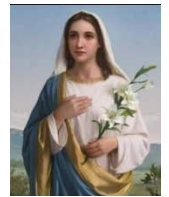


# Immaculate Conception Parish

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

### September 11, 2022



#### † MASS INTENTIONS †

**Saturday 9/10 4:00 PM**  
Deceased Members of the Freeland Class of 1966 by Paula

**Sunday 9/11 11:00 AM**  
Sonia and Stanley Wilczek by Their Son Stanley

**Monday 9/12 7:00 PM**  
Corrine and Edward Dwyer by Their Daughter Angie

**Tuesday 9/13 7:00 AM**  
Edward and David Marmello by Janet Amentler and Gene Resuta


**Wednesday 9/14 7:00 AM**  
Deceased Members of the Pingar Family by Elizabeth and Richard Dudinyak

**Thursday 9/15 7:00 AM**  
Stephen and Elenita Kloton by Father Mike

**Friday 9/16 7:00 AM**  
Mary Muhlbauer by Dean John Wychulis


**Saturday 9/17 4:00 PM**  
Lillian Strohl by Her Husband Oscar

**Sunday 9/18 11:00 AM**  
M.Sgt. Andrew J. and Patricia Verba by Therese

 **Last Weekend:**  
Sunday \$3,016; Loose \$130; Dues \$967;  
Care and Education of Priests \$384; Other \$35;  
August Capital Improvement \$617; Poor Box \$61

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of Joe, Dave, and Ed Murrnello by Dan Ravina



 **OUR SANCTUARY LAMP** is burning this week for Calvin D. and Susan E. Herring by Cal and Deb Herring and Family.

**COATS FOR KIDS IN NEED** – The Messengers of Hope are starting to collect new coats for our Freeland Kids in Need. Bring your coats and put them on the altar steps or take them to the parish office. Let's not let a single child be without a warm winter coat this year. All sizes are needed, especially larger sizes.



**MEMORIAL DONATIONS** \$50.00 to our Capital Campaign was made in Memory of John Denion by the Freeland Sons of Erin.



Our Community–Service Coordinating Team is requesting paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, and napkins for September. We thank all of our parishioners who continue to support those in need in our community.



**PICNIC IN THE PARK** – Please turn in your reservation form with the number of people who will be attending. Also, if you are bringing a food item, please list it on the form. **DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 12TH.** Thank you for your cooperation in respecting this deadline.



Meeting Reminder

**COMBINED PARISHES WORD/WORSHIP TEAM** meeting will take place on **Thursday, September 15th, at 7:00 PM** at Good Shepherd.

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES** begin next Sunday, September 18th, at 9:30. If you have not registered your child(ren), please do so as soon as possible. Registration forms are available from your child's teacher, in the parish office, or on the parish website.



**The Mass of Remembrance** will be held in our parish on **Sunday, November 6th, at 5:00 PM.** If you have lost a loved one from October 15, 2021 and you plan to attend this service, please complete the following information and return in the collection basket by October 15, 2022.



Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Deceased's name \_\_\_\_\_

How many will be coming \_\_\_\_\_



## A Message from Father Mike...

In this weekend's Gospel, we hear two classic stories of those who were lost and found. The first is the tale of the Lost Sheep and the second is the classic Prodigal Son. In both cases, there was great rejoicing when both returned.

His name was Vern. He was a Vietnam Vet dying of cancer. The hospice doctor told me he had days to live and had noticed from the chart he was Roman Catholic. I stopped by to chat. Vern told the story of falling away from the church after Confirmation. In Vietnam he spoke to the chaplain once before he went into battle. His good friend died in the mission. For him, God was a *persona non-grata*. The diagnosis of cancer was another defeat of his belief in God.



I could go into details, but you know what happened. After daily visits, Vern tried one last time to reach out to God. God was there for him at the end. Vern was lost, but was/is found.

Do you know any lost sheep? Be patient, God will bring them back and hopefully use you in the process.



**CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES** is in the preliminary planning stage of a "To Go Dinner" program, which will allow us to serve a hot meal in our community two days a week. We are looking for volunteers to pick up the prepared meals at St. Vincent Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre and deliver it the CSS Family Center, 106 S. Church St. Hazleton, PA 18201. Pick up time would be between noon and one. This would require use of a personal van or vehicle that could carry multiple chafing dishes. Please call the office at 570 455 1521 for more information.



**The Shine Women's Center**, formerly the Pregnancy Resource Center of Greater Hazleton, which we support with baby bottle collections, is holding their annual fundraising banquet on **Monday, October 10, at 5 PM** at Capriotti's. If interested, call the center at 570-497-4959 by September 26th to reserve a ticket. Cost is \$50. (Or visit [ShineWomensCenter.com/give/](http://ShineWomensCenter.com/give/).) The theme is "Light in the Darkness."

**Let's Get Ready to Rummage Again!** On **Saturday, September 17, from 8AM to 3PM**, Good Shepherd Church will hold a rummage sale in the church hall. Sellers can rent spaces and/or a table to sell their items in the church parking lot. A table is \$10; a table and a space is \$20. Donations to the Good Shepherd tables will be accepted from 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday starting September 12th. Drop-offs in the hall vestibule after hours should be placed on the cart or floor near the cart. Please do not block the doorway. **WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING BOOKS, CLOTHING, OR DRINKING GLASSES.** At this event, food will be available for purchase. The Women of Good Shepherd will have a bake sale with proceeds going toward their scholarship fund. Help will be needed for set-up starting on Wednesday, September 14, at 9AM, as well as on the day of the sale. Contact Diane Lindsay (570-599-7626) or Cathy Penkala (570-436-5017) for more information or to reserve a spot.



