 16

6:00PM Deceased Members of the Mecir Family ~
Mary & David Cressman

Sunday, September 17

8:00AM Joseph Generose ~ Wife, Margaret & Family

9:30AM Jason Rusnock ~ Mother, Joan Michalochick

Stewardship

September 2 & 3: Loose \$852; Offertory \$4,084; Dues \$1,904; Care & Education of Priests \$558; Holy Days \$45; Capital Improvement \$142; Haiti \$376
Mass Attendance – 545



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for the Deceased Members of the Mecir Family by Mary & David Cressman



The **Roses for Life** this week are in memory of **Kathy Zimmerman** by Sister, Elaine & **Paul Salvio** by Denise Saraceno



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 - Monday, September 11 from 4:30 – 5:30PM.



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 gscsh@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.

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.

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.

We welcome **Maria Badger** and **Grace Badger Truman** as our newest member.