In observance of Suicide Awareness Month, Bishop Bambera will celebrate a **Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance**. The Mass will serve to remember loved ones lost to suicide, and to promote healing for those who grieve their passing. **The Mass will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 12:15 PM at the Cathedral of St. Peter, Scranton.** All are welcome.

**READ THE BIBLE LIKE NEVER BEFORE** with "Bible Evangelista" Sonja Corbitt on October 16th. Tickets and information at [www.diocesofscranton.org](http://www.diocesofscranton.org). **Direct link to ticket sales:** <https://www.diocesofscranton.org/parish-life/read-the-bible-like-never-before/>



**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY-HAZLETON**, Gift Card Bingo. Sunday – October 9, 2022. St. Michael's Recreation Center-300 Fern Street – Freeland. Doors for bingo open at 12 noon and games begin at 12:30 pm. 20 regular games and 3 specials – \$25.00-purchase tickets day of bingo or to buy ahead of time contact Janine, 570-436-5736, Amy-570-479-2335 or Michele-570-579-8270.



# Good Shepherd Parish

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#### † MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

##### Saturday, September 10

**6:00PM** Edward, Sophia, & Joseph Audakimow ~  
M/M Edward Audakimow

##### Sunday, September 11

**8:00AM** Robert Kobilis ~ Wife & Children

**9:30AM** Jason Rusnock ~ Mother, Joan Michalochick

##### Monday, September 12

**8:00AM** Patrick M. Donahue ~ John & Judy Hudock

##### Tuesday, September 13

**8:00 AM** Stanley A. Lobitz, Jr. ~ Family

##### Wednesday, September 14

**8:00AM** John Kalinovich ~ Mary & Diane Martz

##### Thursday, September 15

**8:00AM** Joseph Panzarella ~ Renee & John & Carmen

##### Friday, September 16

**8:00AM** Grace DeLorenzo ~ Sue Cervasio

##### Saturday, September 17

**6:00PM** Joseph Generose ~ Marge Generose & Family

##### Sunday, September 18

**8:00AM** Joseph Benderavich ~ Benderavich Family

**9:30AM** Ashleyann Temborski ~ Mother & Daughter

### Stewardship

**September 3 & 4** – Information will be published in next week's bulletin.

Mass Attendance – 448



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Jason Rusnock** by Mother, Joan Michalochick.



The **Rose for Life** this week is in memory of **Kathy** by Sister, Elaine.



**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 6:00PM.

The **Women of Good Shepherd** will meet on **Monday, September 12** at **6 PM** in the St. Joseph Room.

Artist/calligrapher Debra Dick will do a word art lesson.

Also, a reminder to all members that baked goods are needed from our members for the Bake Sale on **September 17**. Thank you in advance to all of our bakers.

**Feeding The Needy:** Our next meal will be on **Wednesday, September 14th**. Team members are asked to arrive by 10:30. For more information on how you can participate, please contact the parish office or Dorothy Beozzo at 570-764-6359.

**Companions on the Journey** bereavement ministry will soon hold its annual candle sale fundraiser to support the work of the ministry. If you, your family, or friends purchase vigil candles for use on the graves of your loved ones for All Souls Day, please consider buying them from us. We will offer 7-day glass vigil candles. We will also be selling "Remembrance Candles" for placement in the sanctuary for our Mass of Remembrance on **Friday, November 4**. Details and an order form will appear in the bulletin of **September 17 & 18**. Please consider supporting the Bereavement ministry if you can.

**Companions on the Journey** will meet on **Thursday, September 15**, after the **8 AM** mass, in the St. Joseph's room.

**Shine Women's Center "Baby Bottle Collection":** Our Parish Pro-Life team will be distributing plastic baby bottles at the weekend masses **September 17 & 18** and **September 24 & 25**. Donations received will be given to the Shine Women's Center in West Hazleton. Shine is a free women's health clinic serving all of Luzerne County. We ask that you collect your loose change in the bottles. Cash or checks are also gladly accepted. Checks should be made payable to Good Shepherd Church with "Shine Women's Center" in the memo section. **The bottles can be returned to the Church the weekend of October 1 and 2.** The Knights of Columbus and Shepherds Hands Ministry of our parish will be assisting with the bottle distribution and collection.

### Women of Good Shepherd Back-To-School Hoagie Sale

Our Back-to-School Hoagie Sale begins this weekend. Order forms can be found in the bulletin or on the table in the vestibule. Flyers will also be sent home with Faith Formation students on **Monday, September 19**. Please place completed forms, along with payment, in our Back-to-School box which on the table in the vestibule. The cost of a hoagie is \$5.00 and will be prepared by Vesuvio's in Drums. **Pick-up dates are Saturday, October 1 after 6 PM mass; Sunday, October 2 after both masses; and Monday October 3 at Faith Formation. The deadline to place your order is Monday, September 26.** Proceeds benefit The Women of Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund. Thank you for your support!

#### Back-to-School Sub Sale

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

(Cash or Check made payable to: Women of Good Shepherd Church)

#### Please circle your pickup day/time:

**Saturday, October 1** after **6 PM** mass

**Sunday, October 2** after **8 AM** mass or after **9:30 AM** mass

**Monday, October 3** at Faith Formation drop off or pick up